



BETH EL
SYNAGOGUE

Happy New Year!

Hakol · December 30-31, 2011 · 5 Tevet 5772

*We gratefully acknowledge
the Beth El Women's League
for sponsoring unfunded
kiddushim throughout the year.*

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

Service & Program Times

SHABBAT

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

Candlelighting 4:22 p.m.

Saturday:
Shaharit 9:00 a.m.
Fiterman Chapel

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.

Va'yigash ויגש

Genesis 44:18-47:27 (pg. 274)

Haftarah

Ezekiel 37:15-28 (p. 290)

Erev Shabbat:

- Kabbalat Shabbat 5:45 p.m.

Yom Shabbat:

- Todah to our Sisterhood Shabbat Morning Greeter: **Carolyn Gerr**

Todah to our Shabbat Torah readers:

1:	Steve Kaplan	44:18-30
2:	Larry Pepper	44:31-45:7
3:	Ron Plotsker	45:8-18
4:	Jesse Klein	45:19-27
5:	Michael Bleher	45:28-46:27
6:	Rachel Klein	46:28-47:4
	Jordan Klein	47:5-10
7:	Jim Bukstein	47:11-27
M:	Jim Bukstein	47:25-27
Haftarah:		Ron Plotsker

Morning services will begin at 9:00 a.m. on **January 2nd** in observance of New Years Day.

REMINDERS:

- Kindly **reserve closer parking spaces** for those in need of accessibility.
 - While we improve our sound system, temporarily, our current hearing devices will not work.
- We appreciate your patience during construction.

Rabbi Olitzky is in Florida this Shabbat, visiting family.

Cantor Abrams will be away on vacation this week.

DROPS OF TORAH רסיסי תורה

Genesis 46:33-34 "And when Pharaoh calls you, and says, 'What is your occupation,' You should say, 'Your servants have been livestock owners from our youth until now, we and our fathers;' so that you will be able to settle in the land of Goshen, since every shepherd is abhorrent to Egypt."

בראשית מו: לג-לד
(לג) והיה כייקרא לך פרה ואמר מה מעשיכם: (לד) ואמרתם אנשי מקנה היו עבדיך
מנעורינו ועדעתה גם אנחנו גם אבותינו בעבור תשב בו בארץ גשן כיתועבת מצרים כלרעה צאן:

Just last week we read that the Egyptians and the Hebrews could not dine together because the Egyptians found dining with the Hebrews abhorrent (Genesis 43:32). It is easy to assume that the Egyptians have disdain for the Israelites simply because they are Israelites, but then we realize it is easy jump to conclusions about racism and hate. The above verse helps us understand their distaste a bit better and perhaps their future loathing of the Israelites. According to Rashi, shepherds are abhorrent to Egypt because sheep are deities for the Egyptians. Radak adds that the Egyptians detested anyone who raised sheep because the Egyptians would not eat the flesh of sheep. Since the Israelites would dine on the meat of sheep, which the Egyptians worship, of course shepherds were to be loathed and sharing a meal would be detested. The Israelites certainly did not deserve the cruelty that the next Pharaoh would bring, but it is likely that our insensitivity toward the nuances of Egyptian culture did not help matters either. The more we understand the conflict between us, the closer we come to peace at last. -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*):

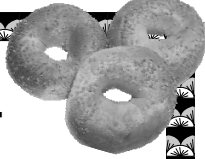
- **Fred Segal** and family on the loss of his mother, **Helen Segal**.

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 Greenberg and Sandra Greenberg in loving memory of Sam and Sally Greenberg and Michael Wolf.

January 15—Co-sponsored by David & Darcy Gilbert Burke and family in loving memory of Jacob Burke, Perry Burke, Art Gilbert, Carole Gilbert and in honor of Esther Burke. Co-sponsored by Sandy & Debbie Selnick and Michael & Renee Selnick in loving memory of their parents Hy & Sylvia Selnick.



Sponsor a
Sunday Breakfast
and be a
Community Builder!

What better way to honor a loved one?

For more information, please contact
Steve Moldo at 952-545-4198.

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.

New Learning Opportunities Beginning in January:

- **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.

“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.

Hey Bethelders! Get ready for a fabulous trip to Las Vegas!

Fly Delta Airlines to Las Vegas and stay at the Imperial Palace from February 27 to March 2nd. A special discounted price is limited to the **first 25** to reserve their spaces! Call Terry for details at 952-224-7240.

Get Your Very Own “Beth El Sings!” CD

Every Beth El household is entitled to a CD and songbook, so stop in and pick one up. If you would like additional CDs and/or songbooks, there is a suggested donation of \$15 (\$18 for both). Makes a great gift all year long! Enjoy!

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" in fundraiser! Any questions contact Linda Tell at 952-938-7177 or LRNTELL@gmail.com.

Opportunities to Help Feed the Hungry:

- The next opportunity to pack meals for **Feed My Starving Children** in Chanhassen will be Tuesday, January 24th from 6:00-7:30 p.m. All are welcome to help (young children recommended to be at least in 3rd grade and accompanied by an adult). For more information or to volunteer, contact Norma Kaplan at skaplan6@comcast.net or 612-584-3099.
- The next opportunity to help serve dinner to those in need with **Loaves & Fishes** will be Tuesday, January 24th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Call Diana Rosen at 952-922-7389 to reserve a place on our serving team.

UPCOMING IN THE COMMUNITY

The Conservative Movement in Israel Stands up for Women's Rights

Masorti Supporters held banners high at demonstration in Beit Shemesh to protest the ultra-orthodox campaign for gender separation. Urged by Israeli President Shimon Peres, thousands turn out to fight values of a Democratic Jewish State shared by Masorti Movement. Read more and help support Masorti at www.masorti.org

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.

Shiva, Shloshim, and Yahzeits
Friday, December 30, 2011 – Friday, January 6, 2012
4 Tevet – 11 Tevet 5772

Shiva

HELEN SEGAL – CHANA BAT PINKUS V'FREIDA

Shloshim

Yale M. Rutzick
Hanokh (Harold) Klane
Leah (Lillian) Benenson
Beila (Bertha) Smith
Sarah (Sara) Meirovitz

Yahrzeits

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

5 Tevet / Saturday, December 31

Esther Frank
Yosef (Joseph) Garber
Lillian Geller
Faiga (Frieda) Gleekel
Ruth Kristol
Beryl (Bernhardt) Liebo
Esther Mark
Binyamin (Benjamin) Pesis
Itzhak (Irving) Robbins
Leah (Lily) Schwartz
Beatrice Singer
Gisha (Jean) Stillman

6 Tevet / Sunday, January 1

Haya (Ida) Bialick
Melekh Yodel (Merwin (Red)) Charney
Danny Fogel
Leah (Lee) Gordon
Harry Stone

7 Tevet / Monday, January 2

Saura Esther (Essie) Douglas
Miriam (Mary) Finkelstein
Moshe (Melvin) Fisher
Marcella Greenberg

Yahrzeits

7 Tevet / Monday, January 2 (cont'd)

Rosa Levin
Zev (Wolf) Malinsky
Yitzhak (Irving) Paradise
Freida Resig
Deborah (Dora) Reznick
Gitel (Kay) Riesenberg
Yosef (Joseph) Rudin

8 Tevet / Tuesday, January 3

Esther Malka (Esther) Goldberg
Dina (Diana) Chazin Levitt
Sora (Sonja) Silverman

9 Tevet / Wednesday, January 4

Basya (Beatrice) Atkin
Leah (Lola) Bach
Molly Dever
Massa Laya (Elizabeth) Friedman Shrell
Avraham (Abraham) Goldberg
Yehudit (Julia) Shapiro Hyatt
Zelka (Jean) Katz
Miryam (Marie) Littman

10 Tevet / Thursday, January 5

David (David) Beck
D'vorah Rivkeh (Dora) Burstein
Yitzhak (Irving) Field
Kyla (Kate) Finkelstein
Moshe (Maurice) Haberman
Yehuda Laib (Louis) Koolick
Meir Bear (Mervin) Kronfeld
Esther Malka

11 Tevet / Friday, January 6

Nestia (Nancy) Block
Yosef (Joseph) Gantman
Manya (Minnie) Karol
Chana Golda (Ann) Kirschner
Avraham (Abe) Lehman
Eliezer (Rabbi Louis) Milgrom
Tzvi (Harry) Rovner
Tzvi (Herbert) Walder
Chayim (Herbert) Walk

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

Army Sgt. Noah M. Korte, 29, of Lake Elsinore, CA, 12/27/2011
Army Spc. Kurt W. Kern, 24, of McAllen, TX, 12/27/2011
Army Pfc. Justin M. Whitmire, 20, of Easley, SC, 12/27/2011
Army Staff Sgt. Joseph J. Altmann, 27, of Marshfield, WI, 12/25/2011
Army Spc. Mikayla A. Bragg, 21, of Longview, WA, 12/21/2011
Navy Petty Officer Stacy O. Johnson, 35, of Rolling Fork, MS, 7/18/2011*

*recently identified.

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 Griesner at 952-873-7300
or jgriesner@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 (65 or older) / 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 (Convenience fee PER TICKET)

Card # _____ Exp Date _____ Sec# _____

Name: _____

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.