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**From the President**

# Celebrating 60 YEARS

BY DALE ROSENTHAL

As your new president, I am honored to have the opportunity to explore our Judaism together in 2011–2012, the year in which Beth El celebrates its 60th anniversary.

Thanks to our outstanding clergy, staff, and lay leadership, Beth El is thriving. From its 1951 founding group of 16 families, the synagogue has grown to more than 1,000 membership units. Our preschool annually initiates 135 children into the pleasures of Jewish life, and our Religious School educates almost 500 children. Almost 500 adult members participate in wide-ranging educational activities. I like to think that our found-

ing families, a few of whom are still among our members today, are proud of the seeds they planted.

As we celebrate our 60th year, I am excited to contemplate our future. The once-small town of Bethesda has exploded, and many new families have joined Beth El. As organized religion changes, so we at Beth El will continue to evolve our modes of worship and participation.



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## Sponsor a Shabbat Kiddush

You can celebrate an important date or honor the memory of a loved one by sponsoring a Shabbat kiddush when there is no bar or bat mitzvah.

Dates available for the rest of 2011 are July 2, July 9, July 16, July 23, July 30, August 6, August 13, and December 31.

The cost of sponsorship is \$180. Sponsorships can be shared. The sponsorship will be acknowledged in the week's Shabbat announcements.

To sponsor a kiddush, contact Sisterhood Catering Chair Barbara Friedman, 301-652-2606 or [info@bethelmc.org](mailto:info@bethelmc.org).

Proceeds from Sisterhood Catering benefit Beth El. Each year, Sisterhood gives a minimum donation to Beth El of \$30,000 from catering and other programs and an additional \$30,000 in in-kind donations such as linens and coffee service. Sisterhood President Marsha Rehns presented a check for \$30,000 to outgoing Beth El President Pat Danoff at the congregational meeting in May. ■

## FROM THE PRESIDENT CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

In order to address these new challenges and opportunities, your clergy and leadership will focus on four key areas for the coming year:

1. Expand services and programs for members, including additional worship and tikkun olam opportunities
2. Initiate innovative education programs for all ages, including the CE21 initiatives
3. Increase opportunities for connection with targeted groups, including post-bnai mitzvah families, Bethesda's growing empty-nesters population, and those working at new places of employment in Bethesda, such as Walter Reed
4. Enhance our long-term financial security.

Over the summer, the board will begin to tackle the hard work of meeting these objectives.

As you know, we will welcome Hazzan Matthew Klein into our congregation on August 1. In addition, we will be joined by Geryl Baer, who will fill the new position of Director of Community Engagement. I am confident that Hazzan Klein and Geryl Baer will enhance our synagogue through their enthusiasm, community-building skills, and passion for Jewish life.

As we embark on Beth El's next 60 years, we are blessed to be building on a very solid foundation. Beth El—where tradition and the creative spirit merge—is a remarkable community. I hope you will consider deepening your connection to our congregation by worshipping in a new way, taking a class on an unfamiliar subject, participating in a new workshop, or volunteering for a community tikkun olam project.

I look forward to meeting you over the next several months. ■

# Men's Club

## 2011 Kavod Awards

BY HARVEY GERSHMAN

The Men's Club 38th annual Kavod Awards breakfast in May honored Bill Dauster for service to the community and Bucky Jacobson for service to Congregation Beth El.

A special Kol HaKavod award was presented to Hazzan Abe Lubin for his contributions to Congregation Beth El and Jewish liturgical music.

### Bill Dauster

In presenting the award to Bill Dauster, Harvey Gershman reviewed Bill's contributions to Wikipedia, which include writing, expanding, or editing some 300 articles, mostly on Jewish subjects, writing and expanding articles on each of the 54 weekly Torah portions, and writing the "Weekly Torah portion" section of Wikipedia's "Portal:Judaism." Bill's Wiki work has been recognized in *The Washington Post* and the *National Journal* magazine. Bill sends out a weekly email of Torah study questions and welcomes

email addresses from anyone who wants to join the list. Bill helps lead the weekly Torah study group after the Shabbat Early Morning service and brings to it an insatiable appetite for Torah commentary while sprinkling his study with Groucho Marx-inspired quips. Bill is also a regular at the Congressional Jewish Staffers Association Friday Torah study group on Capitol Hill and the Wednesday Torah study group at the Hudson Institute downtown.

### Bucky Jacobson

For the first time at the Kavod event, a son presented the award to his father as Matthew Jacobson introduced his dad, Bucky. Matthew reviewed his family's relationship with Beth El over the past 12 years and talked about his dad's becoming Nitzanim president, serving on the Religious School Committee and Youth Group planning board, and attending Men's Club events. Matthew highlighted Bucky's efforts in creating the "Jews and Brews" study group (now 125 men strong on its listserv) so younger men in the synagogue could develop relationships with one another and Rabbi Greg Harris, and Bucky's work to

strengthen Beth El's financial situation when he was Vice President for Development on the Beth El Board. Matthew called his dad a mensch and role model because of his devotion to his nuclear and synagogue families.

### Hazzan Abe Lubin

Larry Sidman, Kavod Awards chairman, presented the special Kol HaKavod Award to Hazzan Abe Lubin, expressing gratitude to Abe and to his wife, Sandy, for the 21 years of devoted service they have given to Beth El. Larry told Abe to consider himself a Beth El Men's Club Hall of Fame charter member. Larry pointed out that the Kol HaKavod Award

conveys multiple meanings that suit Abe perfectly. Col Hakavod, col spelled with a coff, means "all the honor" for Abe's extraordinary accomplishments as a hazzan; Kol HaKavod, with the letter koof, means "honored voice" or, even better, "voice of honor."

"With this award," Larry said, "we honor the stirring beauty of your voice, but perhaps even more importantly, we recognize that your voice is that of a man who has

lived a life of honor and brought honor to this congregation." Larry reviewed Abe's professional path from his start as an eight-year-old cantorial prodigy in Jerusalem to his arrival at Beth El almost 21 years ago, his editorial work on *Siddur Sim Shalom* for weekdays, his recitals around the world, and his work as president of the Cantors Assembly. Larry went on to say that "for more than two decades at Beth El, through your magnificent voice and mastery of *nusach*, your soulful understanding of prayer and your generosity of spirit, you have linked song and our dreams.... You help each of us

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KAVOD AWARD PRESENTERS AND WINNERS, LEFT TO RIGHT: HARVEY GERSHMAN, BILL DAUSTER, HAZZAN ABE LUBIN, LARRY SIDMAN, BUCKY JACOBSON, AND MATTHEW JACOBSON.

## UPCOMING MEN'S CLUB EVENTS

**THURSDAY, JULY 7, 8:30 PM** Hearing Men's Voices: David Richman will lead a discussion on "Free Will, Determinism, and Moral Responsibility."

During the summer, Men's Club will offer a light breakfast on Sunday mornings following the morning minyan at 9:30 am. All congregants are welcome.

# Youth Activities

## USY Member Wins Prestigious Award

BY ADAM ZEREN

Beth El USY member Ryan Sherman has been recognized as one of the most outstanding USYers in the entire Seaboard Region. Ryan received the Megan Berman award at this year's Seaboard USY Spring Convention, an honor shared with only one other teen. That award is given each year to high school underclassmen who demonstrate exceptional leadership. It is one of the most prestigious awards among the many that the Beth El USY chapter has received.



The award is named for Megan Berman, a 15-year-old from Chantilly, Va., and an active USYer who was killed in an automobile accident 11 years ago. The teens who comprise the Seaboard USY Executive Board chose Ryan from several hundred candidates for the award because he exemplifies the same qualities that Megan had.

### Always Gives 100 Percent

Ryan, the son of Stephen and Susan Sherman, will be a junior at Whitman High School in September. Ryan is an outstanding USYer and Conservative Jew. He is always at Shabbat services. He is our USY chapter's Vice President of Israel Affairs and serves on the Region USY General Board. He attends all Seaboard Region and USY International Conventions and as many USY events as possible, including other synagogues' events. Ryan is incredibly bright

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Or complete the form and return it to the synagogue office, **Attention: College Outreach**

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**\*IMPORTANT NOTE: To keep our database current, this information needs to be updated each year.**

and gives 100 percent in everything he does. He loves USY and how it connects him to Judaism. He is always looking to make Judaism and USY important to other teens. In a nutshell, Ryan is everything the Conservative Jewish movement should look for in its teens.

We all say mazal tov and yasher koach to Ryan for this exceptional achievement. ■

## BETH EL HIGH HOLIDAY VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP

All members of Congregation Beth El are encouraged to sign up for one or more volunteer spots during the High Holidays. It's a great way to get involved, to meet wonderful people, and to feel part of the Beth El family.

Just check the areas that interest you and send the form to Beth El (attn: Mitchell Solkowitz) or to [mitchell.solkowitz@verizon.net](mailto:mitchell.solkowitz@verizon.net).

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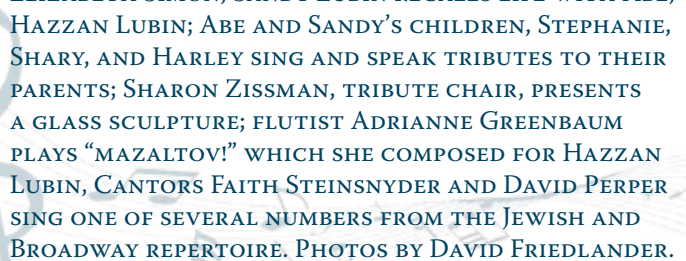
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Thank you for your help and support.



# Hazzan Lubin Retirement Tribute 5.22.11



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: AHAVAT SHIR CONDUCTED BY ELIZABETH SIMON; SANDY LUBIN RECALLS LIFE WITH ABE; HAZZAN LUBIN; ABE AND SANDY'S CHILDREN, STEPHANIE, SHARY, AND HARLEY SING AND SPEAK TRIBUTES TO THEIR PARENTS; SHARON ZISSMAN, TRIBUTE CHAIR, PRESENTS A GLASS SCULPTURE; FLUTIST ADRIANNE GREENBAUM PLAYS "MAZALTOV!" WHICH SHE COMPOSED FOR HAZZAN LUBIN, CANTORS FAITH STEINSNYDER AND DAVID PERPER SING ONE OF SEVERAL NUMBERS FROM THE JEWISH AND BROADWAY REPERTOIRE. PHOTOS BY DAVID FRIEDLANDER.

# Microcosm of Community

## The Religious School Years

BY DANIEL LOWET

I have been a student at Beth El for nine years. Over the years, I've had dozens of teachers, studied hours of Hebrew, and participated in hundreds of activities. My years in Religious School have helped define my Jewish identity.

Thinking back on my days in Religious School, there are many memorable moments that come back to me. Before seventh grade, the focus was mostly on learning Hebrew, in preparation for my bar mitzvah. I remember learning *Vayei-kra* in first grade and other important prayers over the next couple of years. I remember learning about holidays like Rosh Hashanah, Pesach, and Purim, and going to the Purim carnival. I remember learning trope in sixth grade with Cheryl and thinking there was absolutely no way I would be able to read from the Torah.

### Seven-Course Shabbat Lunch

The most memorable field trip during my years at Beth

El was to Brooklyn. We stayed with Orthodox families in Brooklyn, going to the Orthodox synagogue, exploring the community, and my favorite part—the seven-course Shabbat lunch that I'm still thinking about. Being immersed in an entirely different culture is something that not everyone gets to experience, and I feel lucky to have had the experience.

In addition to field trips and studying Hebrew, our various art classes, Israeli dance sessions, and music sing-alongs provided entertaining learning opportunities.

Beth El is a community, and I feel like the classmates I have had over the years and the classes we have shared are a microcosm of that community. I feel honored to have been a part of this community for so long, and I don't think there are many other religious schools that give their students the opportunity to build such strong bonds between classmates, as well as between students and teachers. ■

# Middle East Uprisings

## The World

BY AARON MEYER

I want to discuss the current uprisings that have occurred in the Middle East and about how people, specifically Jews, expressed support for the anti-government protesters in Egypt.

The majority of Egyptians wanted Hosni Mubarak out of office and they wanted basic human rights. In fact, *The New York Times* reported that the protesters took only 18 days to oust their leader of 30 years, showing their motivation to remove their tyrannical leader.

Like others I know, I was in support of the protesters, especially in Egypt. Whether it would be a democracy similar to one here or a democracy of some sort, we were hoping for the best outcome.

### Ticking Time Bomb

Depriving people of their freedoms for so long can build up and eventually explode like a ticking time-bomb into a revolution or an uprising. This can be seen in past uprisings of the Jewish population as well.

For instance, the Jewish population began an uprising against the Roman Empire after growing tensions between the Jews and the Greeks swelled. Sadly, though, this uprising later ended with the destruction of the Second Temple. Let's also not forget about one of the most famous revolts of the 20th century: the Warsaw Ghetto uprising. Jewish resistance fighters, after facing horrific conditions from the

Nazis, fought back against the Nazis who were determined to send all the Warsaw Ghetto Jews to Treblinka. Ultimately, the Warsaw Ghetto fell, yet the Jewish uprising inspired other resistance movements.

Based on our own history, we Jews should be able to identify with the anti-government protesters in the Middle East because we value basic human rights. Jewish values transcend national and ethnic divisions. We should identify with the current wave of protests and take comfort from the fact that the freedoms others are seeking are those very same ones for which Jews have been fighting for the millennia. ■

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find our innermost voice and dare to lift that voice in prayer to God." Larry concluded by recognizing the incomparable role that Sandy Lubin plays in Abe's life and in the life of our congregation. We wish Abe and Sandy only good times in their next chapter together.

Mazal tov to Bill Dauster, Bucky Jacobson, and Hazzan Abe Lubin. We hope the "Mi Sheberach" prayer, presented by Hal Scheinberg, will be with them always.

You can read Bill Dauster's acceptance speech in Scroll extras on the Beth El Web site, [www.bethelmc.org](http://www.bethelmc.org). ■

# CONFIRMATION

## 5771

## Great Expectations

### Charge to Confirmands 5771

BY RABBI BILL RUDOLPH

I think your generation is caught between two rather difficult expectations. The first expectation is that you will strive for perfection. Our Torah reading today was all about perfection for the priests who served God and the Jewish people in the sanctuary. There could be no blemish, no imperfection. If there were, in the priest who offered the sacrifice or in the sacrifice itself, it would compromise the sanctuary's image as a place of perfection reflecting God's perfection. In your case, the perfection is mostly focused on your school-work and increasing the odds of your acceptance to the prestigious college of your first choice.

The other expectation is pretty much the opposite. It's what I call the "whatever" expectation. The "whatever" expectation most often means a sense of apathy, and sometimes it's a sense of whatever makes you happy at the moment. When we

## Controversy and Free Thinking

### The Confirmation Year

BY JACOB ROSENBLUM

I'm going to disprove what I believe to be a common misconception—that the bar or bat mitzvah is the beginning of Jewish adulthood. Sure, it compiles all the Hebrew prayers, words, and trope that you've learned, but besides technicalities, it doesn't really serve as an adequate transition. What really prepares you for Jewish adulthood is the Confirmation year.

Contrary to popular belief, this year isn't solely focused on having "Sex with Sheldon." In reality, it's the year where we delve into some of the most controversial and important issues of our Jewish lives. Why did God allow the Holocaust to happen? How could the Bible view women as objects? Are homosexuality and abortion morally correct? Do some people deserve socioeconomic privilege over others? Should our synagogue have allowed Islamic services to take place in Beth El? For the first time in my Jewish education, no issue was off-limits. For the first time in my Jewish education, my teachers treated us as free-thinking adults.

### What Does the Torah Say?

We watched movies about sex education in schools, contraception, concentration camps, and the clash between modern liberal ideals and the traditional conservative practices of the Orthodox community. Then, afterward, we would take these subjects and ask ourselves: what does the Torah say? What is moral? Often, the answers to these questions wouldn't line up exactly... and, for the first time in my Jew-

didn't or couldn't do very well in something, we simply say "whatever." Deciding when perfection is the need and when "whatever" is enough is actually not always simple, and I am not sure it's fair that society expects you to figure that out.

### Strive Jewishly

Of all the "whatevers" that you face, in cleaning your room or deciding how much to reach out to people who need help, the one "whatever" that comes to my mind is, of course, your Judaism. I hope you spend your lives well and work hard and raise good families, and at the same time I hope the piece of you that is your Jewish piece will be one that you strive to fulfill in the best, most perfect way possible, rather than "whatever." I hope and pray that your faith and family will inspire your commitment to be as good a Jew as you can possibly be. Then the promise of this day will be in so many ways fulfilled. ■



BETH EL CONGREGANT EUGENE (GENE) MEYER, AWARD-WINNING JOURNALIST, AUTHOR, HISTORIAN AND EDITOR OF *B'NAI B'RITH MAGAZINE*, SHARED HIS COLORFUL STORIES AND LIFE AS A JEWISH JOURNALIST AT A MAY 19 LUNCHEON SPONSORED BY SENIOR CAUCUS/VATIKKIM.

"AS A JEWISH REPORTER, WORK IS A MITZVAH, LIKE TIKKUN OLAM---TO COMFORT THE AFFLICTED, AFFLICT THE COMFORTABLE, REPORT AND WRITE STORIES THAT IMPART THE TRUTH. AS A SECULAR REPORTER, ONE IS CONFRONTED WITH 'IS IT GOOD FOR THE JEWS?' NOT ALWAYS," SAID GENE.

ish education, that was okay.

In my earlier years, I would complain to no end about having to go to Hebrew School. But, come Confirmation year, I noticed a peculiar change. I never dreaded coming to Hebrew School. Every week we'd discuss a hot-button issue, and we'd end up learning something completely new about it through the lens of Judaism.

I think I can speak for everyone in my class when I say that we don't want Confirmation to end. But, thankfully, it has instilled in us the lessons and morals that we will use once it does. ■

# Library Corner

## Judah Halevi: Poet and Pilgrim

BY ROBIN JACOBSON

In May 1967, just weeks before the Six Day War, a hauntingly beautiful new song premiered at Jerusalem's National Auditorium. The song was *Yerushalayim shel Zahav* (Jerusalem of Gold). To the spellbound audience, the refrain seemed familiar – *Halo le'chol shir-a-yich ani kinor* (I am a lyre for all of your [Jerusalem's] songs). It echoed a famous medieval poem of ardent Jewish longing for Jerusalem. The poet, Judah Halevi, has inspired artists and scholars down the generations.

Even now, in the greater Washington, D.C., area, Halevi is the focus of creative activity. Rabbi and musician Arnold Saltzman is composing a choral symphony based on seven Halevi poems. Debra Band, the Hebrew manuscript artist (and sister-in-law of congregants Leesa Fields and Jonathan Band), is creating *Toward the Mountain of Myrrh*, an illuminated book that will combine Band's illustrations of Halevi poems with translations and commentary by Raymond Scheindlin, professor of medieval literature at the Jewish Theological Seminary (see sample illustration). Halevi is also the subject of two new highly praised literary biographies: Scheindlin's *The Song of the Distant Dove* and *Yehuda Halevi* by Hillel Halkin (both available in our library). What is Halevi's magic? Why is a man who lived nearly 1,000 years ago such a vital and compelling topic?

### Troubadour of Israel

Born in what is now Spain, Judah Halevi (c.1085–1141) was a physician, philosopher, and prolific poet. Heinrich Graetz, a 19th century historian, said that Halevi's "magical verse overshadows anything created in the Hebrew language since the cessation of prophecy among Jews." Halevi wrote liturgical poems and poems about love, wine, friendship, and nature. But a predominant motif was the suffering Jewish

people, who remained loyal to God even under Muslim and Christian rule:

*Benighted people, slaves to idols  
torment me on Your account.*

*I say to them, "I'd rather serve  
the God that your gods stand in need of.*

*When He is angry with me, I'm a slave to slaves;  
when He is pleased, He makes me king to kings."*



In other poems, Halevi gave voice to the Jews' yearning for their ancient homeland:

*Your bride [exiled Israel] is coming out to  
meet You, longing,  
heartsick since the day she first was barred  
from visiting Your sanctuary.*

*Each time of [festival] pilgrimage, she gazes,  
shamefaced,  
at the strangers who have made the journey,  
while she has not.*

*She stands far off  
in all the places of her exile,  
bowing toward Your Holy Temple,  
sending prayers instead of sacrifices,  
lifts her heart and eyes toward Your throne.*

*Look down at her from heaven, hear the cry  
she cries with bitter heart and yearning soul.*

(Poem translations are from *The Song of the Distant Dove*.)

### A Pilgrim and His Legacy

Towards the end of his life, despite protestations from friends and family, Halevi relinquished his comfortable home and high social position and set off for the Land of Israel. Whether Halevi fulfilled his pilgrimage remains a mystery. According to legend, an Arab horseman trampled the great poet as he recited his *Ode to Zion* at the gates of Jerusalem.

Halevi's poetry and pilgrimage inspired early Zionists and still excite debate in Israel and elsewhere. For some, his poetry is a rallying cry for Jews to settle in Israel. Others read in his poems an understanding of the divided souls of Jews who promise each Passover "Next Year in Jerusalem," but remain in the Diaspora. For still others, Halevi's pilgrimage is an inspiring example of a personal quest to find God. Halevi's poetry encompasses all these divergent interpretations. Perhaps that is one of the secrets of its longevity. ■

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Clara Cohen and Louis Berman by Kenneth M. Berman  
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## Elaine Silverman Gessow College Activities Fund

### IN MEMORY OF:

Professor Alfred Gessow by Elaine (Mrs. Alfred) Gessow  
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## Disabled Access Fund

### IN MEMORY OF:

Sheldon Abrams by Henrietta Asen

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### IN MEMORY OF:

Beloved mother, Adella Ozarin, by Lucy Ozarin  
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Albert Langerman, father of my beloved wife, Dr. Elaine Shalowitz, and my beloved brother, Ernest Shalowitz, on their yahrzeits, by Erwin Shalowitz  
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Stefanie Gilbert and Jeffrey Hausfeld, for helping to make RiverSpeak "speak," by Debbie Fink

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Sylvia Axelrod, my sister-in-law, by Julia P. Copperman  
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My beloved brother, H. Harvey Koenig, by Bob Koenig

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Daniel Schifrin's confirmation by the Olchyk family  
Birth of Charles Henry Danoff, grandson of Pat and Jerry Danoff, by Marsha Rehns and Walter Arnheim, Susan and Bert King, and the Beth El Opera Havurah

## Contributions Continued

Pat Danoff's retirement from serving as president of Beth El by  
Barbara S. Gold

Several recent aliyot by Lawrence and Laura Eisen  
Engagement of Gail Ross and Roy Niedermayer's son, Aaron,  
to Keren Mizrahi by Susan and Bert King

Our Pesach honors by Mike and Hilda Getz  
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the huppah for our granddaughter's wedding in Israel, by  
Rhoda and Milton Nichaman

Milton's 80th birthday by Rhoda and Milton Nichaman  
The marriage in Israel of our granddaughter, Shani, to Yair  
Greenberg in April by Rhoda and Milton Nichaman  
Sheila Bellack, for helping to make RiverSpeak "speak," by  
Debbie Fink

### **IN MEMORY OF:**

Jacob Shapiro by Ruth K. Shapiro

Patricia Odintz by Joshua Odintz

Florence Talkovsky by Steve and Pamela Talkovsky

Ruth Korb by Gail J. Korb

Marvin Friedkin, Pearle Dembo Friedkin and her brothers,  
Martin, Bill, and Henry Dembo, by Helen Beryl Friedkin

Karen Dubin by Larry Sidman and Jana Singer and Leesa Fields  
and Jonathan Band

Lillian Rosenblatt by Harriet Rabin

Semoyn Zusin by Ruvan and Ida Zusin

My aunt, Pearl Baker, by Helen Kanovsky

My uncle, Louis Gernst, by Helen Kanovsky

Lola Epstein by Henry Epstein

Wolf Stein, father of Howard Stein, by Howie and Holly Stein

My father, Dr. Ernst Schimmerling, by Walter Schimmerling

Bela Levine, mother of Robert Levine, by Debbie and Sam  
Olchyk

Cecelia Eizyk by Carol Asch, Karina Cramer, and Ernest  
Schimmerling

Bernard Berger by Larry Sidman and Jana Singer

Jean Smith by Henry Smith

Erika Greenblum, mother of Eli Greenblum, by Craig and Judy  
Futterman

Irving Woolman by Joseph A. Woolman

Blanche Ferish by Larry Sidman and Jana Singer

David Pollen, father of Karen Judson, by Larry Sidman and Jana  
Singer

Sadie Gorden by Phillip Gorden

Gloria Dreilinger by Craig Dreilinger

Mary Kivitz by Murray Kivitz

Merwin Lavine by Phyllis and Jeffrey Lavine

Alex Voronchlik by Elizabeth Sanovich

Robert Weisz and Kurt Weisz by Janyse and Bernie Weisz

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Benjamin Rosenthal by John and Sue Rosenthal

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Vera Lieban-Kalman, beloved mom, mother-in-law and Omi,  
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### **Israel Experience Teen Fund**

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Harvey Shapiro by Melvyn F. Shapiro

Yahrzeits of Margit Sonne and Samuel Scherr by Daniel and  
Elaine Mann

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Annette Abrams, for helping to make RiverSpeak "speak," by  
Debbie Fink

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Rose Asner by Marti Asner

Estelle and Sherman Kimball by Jon and Janie Kimball

### **Leadership/Education Fund**

#### **IN HONOR OF:**

Dave Abramowitz, Jodi and Evan Krame, Sharon Fine, and  
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#### **IN MEMORY OF:**

Martin Mintzer by Jodi Krame

### **Library Fund**

#### **IN HONOR OF:**

Robin Jacobson and Marge London, for helping to make  
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#### **IN MEMORY OF:**

Ann Simowitz by Lee and Amy Simowitz

Dora Passett by Margery London

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Frieda Troffkin by Rhea and Howard Troffkin

Pauline and Morris Heckman by Dr. Bernard and Ruth Ann  
Heckman

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#### **IN MEMORY OF:**

Gabriella Zweig by Michele Greenberg

### **Mazon**

#### **IN MEMORY OF:**

Edna Schiller by Ilana Tanowitz

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Elizabeth Altman

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#### **IN HONOR OF:**

Kavod Awards for Hazzan Lubin and Bill Dauster by Suzanne  
Stone

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Ruben Kaplovsky by Lillian and Jay Miller

My dear mother, Gertrude Kossman, by Mary Dubrow

A. Abba Koblenz and Michael Abrams by Andy and Katey  
Koblenz

Louis Lerman by Allen Lerman

Ida Cohn by Dale Gold

Gilda Cooper, sister of Shirley Gross, by Shirley Gross

### **Music Fund**

#### **IN HONOR OF:**

Sandy Lederman, for helping to make RiverSpeak "speak," by  
Debbie Fink

### **Prayerbook Fund**

#### **IN MEMORY OF:**

Karen Dubin by Joan and Joel Simon

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Rabbi Rudolph and Rabbi Harris, for helping to make RiverSpeak “speak,” by Debbie Fink Aliyah on the first day of Pesach by Sir Bernard and Lady Cynthia Zissman

In appreciation of Rabbi Rudolph by Renee F Cooper

The birth of Lauren Isabelle Eisner by the Eisner family

Our son, Eric Lucien Raphael-Joseph's forthcoming wedding to Eli Elinor Harel by Bob and Rosine Nussenblatt

In appreciation for all the support and guidance by Rabbi Rudolph and Rabbi Harris following the recent loss of my beloved husband, Albert, by Doris Povich

In appreciation for Rabbi Rudolph saying a special prayer for travel for our daughter, Karyl Barron, MD, by Selma and George Barron

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Leah Kramer by Frank Weinstein

My dad, Abraham Wagman, by Bonnie Wagman

Lewis Prag by Dianne Lerner

Alexis M. Pernick by Irwin Pernick

Robert Nathans by Mark Nathans

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Rita Gordon by Chuck and Merle Shoneman

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Nancy Raisman by Margaret Rifkind

Justin Finger and Arthur Goldhill by Janet and Steve Goldhill

Nana Evelyn—Evelyn Massie Kohn—by Parker O'Shea

Martin Feinstein by Michael Feinstein

My father, David Kaufman, by Amy Kaufman Goott

Karen Dubin by Russell Fox and Andrea Shandell

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Faina Nagel by Louis Nagel and family

Ida Kay, stepmother of Joseph Kay, by J. Ruth Kay

Gary Alter by Carol Alter

Sol Chanin by Marla (Tobar) Neustadt

Rita Litman by Robert E. Litman

### Simos Music Fund

#### IN MEMORY OF:

Albert Glick by Scott and Debbie Glick

### Sisterhood Kiddush Fund

#### IN MEMORY OF:

Evelyn Ochs by Phil Ochs and Sheila Cohen

### Sisterhood Shiva Meal Fund

#### IN MEMORY OF:

Mollie Luks Raffel, loving mother of Ellen Eule, by Ellen Eule

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### Torah Scroll Fund

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### Vatikkim

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Beloved mother, Anna Gelman, by Helen and Louis Rib

Wonderful brother, Rudolph Hindin, by Frances H. Leibowitz

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### Werner Liturgical Music Fund

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Cantor Lubin's retirement by Bob and Rosine Nussenblatt

### World Jewry Fund

#### IN MEMORY OF:

John Rosen by Marianne and Arthur Rosen

### Young Equality Fund

#### IN MEMORY OF:

Cecelia S. Platt, my mother, by Judy Bernhardt

## High Holiday packets were mailed in mid-June.

If you have not received yours, please contact the office. Be sure to return your completed High Holiday Registration form as soon as possible. Rosh Hashanah begins Wednesday evening, September 28.



While we know you'll want to read every word in this issue of the *Scroll*, when you're finished, please recycle it.

## Bulletin Board

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### Condolences to

**Barry Pupkin** on the death of his mother, **Ruth Pupkin**

**Jeff Shrago** on the death of his mother, **Shirlee Shrago**

### Mazal Tov to

**Rachel L. Eisenstadt**, daughter of **David and Merry Eisenstadt**, on her engagement to **Steven J. German**, son of Arthur and Ronnie German of Long Island, N.Y.

**Larry and Lisa Lerner** on the birth of their son, **Philip Joshua Lerner**. Proud big sisters are **Natalie** and **Sophia**.

**Eric and Alicia Markowitz** on the birth of their son, **Jack Mitchell Markowitz**. Proud big brothers are **Jesse** and **Seth**.

**Jillian and Brad Bernstein** on the birth of their son, **Seth Aaron Bernstein**. Proud big sister is **Farryn**.

### Noteworthy

**Roundtable with the Rabbi, Wednesdays, July 6 and August 3 at 2:00 pm.** Join us to celebrate July and August birthdays (yours and those of others) with desserts, coffee, and a lively and challenging discussion led by Rabbi Harris in July and Rabbi Rudolph in August. Birthday celebrants receive a special invitation, but all are welcome each month.

**Vatikkim, Thursdays, July 7, 14, and 28, August 4, 11, and 25, noon.** Brown Bag Lunch. Come and socialize with your friends and enjoy some light refreshments and dessert. One of our clergy members will join the group and lead a discussion on July 14 and August 11.

**Senior Art Class, Tuesdays, July 12 and August 9, 1:30 to 2:30 pm.** Discover your hidden talent and join this creative experience. No art experience required, and all materials will be provided by the instructor, Jerry Ross. This once-a-month activity is free, but seating is limited. Contact Ricardo Munster at [rmunster@bethelmc.org](mailto:rmunster@bethelmc.org) or 301-652-8569, ext. 316.

**Senior Caucus - Vatikkim Luncheon/Program, Thursdays, July 21 and August 18, noon.** Following lunch, stay for a film presentation. July's film will be "Nuremberg" with Alec Baldwin, Brian Cox, Max von Sydow, and Christopher Plummer, among others. August's film will be "A Matter of Size," an award-winning, charming, and poignant Israeli comedy, that follows large men who decide to become sumo wrestlers. Lunch costs \$8. To RSVP for lunch, call Ricardo Munster 301-652-2606, ext. 316 or [rmunster@bethelmc.org](mailto:rmunster@bethelmc.org), by Tuesday, July 19, for the July program, and August 16, for the August program. The program is free and begins around 1:00 pm.

**Senior Caucus Meeting, Wednesday, August 3, at 1:00 pm.** These vibrant, active retirees join to hear about the ongoing programs and plan new activities. Be one of them. This program is followed by **Roundtable with Rabbi Rudolph, Wednesday, August 3, at 2:00 pm.**

**Senior Caucus Shabbat Dinner, Friday, August 26, at 5:00 pm.** Shabbat services will follow at 6:30 pm to ensure participants can be home before dark. Cost is \$20 for members; \$22 for non-members, payable to Congregation Beth El. RSVP to Doris Povich at 301-652-2606 or Ricardo Munster at 301-652-8569, ext. 316 or email [rmunster@bethelmc.org](mailto:rmunster@bethelmc.org).

**Bridge – the greatest game ever!** Join us every Monday. Bridge will not meet on Monday, July 4. Drop in and join a game; no partner necessary. Contact Shirley Levine at [info@bethelmc.org](mailto:info@bethelmc.org) or 301-652-2606. If you are interested in playing but don't have any transportation, please call Roz Sporn at 301-652-2606, Richard Belferman at 301-652-2606, or Claire Marwick 301-652-2606. They will try to arrange transportation for you. ■

## Erev Tisha B'Av

9 Av 5771/Monday, August 8

8:00 PM Mincha and Ma'ariv followed by the Reading of Eicha, the Book of Lamentations

# Weekly Parashiot

SOURCE: SIDUR SIM SHALOM

# Beth El Calendar & Weekly Parashiot



## Hukat

July 2, 30 Sivan

God ordains the sacrifice of a red heifer to purify those having contact with the dead. Miriam dies. When the people complain about a lack of water, Moses strikes a rock instead of speaking to it as God instructs. Consequently, God informs Moses, Moses may not enter the Promised Land. The Israelites skirt Edom when it refuses them safe passage. Aaron dies. After conquering the Canaanites and Amorites, Israel encamps in Moab across the Jordan from Jericho.

## Balak

July 9, 7 Tammuz

Balak, king of Moab, sends for a diviner, Balaam, to curse the Israelites so that Moab might drive them off. Balaam refuses, as God orders. Balak offers more gold; Balaam sets out. Yet his ass sees what Balaam cannot: God's angel barring the way. Balaam perceives his folly, atones, and proceeds as God's messenger. "Mah tovu," says Balaam, overlooking the Israelite camp. "How lovely are your dwellings, people of Jacob." Balak angrily dismisses Balaam, who divines Moab's fall. Yet Israel, seduced by Midianites, indulges in harlotry and idolatry.

## Pinchas

July 16, 14 Tammuz

God rewards Pinchas, Aaron's grandson, for zealously halting Israel's transgressions. A new census is taken in order to divide Canaan proportionately. The

daughters of Zelophehad, who died without sons, successfully claim their father's portion. God orders Moses into the mountains to look out over the Promised Land before he dies. Moses asks God to appoint a successor first, and Joshua receives the charge. God then instructs Moses regarding the daily and Festival offerings.

## Matot

July 23, 21 Tammuz

Moses counsels Israel about vows. God bids him wage war against Midian to avenge the Israelites who were led astray. Midian is defeated, and the spoils of war are divided. The tribes of Reuben and Gad and half of Menasheh ask to settle east of the Jordan where their cattle can thrive. Moses agrees, provided they first help conquer Canaan.

## Masei

July 30, 28 Tammuz

Moses has recorded, stage by stage, the journeys of the children of Israel: from Egypt to Sinai, from Kadesh to Edom. Now, "in the plains of Moab by the Jordan near Jericho," God describes the extent of Israel's inheritance. God provides for the division of Canaan and for the establishment of Levitical cities and cities of refuge.

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SHABBAT STUDY GROUP	12:40 PM
MINCHA, SEUDAH SHLISHIT, MA'ARIV, AND HAVDALAH SERVICE (MONTHLY)	7:30 PM

## Youth Shabbat Services

TEEN SERVICE (1ST SHABBAT)	10:00 AM
JUNIOR CONGREGATION (5TH GRADE +; LIBRARY)	10:00 AM
SHITUFIM (3RD AND 4TH GRADES; 2ND & 4TH SHABBAT; ZAHLER SOCIAL HALL)	10:30-11:30 AM
GAN SHABBAT (KINDERGARTEN-2ND GRADE; 1ST & 3RD SHABBAT; MP 1&2)	10:30-11:30 AM
NITZANIM (BIRTH - KINDERGARTEN; 2ND, 4TH, 5TH SHABBAT; MP 1&2)	10:30-11:30 AM

**TEEN SERVICE, NITZANIM, AND GAN SHABBAT ARE THE ONLY YOUTH SERVICES IN JULY**



# Congregation Beth El

## Monthly Calendar

# July 2011

## Sivan-Tammuz 5771

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1 CANDLES 8:20 PM</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Friday Evening Service	<b>2</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Early Shabbat Service <b>9:30 AM</b> Main Shabbat Service <b>9:45 AM</b> Worship & Study Minyan <b>10:30 AM</b> Gan Shabbat <b>12:40 PM</b> Shabbat Study Group
<b>3 ROSH HODESH TAMMUZ</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Minyan <b>9:30 AM</b> Men's Club Breakfast <b>7:00 PM</b> Talmud Class	<b>4 INDEPENDENCE DAY</b> <b>OFFICES &amp; SCHOOLS CLOSED</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Morning Minyan	<b>5</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> A Taste of Talmud <b>8:00 PM</b> Jewish Fertility Group	<b>6</b> <b>2:00 PM</b> Roundtable with the Rabbi	<b>7</b> <b>NOON</b> Vatikkim	<b>8 CANDLES 8:19 PM</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Friday Evening Service	<b>9</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Early Shabbat Service <b>9:30 AM</b> Main Shabbat Service <b>10:30 AM</b> Nitzanim <b>12:40 PM</b> Shabbat Study Group
<b>10</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Minyan <b>9:30 AM</b> Men's Club Breakfast <b>7:00 PM</b> Talmud Class	<b>11</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Bridge	<b>12</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> A Taste of Talmud <b>1:30 PM</b> Senior Art Class	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>NOON</b> Vatikkim	<b>15 CANDLES 8:16 PM</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Friday Evening Service	<b>16</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Early Shabbat Service <b>9:30 AM</b> Main Shabbat Service <b>9:30 AM</b> Minyan Chaverim <b>10:30 AM</b> Gan Shabbat <b>12:40 PM</b> Shabbat Study Group
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# Weekly Parashiot

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# Beth El Calendar & Weekly Parashiot



## D'varim

August 6, 6 Av

Moses informs the people that God will not allow him to enter the Promised Land; Joshua will lead them. Recalling the events and battles that have led to this day, Moses assures the people of God's protection as they embark upon their conquest of Canaan: "You shall not fear them, for Adonai your God does battle for you."

## Va'et'chanan

August 13, 13 Av

Moses tells of his failure to persuade God to let him enter Canaan. He exhorts the Israelites to follow God's statutes and to teach them to their children and their children's children. In a second address, Moses recalls the revelation at Sinai and restates the Ten Commandments. He then proclaims, "Sh'ma Yisrael, Hear, O Israel: Adonai is our God, Adonai alone."

## Ekev

August 20, 20 Av

Moses promises the people that if they follow God's path, divine blessing and abundance will be theirs. Moses tells them not to fear the nations they will battle, yet warns against arrogance. They should never forget that it is God who will give them the land. Moses reminds Israel of the sin of the Golden Calf, God's forbearance, and God's miracles in Egypt, at the Sea of Reeds, and in the desert.

## Re'eh

August 27, 27 Av

"I set before you this day a blessing and a curse," Moses says, contingent on whether Israel observes God's laws. Once Israel enters the land and dwells in safety, God will choose a place where the Divine Presence shall abide. There, Israel will rejoice and bring offerings. Moses cautions against idolatry and false prophecy and reminds Israel to observe the three pilgrimage Festivals.

## Shof'tim

September 3, 4 Elul

Moses addresses the need for judges in the new land. The people, if they wish, may have a king chosen by God. Priests and Levites will serve at a place of God's choosing. God will also raise up a prophet like Moses to instruct the people; diviners and magicians are not to be consulted. Moses reiterates the laws establishing cities of refuge and presents laws of warfare.

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SHITUFIM (3RD AND 4TH GRADES; 2ND & 4TH SHABBAT; ZAHLER SOCIAL HALL)	10:30-11:30 AM
GAN SHABBAT (KINDERGARTEN-2ND GRADE; 1ST & 3RD SHABBAT; MP 1&2)	10:30-11:30 AM
NITZANIM (BIRTH - KINDERGARTEN; 2ND, 4TH, 5TH SHABBAT; MP 1&2)	10:30-11:30 AM

**TEEN SERVICE, NITZANIM, AND GAN SHABBAT ARE THE ONLY YOUTH SERVICES IN AUGUST**



# Congregation Beth El

## Monthly Calendar

# August 2011

## Av-Elul 5771

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1 ROSH HODESH AV</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Bridge	<b>2</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> A Taste of Talmud <b>8:00 PM</b> Jewish Fertility Group	<b>3</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Senior Caucus Meeting <b>2:00 PM</b> Roundtable with the Rabbi	<b>4</b> <b>NOON</b> Vatikim	<b>5 CANDLES 7:58 PM</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Friday Evening Service	<b>6</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Early Shabbat Service <b>9:30 AM</b> Main Shabbat Service <b>9:45 AM</b> Worship & Study Minyan <b>10:30 AM</b> Gan Shabbat <b>12:40 PM</b> Shabbat Study Group
<b>7</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Minyan <b>9:30 AM</b> Men's Club Breakfast <b>7:00 PM</b> Talmud Class	<b>8</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Bridge	<b>9 FAST OF TISHA B'AV</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> A Taste of Talmud <b>1:30 PM</b> Senior Art Class	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Vatikim <b>7:00 PM</b> Executive Committee Meeting	<b>12 CANDLES 7:50 PM</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Friday Evening Service	<b>13</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Early Shabbat Service <b>9:30 AM</b> Main Shabbat Service <b>10:30 AM</b> Nitzanim <b>12:40 PM</b> Shabbat Study Group
<b>14</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Minyan <b>9:30 AM</b> Men's Club Breakfast <b>7:00 PM</b> Talmud Class	<b>15</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Bridge	<b>16</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> A Taste of Talmud	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <b>NOON</b> Vatikim Luncheon	<b>19 CANDLES 7:41 PM</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Friday Evening Service	<b>20</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Early Shabbat Service <b>9:30 AM</b> Main Shabbat Service <b>9:30 AM</b> Rachel Aviva London Bat Mitzvah <b>9:30 AM</b> Rachel Papirmeister Bat Mitzvah <b>9:30 AM</b> Minyan Chaverim <b>10:30 AM</b> Gan Shabbat <b>12:40 PM</b> Shabbat Study Group
<b>21</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Minyan <b>9:30 AM</b> Men's Club Breakfast <b>7:00 PM</b> Talmud Class	<b>22</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Bridge	<b>23</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> A Taste of Talmud	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>NOON</b> Vatikim	<b>26 CANDLES 7:31 PM</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Friday Evening Service	<b>27</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Early Shabbat Service <b>9:30 AM</b> Main Shabbat Service <b>9:30 AM</b> Seth Reinhard Bar Mitzvah <b>10:30 AM</b> Nitzanim <b>12:40 PM</b> Shabbat Study Group
<b>28</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Minyan <b>9:30 AM</b> Men's Club Breakfast <b>10:30 AM</b> Prospective Member Open House - Lobby	<b>29</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Bridge	<b>30 ROSH HODESH ELUL</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> A Taste of Talmud <b>7:30 PM</b> Board Meeting	<b>31 ROSH HODESH ELUL</b>	<b>1</b> <b>NOON</b> Vatikim	<b>2 CANDLES 7:21 PM</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Friday Evening Service	<b>3</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Early Shabbat Service <b>9:30 AM</b> Main Shabbat Service <b>9:30 AM</b> Benjamin Simon Bar Mitzvah <b>9:30 AM</b> Brian Fisher Bar Mitzvah <b>9:45 AM</b> Worship & Study Minyan <b>10:30 AM</b> Gan Shabbat <b>12:40 PM</b> Shabbat Study Group