

# Congregation Beth El

“A Reform Congregation with a warm approach to tradition”

*Celebrating 60 years 1960-2020*



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28 Tevet - 29 Shevat

שבת - שבט תשפ"ב



Friday, January 14

7:30 pm

Join Temple Beth El Flint, Congregation Beth El Windsor and Temple Israel in London

For Kabbalat Shabbat service

featuring Tracey Atin performing:

A SERMON IN SONG

By Stephen Freedman



Rabbis Jeffrey Ableser, Debra Dressler and Rabbinic Intern Ashley Barrett participate in the service.

**PLEASE WATCH YOUR EBLASTS FOR THE CORRECT ZOOM LINK TO THIS SPECIAL SERVICE**



Saturday, January 15

5:00 pm

Live at Beth El



**Tu Bi'Shevat Seder**

Join Ashley Barrett as she leads us through a fun and interactive seder on this special Tu Bi'Shevat (New year of the trees) in the Shmira year. We will eat delicious appetizers made from the seven species with a little fruit of the vine. Everyone welcome, but numbers will be limited due to COVID protocols.

Limited Seating – please RSVP



**Celebrate Shabbat**  
**January 2022**  
**28 Tevet - 29 Shevat**



Join us for Shabbat Evening Services and Torah Study

**Shabbat Celebration**

held by ZOOM ONLY every Friday night at 07:00 pm unless otherwise noted

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89989942300?pwd=OGxzMkp2WW1DM2tGS6hUL3BucWErUT09>

Meeting ID: 899 8994 2300

Passcode: 470532

All Shabbat Service and Tanakh Study dates subject to change. Details will be sent by e-Blast and e-mail as information becomes available. Please check the e-Blast for January.

**Candle Lighting Times**

January 7	4:58 pm
January 14	5:05 pm
January 21	5:14 pm
January 28	5:23 pm

**Shabbat Services**

Friday, January 7

Zoom only

Friday, January 14

**7:30 pm**

*Live at Beth El and on Zoom*

***Shabbat Shirah***

Friday, January 21

Zoom only

Friday, January 28

Zoom only

**Tanakh Study**

Saturday, January 1

We have been invited to join:

10:30 am Morning service by ZOOM from Temple Kol Ami in Thornhill, ON

ZOOM NUMBER IS: 368 927 4818

This service will be lay led by 2 of their congregants

Va'eira **וְאֵרָא**

Saturday, January 8

Bo **בֹּא**

Saturday, January 15

By Zoom with Rabbi Dressler and Temple Israel London

B'shalach **בְּשַׁלַּח**

Saturday, January 22

Yitro **יִתְרוֹ**

Saturday, January 29

Mishpatim **מִשְׁפָּטִים**

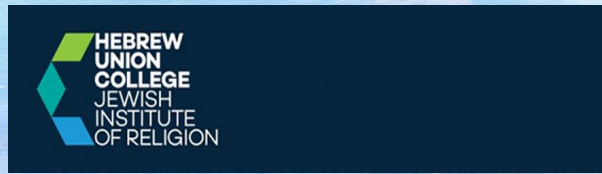


And God blessed the seventh day and called it holy.

Genesis 2:3

# The Rabbi's Corner

## By Rabbinic Intern Ashley Barrett



It's amazing to me the power our tradition has. For generations, Jews across the world have been inspired by the simplest rituals, or the most elaborate liturgy to practice our faith with conviction and intention.

Some of those rituals and practices are easy for us, they maybe make a little bit more

sense than some practices.

And then, there are some pieces of our Jewish tradition that we just have to wrestle, with spiritually and intellectually, and even then, sometimes, they still don't make any sense!

Confession: for me, that's always been Tu B'shevat. Don't get me wrong, I LOVE the idea of celebrating the earth. Especially today as we see the effects of climate change devastating habitats and causing significant weather-related disasters. But why do we have to celebrate the earth at a time of year when it is least opportune to be outside enjoying it?

The Rabbis of the Talmud offer this wonderful teaching: Rabbi Yitzhak said: A blessing is found only in an object that is hidden from the eye. We find the most wonderful blessings in the small miracles that are not always apparent. On Tu B'shevat we celebrate the miracles which are hidden in the innermost workings of nature.

As we move into 2022 I hope we all can celebrate those natural wonders and the small blessings in our lives which may often be hidden from our sight.

### Notes from the Friendship Circle

Hello Everyone ! Almost another year has gone by, things seemed on a definite upward trend and now, boom, we seem to be back in this mess. As the New Year approaches, let's hope to leave behind any more surprises related to Covid. Let's be able to make plans, and keep them. Have simcha's, with no worries. Travel freely without restrictions and testing. It is getting hard to remember normal, seeing faces without masks, stores without directional arrows, and checking "the numbers".

All of these things have made Friendship Circle activities a challenge. We have learned the term "curbside " to mean an event held outside even in the winter months. Creative packaging, to put little treats in for take away. Music that can be listened to on a bluetooth speaker outside. Socially distanced and Zoom meetings. An overwhelming change, but one we have handled successfully! We have still had fun, still gotten together, still reached out where needed.

As it currently stands, there are capacity restrictions in place once again. We do, however, hope to plan a social event of some kind soon. In spite of all of this, we have to connect, laugh, and celebrate together!

Wishing everyone a happy, HEALTHY 2022. Let there be better days ahead.

Your Friendship Circle

### If you have children 6 or under:

Rabbinic Intern Ashley Barrett visits us one weekend per month and she is planning a program for them.

Please contact the office to register or for more information.

519-969-2422 or [bethelwindsor@cogeco.net](mailto:bethelwindsor@cogeco.net)





Happy Tu B'Shvat!  
ט'ו בשבט שמח!

# Congregational Happenings January 2022



## Adult Education

Planning is starting on some upcoming adult education. Thoughts and ideas of things you would like are welcome. Please contact the office.



Mini Minyan

Ages 1-6

If you have a child, or know someone with children 1-6, please contact us.

## Windsor's Street Help needs us! Can we help?

They are looking for bars of soap, shampoo, winter coats, sleeping bags. Street Help assists hands on, with the Homeless in our community. It is prevalent and alarming. Winter is here and too many members of our community face homelessness. These people are no different than we are. They have experienced misfortunes along the way. If you can help, it would be appreciated. Maybe you have an unused sleeping bag or blankets, winter coats or boots, forgotten in a closet. A few friends could get together and purchase a sleeping bag. It can be life saving. Thank you in advance! From Jackie Putterman



## Mitzvah Opportunities

Getting involved in your congregation is a reward in itself. If you have some time, let us know if you would be interested in any of the following:

1. Very occasionally extra people are requested to be at the cemetery to form a minyan for a funeral. Individuals would be required to be on a list to be contacted if and when there is a need.

2. Adult Education

There are some opportunities opening for us to join with others or plan our own adult education programs. If you have any subjects, speakers, thoughts or ideas to share, please let us know.

3. The Friendship Circle

The Friendship Circle takes on projects throughout the year to reach out to our congregation members. Whether you are interested in joining the group or just helping with a particular event - please let us know.

4. Lead a Service

Consider leading a service with another congregant. Ashley Barrett has done a great training video to help add more people to our lay leader list. Please contact the office for more information.



# Congregational Happenings January 2022



Happy Tu B'Shvat!  
ט"ו בשבט שמח!

## Mazel Tov



Our deepest thanks to the following:

Audrey Bondy, Mendy Dalfen, Harvey Kessler,  
Dr. Reuben Schnayer & Dr. Stuart Selby for  
generously sharing their time leading services.

To Dr. Bernie Lyons on his retirement.



To Mary and Sam Zaltz on the occasion  
of their 50th wedding anniversary.



Our Anniversary Tree will soon be installed in  
the social hall. Leaves are available for purchase  
and can be inscribed for many occasions –  
celebrating family simchas, to remember a loved  
one or adding a permanent dedication to this  
milestone in our congregation's history



Board of  
Directors  
Meeting  
7:00 pm  
January 18  
by Zoom

## Office Closures

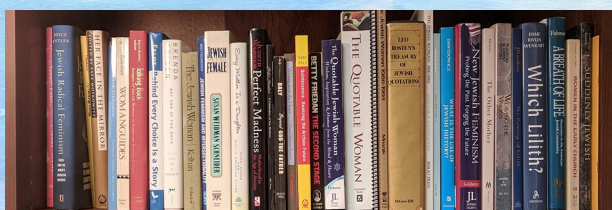
### New Year's Day January 1

HAPPY NEW YEAR

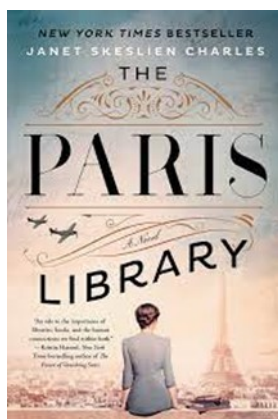
# 2022

# Jewish Book Club

## Sponsored by Congregation Beth El



### **The Paris Library by Janet Skeslien Charles**



This book came recommended to us by friends and family both inside and outside of the Beth El Book Club, and it is a recommendation for which we are grateful. I often believe that there can be nothing new and nothing more in books or films about WWII that we – especially Jews – don't already know and have not already seen. I am always proven wrong, and once again I have learned about something I would never have known had Ms. Charles not written this book. The author has not revealed much about herself, but the accuracy of her settings in rural Montana and Paris come from her growing up in a tiny town in Montana and her residence in Paris.

There are two narrative periods in the book. One is in Paris from 1939 to 1944, the story of Odile Souchet, a bright young Parisienne who finds her dream job at the American Library in Paris from just before the War to the end of the Nazi occupation. The other is bright young Lily Jacobsen in a small town in Montana, and her four awkward years in high school from 1984 to 1988. Their lives intertwine when Lily intrudes on the reclusive “war bride” widow next door for help in writing a school report on France. The middle-aged widow and the yearning adolescent provide each other with healing from the wounds and errors in Odile’s once young and Lily’s currently young lives.

We enter Odile’s family, led by her father, a superior police officer following Nazi regulations, and her fiancée, a young policeman following orders, and of her American Library “family” defying Nazi regulations and maintaining forbidden relations with their Jewish patrons. We enter Lily’s family, shaken by her mother’s death and her father’s remarriage, and of her schoolmates, both allies and tormenters. While the struggles of a teenager seem minor compared with life under Nazi occupation, both women learn how a single act of betrayal or a single act of forgiveness can have significant consequences for evil or good. And we finally learn what brought Odile to the plains of Montana.



For us as Jewish readers, this book gives a look into a corner of the Shoah without having to immerse ourselves once again in the brutal details. And while both environments, Paris and rural Montana, are “foreign” to our experience, we see again how much we share in common as human beings with families and friends and communities. Please join us when we share our responses to this book.

**The Book Club will meet on Zoom on January 12th at 7:00 PM**

# Religious School News

"And you Shall Teach Them Diligently To Your Children"

ושונתם לבניך ודברת בם

December was a busy month for the students at the Religious School. Between making Menorahs for Hanukkah, to learning songs with Tracey and finishing off the year with lots of fun games with Rabbi Ashley. They even helped out with a Friday night service! The students learned lots for the beginning of the school year. We hope that everyone has a great enjoyable break and a Happy New Year to everyone and their families. See you all in 2022!



## Hanukkah Activities by our Religious School students



MANY THANKS TO BREAKAWAY GAMING FOR ALLOWING US TO WORK BINGOS TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE BETH EL RELIGIOUS SCHOOL EXPENSES

Mishpacha-Our Congregational Family  
Mazel Tov and Best Wishes



מזל טוב

To those celebrating  
birthdays in January



To those  
celebrating anniversaries in January

There are no anniversaries in January



- 1 Joyce Garber
- 3 Kevin Davis
- 5 Morgan Nicole Miller
- 6 Karen Rosen
- 9 Dolores Burstyn
- 9 Andrew Tepperman
- 10 Michael Ellis
- 10 Sheldon Jarcaig
- 12 Mikie Freed
- 16 Fern Miller
- 17 Mike Malowitz
- 21 Samuel Katzman
- 22 Jerry Weingarden
- 28 Mildred Silver
- 31 Kelly-Lynn Abraham



Good Health Wishes -  
Refu'ah Sheleimah  
A complete healing to:



Dorothy Buckhalter	Hannah Levin	Nina Zlotnik	Tony Lee
Valerie Horner	Mildred Silver	Morton Kaplan	Cindy Jeris
Jackie Farrell	Rona Paquette	Rabbi Jeffrey Ableser	Avigail Sarah Bat Devorah
Louise Ziff	Miriam Schnayer	Tamara Fishman	Marilyn Guss
Rita Karp	Avraham Labe	Martin Gene	Jennifer Karmona
Richard McGuinty	Marla Rivard	Lindsay Martin	John Farrell
Sally Goldhar	Kathy Selby	Nancy Barat	Bonnie Levine
Trudy Oistacher	Stu Selby	George Hensz	Noah Levy

מי שברך אבותינו  
מקור הברכה לאמותנו.

May the Source of Strength,  
Who blessed the ones before us,  
Help us find the courage  
to make our lives a blessing,  
And let us say: Amen.

Thank you to all our members who contribute to our many funds. A gift of \$18 to the Temple is a very meaningful way to congratulate a friend or family member on happy occasions or to express get wells or condolences. Please remember Beth El with your donations. All donations are eligible for a tax receipt. If you wish to have your birthday or a family member's birthday or your anniversary listed in the bulletin, please contact the Beth El office at 519-969-2422.. To ensure that you receive your bulletin, please call us if you have a change of address or if you wish to receive your bulletin by e-mail.



# Yahrzeits

## January 2022



May their memories always be for a blessing

זייל Zichronam L'vracha - We remember

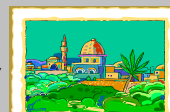
1	Betsy Woolf	13	Sidney Kasper	22	Lisa Jacobs
1	Mary Zombori	13	David Coren	22	Jacob Cohen
3	Mania Jarcaig	13	Arthur Rashbaum	22	Molly Cohen
3	Esther Silver	13	Harry M Cherniak	23	Norm Katz
4	Hyman Taub	13	Sydney Morris	23	Irving Goldhar
4	David Pearl	13	Albert Joseph Laurie	23	Daniel Katzman
5	Diane Silverstein	13	Rose Payman	23	Sheldon Indig
6	Harold Lewis	14	Jenny Rubin	24	Yitzhak Jonas
6	Muriel Fenwick	14	Susan Somer	24	Edith Newman
6	Mila Ripp	15	Patrick Leathorn	25	Pauline Bookspan
6	Abraham Ben Zion Lantzman	15	Anne Arber	25	Hannah Coren
6	Moshe Kleinplatz	15	Morris Novominsky	25	Paulina Moldowansky
6	Piffe Kleinplatz	15	Rachel Shumer	26	Nathan (Norm) Shklov
6	David Goldstein	16	Harry Eskin	26	Sheldon Wax
7	Eva Kahn	16	Albert Schwartz	27	Harry Kaplan
7	Louis Wagner	16	Dr. Bernard Spring	27	William E. Kovinsky
7	Tova Kimyagarov	17	Jeffrey Weiner	27	Marie Katzman
8	Ida Katzman	17	Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut	28	Abraham Rosenthal
8	Eva Goldberg	17	Faye Spring	28	Charlotte Burnstein
9	Hana Gamberg	18	Philip Schomberger	28	Jennie Whiteman
10	Gertrude Weingarden	19	Harry Rubin	28	Morris Zlotnik
10	George Weingarden	19	Molly Rothenburg	29	David Weingarden
10	Orville Marcotte	19	Mark Goldberg	29	Esther Rosen
11	Jack Wald	19	Rebecca Arber	29	Annie Rosenbaum
11	David Duncan	20	Martin Goldberg	30	Ronald E. Meretsky
12	Lee Ableser	20	Rose Levy	30	Lillian Pevzner
12	Valery Davydok	20	Victor Linden	30	Hilda Gerchicoff
13	Martin "Buddy" Wunder	21	Markus Fichgandler	31	Sydney Atin
		22		31	Esther Everett

### Our Congregation mourns and condolences are extended to:

Salomon Smeer and Norma Fink on the loss of Salomon's beloved brother Joseph (Joop) Smeer.

Dr. Richard Gruneir on the loss of his beloved father Irving Gruneir.

Charlotte Braitman and family on the loss of their beloved husband, father and grandfather, Leonard Braitman.



המקום ינחם אתכם  
בתוך שאר אבלי  
ציון וירושלים

# Contributions January 2022



Thank you to those who have given generously to Congregation Beth El this month. Gifts are a wonderful way to celebrate a birthday, an anniversary, the arrival of a child, or to remember the life of someone who has passed away. Your donations to these Temple funds are greatly appreciated.

## **Building Maintenance Fund**

Honouring Dr. Bernie Lyons on his retirement by: Audrey & Dan Bondy.

## **Cemetery Improvement Fund**

In memory of Betzalel Folk, beloved husband of Karen Folk by: Anne B. Winograd.

## **Aron Fink Endowment Fund**

In memory of Joseph (Joop) Smeer, beloved brother of Salomon Smeer by: Judy & Dave Frank.

## **Friendship Circle Fund**

In appreciation to Beth El by: Barb Meloche.

In memory of Dr. Gerald Silverman by: Harvey Kessler & Marcia Weinberg.

Honouring Marcey & Fred Katzman on the bat mitzvah of their granddaughter Lana by: Sarah Shklov.

Honouring Dr. John Cappucci on his installation as Principal & Vice-Chancellor of Assumption University by: Sarah Shklov; Charles & Karen Rosen.

In memory of Bob Cherniak, beloved brother & brother-in-law of Ellen & Herb Brudner by: Brenda & Philip Cohen.

Honouring Simon & Victoria Shanfield on the B'nai Mitzvot of their daughters Ainsley & Quinn by: Brenda & Philip Cohen.

In memory of Dr. Allan Kupsov, beloved father of Michael Kupsov by: Anne Bennett Winograd & family.

In memory of Joseph (Joop) Smeer, beloved brother & brother-in-law of Salomon Smeer & Norma Fink by: Sam & Mary Zaltz; Sarah Shklov.

In memory of Eva Selby, beloved step-mother of Dr. Stuart Selby by: Dr Stuart Selby.

## **Ted Hochberg Memorial Fund**

In memory of Bobby Cherniak, beloved brother of Ellen Brudner by: Sharon Hochberg.

In memory of Joseph Smeer, beloved brother of Salomon Smeer by: Sharon Hochberg.

## **Larry Kaiman Memorial Fund**

In memory of beloved Larry Kaiman by: Enid Schatz.

In memory of Dr. Allan Kupsov, beloved husband of Anne Kupsov by: Enid & Fred Schatz.

## **Rabbi Dr. Jonathan V. Plaut Memorial Fund**

Congratulations to Carol Plaut on her move to Jacksonville & her new home by: Fred & Marcey Katzman.

## **Rabbinic Chair Fund**

In memory of beloved wife Suzanne Selby by: Dr. Stuart Selby.

## **Religious School Fund**

Honouring Fred & Marcey Katzman on the bat mitzvah of their granddaughter Lana by: Rochelle & Bill Tepperman.

Honouring Gayle & Bill Estes on the bat mitzvah of their daughter Lana by: Rochelle & Bill Tepperman.

Mazal tov to Jerry Alexis on the marriage of his granddaughter Blair to Alex Merzin by: Cheryl & Michael Blacher & family.

Honouring Michael Blacher by: Consolidated Credit Counselling Services of Canada Inc.

## **Joani Rosenthal Nursery School Fund**

Honouring Fred & Marcey Katzman on the bat mitzvah of their granddaughter Lana by: Rochelle & Bill Tepperman.

## **Harold Taub Scholastic Memorial Fund**

Honouring Paula Taub on the birth of her great-granddaughter Lucy Sloane by: Carl & Elaine Cohen.

## **Dorothy & Max Weingarden Endowment Fund**

In memory of Bobby Cherniak, beloved brother & brother-in-law of Ellen & Herb Brudner by: Jerry Weingarden & Patti Dunlop.

# weekly TORAH



"It is a tree of life to all who grasp it, and whoever holds on to it is happy; its ways are ways of pleasantness, and all its paths are peace."  
(Proverbs 3:17-18)

**Va-eira** **וַאֲרָא** | (God) Appeared [to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob] Exodus 6:2-9:35 January 1, 2022

Despite God's message that they will be redeemed from slavery, the Israelites' spirits remain crushed. God instructs Moses and Aaron to deliver the Israelites from the land of Egypt. (6:2-13)

The genealogy of Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and their descendants is recorded. (6:14-25)

Moses and Aaron perform a miracle with a snake and relate to Pharaoh God's message to let the Israelites leave Egypt. (7:8-13)

The first seven plagues occur. God hardens Pharaoh's heart, and Pharaoh rescinds each offer to let the Israelites go. (7:14-9:35)



**Bo** **בּוֹ** Go [to Pharaoh] Exodus 10:1-13:16 January 8, 2022

God sends the plagues of locusts and darkness upon Egypt and forewarns Moses about the final plague, the death of every Egyptian firstborn. Pharaoh still does not let the Israelites leave Egypt. (10:1-11:10)

God commands Moses and Aaron regarding the Passover festival. (12:1-27)

God enacts the final plague, striking down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt except those of the House of Israel. Pharaoh now allows the Israelites to leave. (12:29-42)

Speaking to Moses and Aaron, God repeats the commandments about Passover. (12:43-13:16)

**B'shalach** **בְּשַׁלַּח** Now When [Pharaoh] Let [the People] Go Exodus 13:17-17:16 Shabbat Shira

January 15, 2022

The Children of Israel escape across the Sea of Reeds from Pharaoh and his army, who drown when God drives back the sea. (13:17-14:31)

Moses and the Israelites sing a song praising Adonai. (15:1-21)

In the wilderness, God provides the grumbling Israelites with quails and manna. God instructs the Israelites to gather and prepare on the sixth day food needed for Shabbat. (15:22-16:36)

The people complain about the lack of water. Moses hits a rock with his rod and brings forth water. (17:1-7)

Israel defeats Amalek, Israel's eternal enemy. God vows to blot out the memory of Amalek from the world. (17:8-16)



**Yitro** **יִתְרוֹ** Jethro Exodus 18:1-20:23 January 22, 2022

Yitro brings his daughter Zipporah and her two sons, Gershom and Eliezer, to his son-in-law Moses. (18:1-12)

Moses follows Yitro's advice and appoints judges to help him lead the people. (18:13-27)

The Children of Israel camp in front of Mount Sinai. Upon hearing the covenant, the Israelites respond, "All that God has spoken we will do." (19:1-8)

After three days of preparation, the Israelites encounter God at Mount Sinai. (19:9-25)

God gives the Ten Commandments aloud directly to the people. (20:1-14)

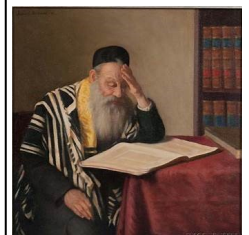
Frightened, the Children of Israel ask Moses to serve as an intermediary between God and them. Moses tells the people not to be afraid. (20:15-18)

**Mishpatim** **מִשְׁפָּטִים** [These Are the] Rules Exodus 21:1-24:18 January 29, 2022

Interpersonal laws ranging from the treatment of slaves to the exhibition of kindness to strangers are listed. (21:1-23:9)

Cultic laws follow, including the commandment to observe the Sabbatical Year, a repetition of the Sabbath injunction, the first mention of the Three Pilgrimage Festivals, rules of sacrificial offerings, and the prohibition against boiling a kid in its mother's milk. (23:10-19)

The people assent to the covenant. Moses, Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, and seventy elders of Israel ascend the mountain and see God. Moses goes on alone and spends forty days on the mountain. (24:1-18)



# Events and Announcements For Your Information

**RABBINIC SERVICES-** Congregation Beth El is pleased to be working with Rabbi Debra Dressler of Temple Israel, London; Rabbi Emeritus Jeffrey Ableser and Rabbinic Intern Ashley Barrett for the 5782 year. Please call the office at 519-969-2422 if you wish to contact any of the above.

**SIMCHAS-** Please notify the office by the 15th of each month, if you wish to have a special event in your life (simchas, life-cycle events, etc.) published in your bulletin.

**STONE DEDICATIONS & UNVEILINGS-** A Rabbi will be available to perform Unveilings and Stone Dedications. Please contact the Beth El office to make arrangements. We kindly request that you advise the office of any Unveiling dates to be announced in the Beth El bulletin (please advise us if you wish the unveiling to be private and unpublished). The office will contact the Cemetery Caretaker to make the necessary preparations at the Cemetery before the unveiling.

**SPECIAL NOTICE-** When scheduling a simcha, a Bar/Bat Mitzvah, Wedding, or Kiddush, please schedule your date first with the Rabbi, and then, after talking with the Rabbi, please confirm arrangements with the Beth El office. When holding such events please advise the office of catering details, deliveries, set-up of tables, number of guests expected, etc. so that we may avoid any misunderstandings and your event will be a pleasant one for all. Thank you for your consideration.

**SUPPORTING CONGREGATION BETH EL-** A donation to Beth El is a wonderful way to congratulate friends and family on simchas, as well as a thoughtful and meaningful way to extend condolences. A contribution card will be mailed to the recipient (minimum donation \$18). You can phone the office at 969-2422 or the office can take your requests for donations on-line (or any other request, such as names to be included on our Mi Sheberach list, yahrzeits to be read, reservations for events) through our email address: bethelwindsor@cogeco.net.

**NOTICE-** We would like to recognize the achievements of all our members, from our youngest children to our seniors. Whatever your achievement, we would like to send a hearty mazal tov to you in the Bulletin so everyone will know of your efforts! If you have a simcha, please call and provide us with details! Thank you for your cooperation.

**BAR/BAT MITZVAH-** Please call the office for further details.

**CANNABIS POLICY-** As our Members will be aware, the recreational use of Cannabis has been legalized by the Provincial Government as of October 17th, 2018. The Board of Directors considered the impact of this new legislation at their Board Meeting convened October 16th, 2018. At that time, the Board agreed that not only would the recreational use of Cannabis on Beth El property not be in keeping with the family values that Beth El aspires to, but the recreational use of Cannabis in public places is still prohibited, despite the new legislation. The Board accordingly unanimously agreed to prohibit the use of Cannabis on Beth El property, at all times. The Board asks that Members and their guests respect this decision and adhere to it fully.

**TIME TO REGATHER-** We are pleased to invite all Beth El members who are fully vaccinated against Covid-19 to join us for in-person services. We also welcome children under 12 and those who are not medically eligible to receive a vaccine at this time.

Social distancing protocols and mask mandates will be in effect. Online pre-registration is required or by contacting the Beth El office. Further details will be provided in upcoming e-blasts. If you are not fully vaccinated or are feeling unwell, we kindly ask that you enjoy services from the comfort of your home via Zoom. Zoom links will be provided.

At this time, we are reserving in-person services to Beth El members. If you know someone who is not a current member of Beth El and would like to attend services in-person, please have them contact the Beth El office by email bethelwindsor@cogeco.net or (519) 969-2422.

## CEMETERY NOTICE

The Beth El Cemetery is open:  
April - November M-F 8:00 am – 6:00 pm  
SUN 9:00am – 4:00 pm  
December - March M-F 8:00 am – 4:00 pm  
SUN 9:00 am – 6:00 pm  
Closed Shabbat and Jewish Holidays.

The gate is kept shut, with the chain and lock wrapped around to keep it closed – although the lock may not actually be locked. This is to prevent vandalism in our cemetery. If you have a problem getting in, there is a sign posted on the Shaar Cemetery fence with a phone number that may be called.



## LET US KNOW WHO IS IN THE HOSPITAL

Privacy laws do not permit the hospital to call and advise Beth El when our congregants are hospitalized.

Please remember that we cannot identify Jewish patients in the hospital unless the office is notified they are there! Bikkur Cholim or “Visiting the sick, is a very important Jewish value. In addition to the calls and visits to your ill family and friends, you can help to perform this mitzvah too.

Community Events  
January 2022



תְּבוּרָה

Save the date, attend the event and  
support your community



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## WJCC Reopening Policy

In response to the new health instructions recently issued by the Windsor-Essex County Public Health Unit, the Windsor JCC's in-person hours have changed as of Monday December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The WJCC building will now be open to the public from **9am-12pm** on **Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays**, and will be closed to the public on **Tuesdays and Thursdays**. All WJCC staff will still be available by phone or e-mail throughout the week during regular business hours. Guests will be permitted to enter the building outside of these times if arranged in advance with a staff member or Jamie McCurdy. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Dan Brotman at [dan@jewishwindsor.org](mailto:dan@jewishwindsor.org).

As part of our reopening, and with the support of our Board, we will be adhering to all provincial health regulations, including indoor mask-wearing. Above and beyond provincial regulations, we announce the following new requirement:

- In an effort to reduce the risk of exposure to COVID-19 and its variants, as of November 1st, 2021, proof of double-vaccination will be required to be shown at the front desk for any member, visitor, or guest (ages 12+) to access the WJCC premises.
- Proof of double-vaccination is the receipt or other documentation (app-based, digital photo, or hard copy) indicating the date of your second vaccine dose. An individual is considered fully vaccinated 14 days from that date. Proof of your vaccination can be downloaded from the Ontario Ministry of Health.

Please enter the building using the front door on Ouellette Avenue, where at the front desk you will be asked to write down your name, time of entry and contact number.

If you have previously shown your proof of vaccination at the front desk, you will be verified as fully vaccinated in our system and will not be required to show proof of vaccination in the future. If you need assistance entering the building or cannot enter through the front door, please call the WJCC at 519-973-1772.

If you need to make a payment, but are unable or unwilling to enter the building, please call the WJCC at 519-973-1772, and a staff member will meet you outside. For any further questions, please contact Michelle Turnbull at [michelle@jewishwindsor.org](mailto:michelle@jewishwindsor.org).

## Drop Off & Pickup your JNF Blue Box



Support JNF's mission in Building Israel Together by dropping off your full Blue box and picking up a new one! Drop off at Congregation Beth El, Congregation Shaar Hashomayim or the WJCC. Or contact us for pick up: 519-696-8733, [windsor@jnf.ca](mailto:windsor@jnf.ca). JNF Windsor Office 2525 Mark Ave. Windsor N9E 2W2

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## Federation Budget & Finance Committee Looking for Additional Members

The Windsor Jewish Federation consists of four sub-agencies: Windsor Jewish Community Centre, I.L. Peretz House Senior Citizen Corporation, Windsor Jewish Communal Projects, and United Jewish Appeal. It is the job of the Budget & Finance Committee to review the quarterly financial statements and year-end audited statements of the Federation, prior to their presentation to the Board for its approval. The Budget & Finance Committee also makes recommendations to the Board with respect to budgeting and financial planning.

Candidates should have some financial background with an understanding of financial statements and budgeting. The committee usually meets 3-5 times a year either, in-person or virtually.

If you are interested in joining the Budget & Finance Committee, please contact Executive Director Dan Brotman at [dan@jewishwindsor.org](mailto:dan@jewishwindsor.org) or its current chair, Howard Spinner

at [monarchmattress@rogers.com](mailto:monarchmattress@rogers.com)

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