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Congregation Beth El Presents:
A Musical Shabbat
with Hazzan Devorah and Cantor Tracey



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PEOPLE GO!

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27

7 PM AT

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Hazzan Devorah's Ordination

Here is the link to the page for the ordination. Please note that the link will appear the day of the event. Until then, people can read bios, make a donation, etc. And then on January 8th the link will be up on this e-blast. The time is 3pm MT, which is 5pm ET.

<https://aleph.org/aop/musmachimot-2023/>



Clergy Corner

Hazzan Devorah Tucker-Fick

A Letter For The Beth El Community in this New Year,

January marks six months since I joined you as Spiritual Leader of this absolutely wonderful community. Reflecting back on one year ago, I marvel at what a blessing I was about to receive in coming here to serve you. At the time I had no idea what was in store! At this point many of you have received an email from me for this or that, and if you have you might have noticed that I always include a quote in Hebrew at the very bottom of the email, below my signature block:

בְּטַח אֶל-יְהוָה בְּכָל-לִבְךָ וְאֶל-בִּינְתֶךָ אֶל-תִּשְׁעוֹן;
בְּכָל-דְּרָכֶיךָ דַּעְהוּ וְהוּא יִישֵׁר אַרְחֹתֶיךָ.

Occasionally someone asks me what this means, but usually it seems to go unnoticed. I assure you I did not put it there to test anyone on their Hebrew! Instead it's a statement of my own faith, and something to reflect on with you as we enter into a New Year and having accomplished a half-orbit around the sun together:

“Trust in Adonai with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him and he will make your paths straight.” (Proverbs 3:5-6)

If we all look back at the past year, we can see how things have changed in our personal lives as well as significant changes for Congregation Beth El. With the lifting of COVID restrictions we have been able to come together in person once again to celebrate our traditions and our lives and our faith. During this time we have journeyed through the High Holidays, revived our Torah Study group, prayed together, sang together, lit candles, eaten latkes, and celebrated Chanukah

with awesome food and music. We also have comforted one another at Yizkor and provided support to those who are ill and mourning.

On the Religious School scene we have a new curriculum, new teachers, and our kids are well on the way in what I hope will over time become a school that prepares them to emerge as future leaders of the Jewish community here in Windsor and beyond. They are learning tefillah (prayers), to chant Torah, Tanakh, and working on Hebrew as well as growing in Jewish identity. In this year of 2023 we will focus on ritual, and prepare 3 of them for B'nei Mitzvah.

Additionally we have some exciting programming on the horizon: An Adult Torah Chanting group, an Introduction to Judaism class, a weekly Havdalah group during the winter, and for the smallest in the community a program I'm calling “Musical Munchkins.”

I am filled with excitement for what is possible for us as we move forward into this coming year: G-d has given us the gift of this community, this faith, these traditions, and assures us that if we walk on this journey together as a Jewish community in love of G-d, Torah, and one another, our paths will be straight.

Thank you to all who work to make this community what it is. We have a wonderful Board, Ritual Committee, Friendship Circle, Volunteers, School Staff, Office Staff, Musicians, Lay Service Leaders, and those who quietly but diligently pray for us and offer words and notes and lend hands of support. Thank you all. I hope you will continue on this journey as a community into the New Year as we continue to discover all that G-d has in store for us. Here at Beth El, I am quite sure that *G-d is in this place*.

Happy New Year!

Hazzan Devorah

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January 2023
8 Tevet- 9 Shevat



Join us for Shabbat Evening Services and Torah Study

Starting the first week of January, services will return to being scheduled at 7:00 pm until at least mid-March. Also until mid-March three services per month will be on ZOOM ONLY; with the exception of the once per month service including Tracey and Michael

which will be both LIVE and on ZOOM; and will have an ONEG following.

In January, that service will be held on Friday, January 27th at 7:00 pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89989942300?pwd=OGxzMkp2WW1DM2tGSgHUL3BucWErUT09>

Meeting ID: 899 8994 2300 Passcode: 470532

Shabbat Services

Friday, January 6	7:00 p.m.-Zoom	Led by Audrey Bondy
Friday, January 13	7:00 p.m.-Zoom	Led by Hazzan Devorah
Friday, January 20	7:00 p.m.-Zoom	Led by Hazzan Devorah
Friday, January 27	7:00 p.m.-Zoom & in person	Led by Hazzan Devorah with Michael and Tracey Oneg following

At Beth El we are committed to bringing the Windsor Community Jewish Life that is egalitarian, modern, engaging, relevant and always family friendly.

This is your Jewish Home

Shabbat Shalom and may G-d bring you light and joy in this beautiful season!



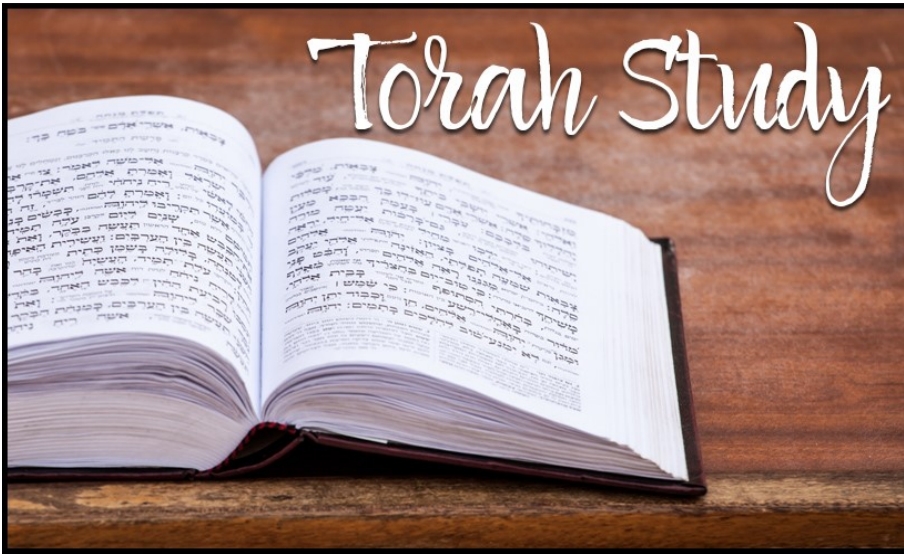
Shabbat Candle Lighting Times

January 6	4:57 pm
January 13	5:04 pm
January 20	5:12 pm
January 27	5:21 pm



Parashot-January 2023

January 7	Vayechi	ויַחֲוֶי	Genesis 47:28-50:26
January 14	Sh'mot	שְׁמוֹת	Exodus 1:1-6:1
January 21	Va-eira	וַאֲרָא	Exodus 6:2-9:35
January 28	Bo	בֵּא	Exodus 10:1-13:16



Torah Study

January 2023
February 2023

Hazzan Devorah will be leading Torah Study

Live in person (preferred) with Zoom option (if unable to attend)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87865480185?pwd=TEFCRkwzcVpWRjNBZG1EYnIFYlJidz09>

Meeting ID: 878 6548 0185

Passcode: 225560

One tap mobile

Join us at
Beth El for:

TORAH TALKS

Join us for an Interactive Torah Study and Discussion.

We meet in-person in the Beth El Chapel.

Or join by Zoom - Email Sarah at bethelwindsor@cogeco.net for the link!

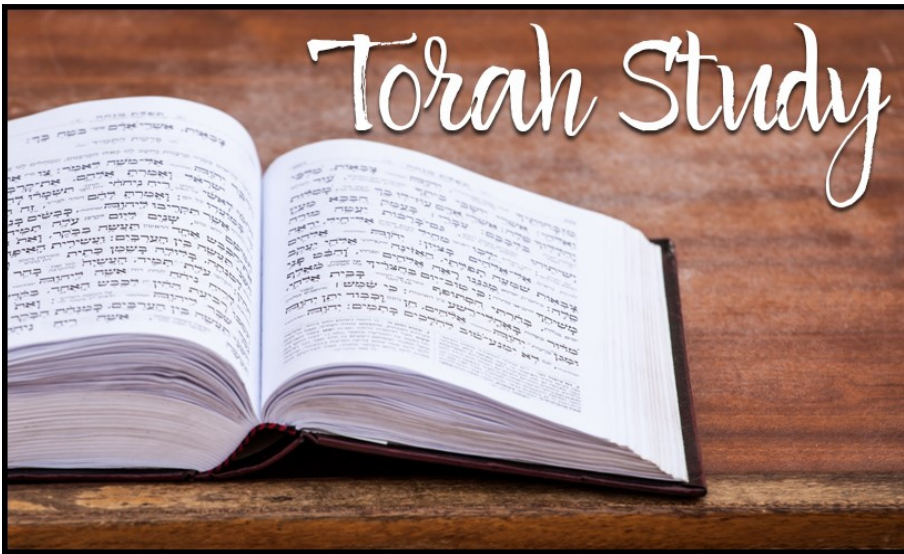
SATURDAY - JAN 21 - 10:00 AM

Parshat Va'eira: "I will take you as my own people, and I will be your G-d."

SATURDAY - FEB 17 - 10:00 AM

Parshat Mishpatim: "These are the rules that you shall set before them."





Torah Study

January 2023

Rabbi Debra Dressler (she/her) is inviting you to scheduled Zoom meetings

Topic: Torah Study

Time: Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Saturday, January 14, 2023 • 21 Tevet 5783

Saturday, January 28, 2023 • 6 Sh'vat 5783

All times 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86189376317?pwd=VEVaa2FhZ2lxVHd5NzdnbnUQvMVJvQT09>

Meeting ID: 861 8937 6317

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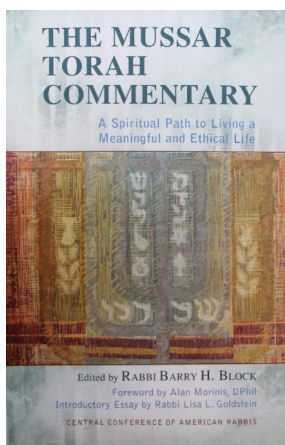
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From: [The Mussar Torah Commentary A Spiritual Path to Living a Meaningful and Ethical Life](#)

Rabbi Barry H. Block, Editor



This mussar-based commentary is a vital resource for Torah study, offering a thoughtful analysis of each of the 54 weeks. Each essay in this anthology brings a parashah into juxtaposition with one of the mussar middot (character traits as described within the Jewish school of ethics called mussar), thereby providing an applied lens of mussar teachings that helps us to delve deeper into our tradition with increased mindfulness and intention.

HELLO
January

Congregational Happenings January 2023

Congregation Beth El Invites You To

Havdalah in Pajamas

Saturday Evenings 7-7:20pm:

January 14th, 21st, 28th
February 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th
March 4th, 11th

ON ZOOM ONLY

Wear your favourite pajamas and enjoy a musical Havdalah. It's short, it's sweet, and it's comfy and warm in your home during these winter months!

Join in Hazzan
Devorah's Personal
Zoom Room:
460-456-8086

In order to ensure a safe Zoom environment, all participants will enter through a Zoom Waiting Room. Please be patient as you are admitted.

HELLO
January

Congregational Happenings

January 2023

**HAVE YOU ALWAYS
WONDERED HOW SOME
PEOPLE CAN CHANT
TORAH FROM THE
SCROLL? IT LOOKS FUN,
RIGHT?**

**Well here's the
truth: It is SUPER
fun and YOU can
learn to do it too!**

****THIS CLASS IS FOR ADULTS WHO CAN READ
HEBREW AT AN INTERMEDIATE LEVEL OR BETTER. IF
YOU ARE UNSURE OF YOUR HEBREW READING LEVEL,
PLEASE ASK HAZZAN DEVORAH--SHE CAN ASSESS
YOU AND GET YOUR READING UP TO SPEED IF NEED BE!**



**Torah Chanting Class will meet once a week
for 6 weeks on ZOOM!**

There will be 2 sections

**Thursdays: 7-8pm (Jan 26, Feb 2, 9, 16, 23,
and March 2)**

**Fridays: 11am-Noon (Jan 27, Feb 3, 10, 17, 24,
and March 3)**

**Cost: FREE for Beth El Members, \$72 for
Non-Members**

**Contact Hazzan Devorah if you are interested:
devorah@bethelwindsor.org**

HELLO
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Congregational Happenings January 2023

Are You Considering Judaism?

Do you want to learn
more but don't know
where to start?

We can help!

An Introduction to Judaism Class at
Congregation Beth El
may be right for you if:

You are curious about Judaism and want
to learn more

OR

You feel drawn to Judaism and are curious
about conversion

OR

You are Jewish but would like to brush up
on some of the basics

OR

You are part of an interfaith family and
want to be more involved

OR

(Insert YOUR Reason Here! There are
endless possibilities!)

An Introduction To
Judaism Class at
Congregation Beth El
is forming soon!

If you are interested in
learning more
about Judaism, please let
Hazzan Devorah know:
devorah@bethelwindsor.org

Save the Date!

Sunday, January 8, 2023

Hazzan Devorah ordination

Friday, February 3, 2023

Shabbat Shirah

Monday, February 6, 2023

Tu Bi'Shevat

Tuesday, March 7, 2023

Purim

Wednesday, April 5, 2023

First night of Passover

Thursday, April 6, 2023

Second night of Passover

Congregation Beth El Second Seder

Tuesday, April 18, 2023

Yom Hashoah

Monday-Thursday April 24-27

Windsor Jewish Film Festival

Tuesday, April 25, 2023

Yom Hazikaron

Wednesday, April 26, 2023

Yom Ha'atzmaut

Save
the
Date



Congregational Happenings January 2023

Hazzan Devorah will have her ordination as a Cantor on Sunday, January 8th at 5:00 pm. The ceremony will be held in Denver, Colorado, but you will be able if you wish to livestream from the following link:

<https://aleph.org/aop/musmachimot-2023/>

A big Mazel Tov from the entire congregation and The Windsor Jewish Community



Our deepest thanks to the following:

Audrey Bondy and Harvey Kessler for generously sharing their time leading services.



Board of Directors Meeting January 17 7:00 pm

A REMINDER

Tax receipts for 2022 will be mailed out to you by February 28, 2023



Office Closures in January January 2



Temple Beth El

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Congregational Happenings January 2023

From The Friendship Circle

We did it! Our shul WAS Hanukkah central for a good part of December. There were decorations and treasures to be purchased, delicious and comforting food to be eaten. An overwhelming feeling of community, of belonging.

We did it as a village, with so many of our members coming together to make it happen. A very special thank you to Marilee Marcotte, our “go to” buyer of all things adorable and tasteful. To Diane Ruben, for always knowing what is needed, and just doing it. To Bethe Jarcaig, for being Bethe and all the wonderful that goes with that, if you know her, you just know. To Mary Zaltz for her delicious soup, wisdom and support. To Sandi Malowitz, who is always so involved, the champion of our community, in everything she does. To Audrey Bondy, who gives her heart and time without fail, thank-you!

Thank you to Jim Fick, who quietly, low key, got things done, welcome to our family and to Canada!

There was a definite sense of something, a turning of a new leaf, for our temple family and beyond. Suddenly we were the “cool” happening place to be. The Hanukkah dinner just sparkled, it was as equally bright as the candles we lit on our menorahs.

People ate, people talked, there were adorable children, there was singing and a little dancing! You wanted to be there, you needed to be there! That building at the end of Mark Avenue was smiling. Thank you to each and every one of you, who came to the Hanukkah Market, celebrated at the dinner, for making our temple feel like home.

As we look ahead to 2023, we hope to continue the momentum. Your Friendship Circle, has become the “unofficial” social committee and Sisterhood. Karen Rosen, because of you! We promise some fun things and some mitzvahs in the coming year. Wishing you a happy, healthy and spiritual year ahead.

REGULAR HOT KOSHER FOOD Returns to Windsor!

Every Monday from 12-3pm, starting January 9th, 2023

We will be offering hot kosher meals, catered by Shira Fish from Oak Park, in the restaurant attached to the Peretz House. Shira will also be delivering pre-ordered, kosher takeout meals, which can be frozen and eaten throughout the week.

If you are interested in sitting down for a hot lunch on Mondays or ordering takeout meals for the rest of the week, please [CLICK HERE](#).

Every Monday, we will send out an e-mail and post on our social media the menu and link to the registration page for the following week. All orders must be placed on Eventbrite by 3pm every Thursday.

HOT MEALS FOR MONDAY JANUARY 9, 2023

- Triple Decker Corned Beef Special** (\$20)
A Jewish deli classic piled high with sliced corned beef, coleslaw, pickles and Russian dressing sandwiched between 3 slices of rye.
- Vegan Lobster Sandwich** (\$20)
Hearts of palm & chickpea mash, flavoured with cilantro lime and seafood spice. Served on Everything ciabatta rolls with nori and mixed greens.
- Deli Salad** (\$20)
Base of fresh romaine lettuce, marinated cabbage and carrots, tomatoes, cucumbers and shredded corned beef served with a Russian dressing.
- Cup of Mushroom Barley Soup** (\$3) | **Bowl of Mushroom Barley Soup** (\$5) | **Potato Knish** (\$3)
- Dessert** (\$3)
3 sugar cookies OR 1 Chocolate Danish
- Beverages**
Coffee or tea (\$2) | Cream soda or Root beer (\$2.75) | Water bottles (\$1)

About Shira Fish
Growing up in Toronto, Shira Fish always enjoyed cooking with her Jamaican family. As a busy mother of six, she began utilizing her skills as a behaviour analyst to create rotating menus for her children that satisfy even the pickiest of eaters. In early 2022, Shira began cooking for a sick friend to help her meet her nutritional needs. What started as one friend helping another quickly grew into a growing business, as she saw that there was a need to provide high-quality, kosher food to those who need support making themselves a priority.
Focusing on healthy, clean, and delicious food, Shira offers a rotating weekly menu of perfectly portioned lunches. In addition, customizable meals are available for those with very specific dietary needs and goals.



If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out to Joe Schnayer at joe@jewishwindsor.org or at 519-973-1772, ext. 225.

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Religious School "And you Shall Teach Them Diligently To Your Children"

News

bahm v'dee-bar-ta l'va-ne-cha v'shi-nan-tahm
וְשִׁנַּנְתֶּם לְבָנֵיכֶם, וְדַבַּרְתֶּם בָּם,

News From Congregation Beth El's Religious School December 2022



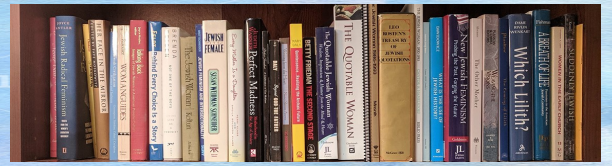
This month in addition to our normal studies, we learned about traditional Chanukah foods, kashrut (kosher food laws), and made a Chanukah lunch for our families. There were also some games of dreidel in the mix!



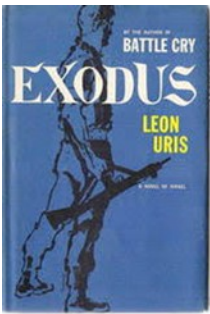
Many thanks to Breakaway Gaming for allowing us to work bingos to raise funds for the Beth El Religious School expenses

Jewish Book Club

Sponsored by Congregation Beth El



Exodus by Leon Uris (part 2)



It's a good thing that the Book Club is giving itself until mid-January to read the book because as noted last month, it's easy to read but very long. A huge best-seller at its release in 1958, and inspiration for a three-and-a-half-hour blockbuster movie in 1960, it is credited with forming the North American and European narrative of Israel's birth and inspiring Jewish consciousness in the Soviet Union. Even though the book is largely forgotten today, it will be a very worthwhile experience to read or re-read the book 64 years later. Even at publication, Nobel Prize winning Jewish writer Saul Bellow admitted that while some reviewers feel that the book was not of high literary caliber, it was nonetheless effective as a document: "We need such documents now," he said.

At this point, then, our consideration is bound to be historical and rhetorical as well as the degree of pleasure derived from reading.

I have quoted some sentences from JStreet journalist Alan Elsner's long article in HuffPost ten years ago titled "Re-reading Leon Uris' 'Exodus'":

I recently reread Leon Uris' novel Exodus -- and found it disturbing and unsettling in many ways.

I first read the book in 1970 around the time of my first visit to Israel and fell in love both with the book and the country. I was swept away by the romance of the story, entranced by the characters and identified strongly with the Jews struggling to establish their homeland against tremendous odds...Exodus is credited with setting the tone for international press coverage of the Six Day War and helping to inspire a Jewish revival among Soviet Jews, prompting them to oppose the communist regime and demand the right to emigrate to Israel. It made Jews around the world proud. It provides the background music to the enduring love affair between American Jews and Israel... Exodus begins in British-occupied Cyprus. Thousands of Jewish survivors of the Nazis striving to emigrate to Israel have been herded into squalid refugee camps surrounded by barbed wire....From the initial scene-setting in Cyprus, Uris takes readers through a series of extended flashbacks that cover the history of Zionism, the settling of the Land of Israel and the development of the Palmach and the Hagenah as well as the Irgun. Other flashbacks describe various aspects of the Holocaust including the rescue of Danish Jewry, the Warsaw ghetto uprising and the workings of Nazi extermination camps....Uris shamelessly invented events, which are presented as if they were historical. Given the choice between the facts and the legend, he always went for the legend -- which he made up in the first place.... Despite its many faults, Exodus still packs an emotional wallop. A few times, I felt myself responding, just as I had when I first read it as a 16-year-old. The sheer narrative thrust and energy leading to the climactic moments where Israel is reborn as a state moved me. **We need to remember that story and not take the creation of Israel for granted and for that purpose, Exodus still has a role to play.**



And it is with Elsner's final sentence that I invite you all to join us when we meet.

The Book Club will meet on Zoom on January 11th at 7:00 PM

Mishpacha-Our Congregational Family
Mazel Tov and Best Wishes



מזל טוב



To those celebrating anniversaries in January

There are no anniversaries in January

To those celebrating birthdays in January

- 3 Kevin Davis
- 5 Morgan Nicole Miller
- 6 Karen Rosen
- 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 -
R'fuah Sh'leimah
A complete healing to:



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|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| Dorothy Buckhalter | Hannah Levin | Nina Zlotnik | Tony Lee |
| Valerie Horner | Mildred Silver | Morton Kaplan | Cindy Jeris |
| Jackie Farrell | Rona Paquette | Rabbi Jeffrey Ableser | Jennifer Karmona |
| Louise Ziff | Miriam Schnayer | Tamara Fishman | John Farrell |
| Rita Karp | Avraham Labe | Martin Gene | Bonnie Levine |
| Richard McGuinty | Marla Rivard | Lindsay Martin | Burton Pazner |
| Michael Ricketts | Kathy Selby | Kevin Killop | Klara Lobatch |
| | Igor Kurganska | Maiia Klaz | Mark Morrison |

מִי שְׁבֵרַךְ אֲבוֹתֵנוּ
מִקּוֹר הַבְּרָכָה לְאִמּוֹתֵנוּ.

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 2023



May their memories always be for a blessing

זייל Zichronam L'vracha - We remember

1	BETSY WOOLF	17	JEFFREY WEINER
1	MARY ZOMBARI	17	PAULINE ESTHER FINE
1	NORMAN LESANSKY	17	DASHA LOBATCH
3	MANIA JARCAIG	18	PHILIP SCHOMBERGER
3	ROBIN ZLOTNIK	19	HARRY RUBIN
4	AUDREY BLACHER	19	FANNY BRODSKY
4	DR. MORTON HOCHMAN	20	MARTIN GOLDBERG
6	HAROLD LEWIS	20	RACHEL RAE AZEFF
6	MURIEL FENWICK	23	NORM KATZ
6	MILA RIPP	23	IRVING GOLDHAR
7	MELVIN ROSENBERG	23	ESTHER SILVER
7	ROBERT ROSENBERG	24	YITZHAK JONAS
8	IDA KATZMAN	24	HYMAN TAUB
8	EVA GOLDBERG	24	DAVID PEARL
9	FREDA JOFFE	25	PAULINE BOOKSPAN
9	JOSEPH TENCER	25	DIANE SILVERSTEIN
10	GERTRUDE WEINGARDEN	26	ABRAHAM BEN ZION LANTZMAN
10	GEORGE WEINGARDEN	26	MOSHE KLEINPLATZ
10	ORVILLE MARCOTTE	26	PIFFE KLEINPLATZ
11	JACK WALD	26	DAVID GOLDSTEIN
11	DAVID DUNCAN	27	EVA KAHN
13	MARTIN "BUDDY" WUNDER	27	LOUIS WAGNER
13	HEINRICH (HENRY) DINNENDAHL	27	TOVA KIMYAGAROV
13	SIDNEY KASPER	28	CHARLOTTE BURNSTEIN
14	JENNY RUBIN	29	DAVID WEINGARDEN
15	PATRICK LEATHORN	29	ESTHER ROSEN
15	IDA RESNICK	31	SYDNEY ATIN

Our Congregation mourns and condolences are extended to:

Cathy Morrison and the Morrison family on the loss of her beloved mother.

To Miriam Gifford and family on the loss of their beloved husband and father, David.



Rabbi Ann Folb (wife of Rabbi Howard Folb, Rabbi 1985-1993 in Windsor, ON until his passing March 4, 1998) will be laid to rest on Saturday May 27, 2pm in Fairlawn, OH at Rose Hill Burial Park. Her ashes will be laid beside her husband. The unveiling will be the following day Sunday May 28, 11am.

In the rising of the sun and in its going down, **We remember them.**
In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter, **We remember them.**

Tzedakah January 2023



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.

Jane & Sam Freed Memorial Fund

In honour of Jerry Alexis on the marriage of his granddaughter Lindsay to Brett by: Cheryl & Michael Blacher & family.

Friendship Circle Fund

Speedy recovery wishes to Lanny Joffe by: Sarah Shklov.

Good health wishes to Joanne Polsky by: Charles & Karen Rosen.

In memory of the 2nd yahrzeit of Suzanne Selby by: Dr. Stuart Selby.

Aaron & Fran Katzman Endowment Fund

Happy Birthday wishes to Bill Tepperman by: Fred & Marcey Katzman.

Congratulations to Bill & Rochelle Tepperman on their 60th Wedding Anniversary by: Fred & Marcey Katzman.

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In honour of Ian & Shelley Alexis on the marriage of their daughter Lindsay to Brett by: Cheryl & Michael Blacher.

In recognition of the accomplishments of Rosemary Selby by: Dr. Stuart Selby.

Cantor Sidney Resnick Memorial Music Fund

Wishing Vicki & Dan Horowitz a good move to a new home by: Dr. Stuart Selby.

Speedy recovery wishes to Michael Ricketts by: Lanny Joffe & Stephen Kurtz; Sarah Shklov.

Harold Taub Scholastic Memorial Fund

Speedy recovery wishes to Lanny Joffe by: Paula Taub.

Honouring Rochelle & Bill Tepperman on their 60th Wedding Anniversary by: Paula Taub.

*Ensure Jewish tomorrows at Congregation Beth El with a Legacy gift
bethelwindsor.ca/life-legacy*

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)

Vayechi

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[Jacob] Lived

Genesis 47:28-50:26

January 7, 2023

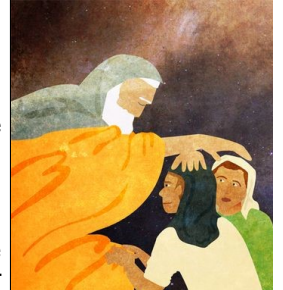
Jacob blesses his grandchildren Ephraim and Manasseh. (48:1-20)

Jacob's twelve sons gather around his deathbed, and each receives an evaluation and a prediction of his future. (49:1-33)

Joseph mourns his father's death and has Jacob embalmed. Jacob is buried in Hebron in the cave of the field of the Machpelah in the land of Canaan. (50:1-14)

Joseph assures his concerned brothers that he has forgiven them and promises to care for them and their families. (50:15-21)

Just before he dies, Joseph tells his brothers that God will return them to the Land that God promised to the patriarchs. The Children of Israel promise Joseph that they will take his bones with them when they leave Egypt. (50:22-26)



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Names

Exodus 1:1-6:1

January 14, 2023

The new king of Egypt makes slaves of the Hebrews and orders their male children to be drowned in the Nile River. (1:1-22)

A Levite woman places her son, Moses, in a basket on the Nile, where he is found by the daughter of Pharaoh and raised in Pharaoh's house. (2:1-10)

Moses flees to Midian after killing an Egyptian. (2:11-15)

Moses marries Zipporah, the daughter of Midian's priest. They have a son named Gershom. (2:16-22)

God calls Moses from a burning bush and commissions him to free the Israelites from Egypt. (3:1-4:17)

Moses and Aaron request permission from Pharaoh for the Israelites to celebrate a festival in the wilderness. Pharaoh refuses and makes life even harder for the Israelites. (5:1-23)



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I (God) Appeared [to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob] Exodus 6:2-9:35

January 21, 2023

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)



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Go to [Pharaoh]

Exodus 10:1-13:16

January 28, 2023

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)



Events and Announcements For Your Information

RABBINIC SERVICES- Congregation Beth El is pleased to be working with Hazzan Devorah Tucker-Fick and Rabbi Emeritus Jeffrey Ableser for the 5783 year. Please call the office at 519-969-2422 if you wish to contact either 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.

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

Due to privacy laws; we are only advised if someone is ill or in the hospital if family or friends call and let us know. If a member is struggling and needs a visit or other help, please call the office at 519-969-2422, or after hours or an emergency contact Sarah at 519-991-3471.

There are members of our community who will visit the sick, but we need access to the information.

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.

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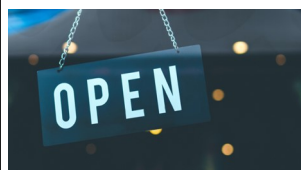
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A program of the HAROLD GRINSPOON FOUNDATION

The WJCC is thrilled to announce its participation in the LIFE & LEGACY® program. To make this program happen The Jewish Community Endowment Fund of Windsor (JCEFW) is partnering with the Harold Grinspoon Foundation (HGF) to help start a community-wide legacy giving program, creating a shared goal for the organizations to work toward. As a part of the collaboration, JCEFW will partner with the WJCC, Congregation Beth El, Congregation Shaar Hashomayim and Windsor Chabad as a part of the four-year program that provides coaching, training, and incentive grants to ensure that legacy giving becomes integrated in the philanthropic culture of the community.

If you would like to learn more about Windsor's Life & Legacy program, please contact Windsor's Life & Legacy Coordinator Richie Kamen at richard@jewishwindsor.org or (519) 973-1772 (227)



The Windsor JCC is open. Please go to www.jewishwindsor.org for programming information, hours of operation and the events calendar. Exciting new programs are under development and will be announced when ready.

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The Windsor Jewish Federation & Community Centre Presents

THE HISTORY AND CULTURE OF BUKHARIAN JEWS

Led by Ruben Shimonov



January 11, 2023 | 7pm

Bukharian Jews hail from the Central Asia region in the modern-day lands of Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, and Kazakhstan. If you are interested in learning more about who they are, their history and what their cultural practices are, make sure you come to the Windsor JCC on Wednesday, January 11th at 7pm for a riveting discussion led by Bukharian Jew, Ruben Shimonov.

Location: Windsor Jewish Community Centre | 1641 Ouellette Avenue | Windsor



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If you have any questions about this event or would like to RSVP, please reach out to Joe Schnayer at joe@jewishwindsor.org or at (519) 973-1772 ext. 225.

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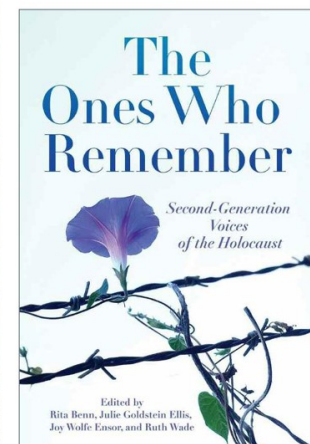
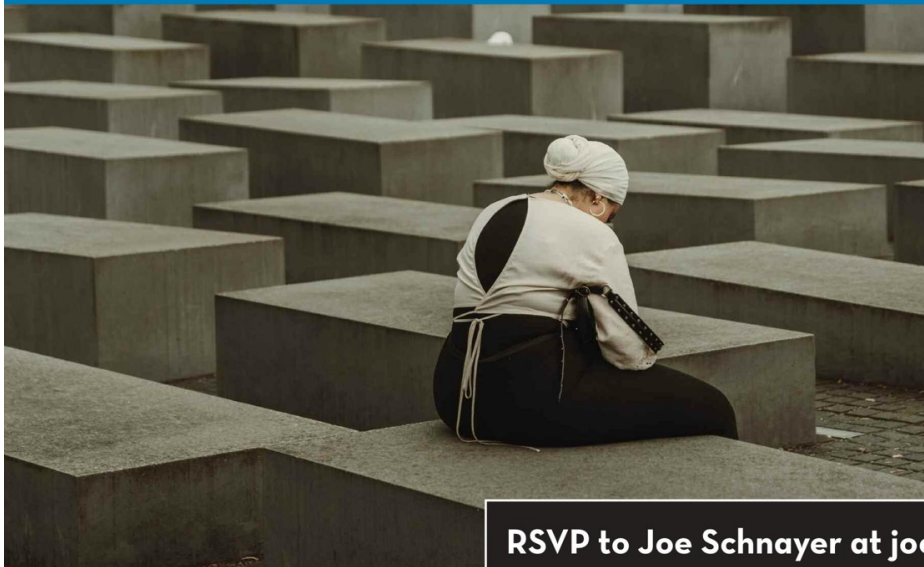
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SECOND GENERATION VOICES OF THE HOLOCAUST

January 18th, 2023 | 7pm



RSVP to Joe Schnayer at joe@jewishwindsor.org

The Holocaust has influenced virtually every Jewish person on the planet in one way or another. As time goes on, many of the people who were alive during the Holocaust continue to pass away, but the trauma of genocide has unfortunately, made its way into the second and even third generation. On Wednesday, January 18th, 2023, at 7pm the Windsor Jewish Federation will be welcoming the authors from the book "The Ones Who Remember: Second-Generation Voices of the Holocaust", to discuss and share readings from their book as well as how the authors came together to write the book and their experiences as second-generation Holocaust survivors. The authors will be bringing copies of the books to this event for those who wish to buy a copy after the session. In addition, for those who already own the book, you may bring it in to have the authors sign it. 10\$ per person, cash at the door

Location: Windsor Jewish Community Centre | 1641 Ouellette Avenue | Windsor



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Senior Social Club

The Windsor Jewish Federation is excited to announce that we will be introducing a senior social club beginning in February 2023 for seniors (55+) at the Windsor JCC on the first Monday of every month at noon. Each club meeting will include lunch and soft drinks and will cost \$10 per person (cash only at the door). The first club meeting will be on Monday, February 6th at noon, followed by March 6th, April 3rd and so on, (first Monday of every month).

Location: Windsor Jewish Community Centre | 1641 Ouellette Avenue | Windsor

To be able to attend you must RSVP to Joe Schnayer at joe@jewishwindsor.org or at (519) 973-1772 ext. 225.



Free, One on One Computer Classes For Anyone 65 Years of Age or Older

Does your keyboard have you kvetching? Mouse make you meshuggeneh? Thanks to a generous grant from the New Horizons Senior Program, The Windsor Jewish Federation will begin offering FREE, ONE ON ONE Computer Classes with our IT Consultant, Nick MacPherson for community members 65 and up.

For more information and to register please contact Joe Schnayer at joe@jewishwindsor.org or at (519) 973-1772 ext. 225.

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A National Reckoning of the Soul:

A Call to the Churches of the United States to Confront the Crisis of Antisemitism

The United States is facing the greatest crisis of public antisemitism in a century. Prominent figures—entertainers, athletes, media personalities, politicians—are using twenty-first century technologies to spread antisemitic lies and conspiracies to millions of people. So-called “Christian” nationalists openly declare that true Christians hate Jews. Jews are being verbally and physically abused in the streets, vilified in social media, attacked on campuses, and assaulted and shot in their synagogues. “The tragic reality [is] that the Jewish community uniquely ends up on the receiving end of hate-fueled attacks from all sides,” FBI Director Christopher Wray recently said, adding that sixty-three percent of religious hate crimes in the country target Jewish people, who make up only 2.4 percent of the American population. As centers comprised of Jewish, Christian, and Muslim scholars and educators dedicated to studying the history of Christian-Jewish relations and to promoting interreligious enrichment and solidarity, the Council of Centers on Christian-Jewish Relations (CCJR) is increasingly alarmed that we may be witnessing the normalization of antisemitism in American discourse, which recalls events that happened in Germany when the Nazis rose to power in the 1930s. History also shows that the dehumanization of one minority group is often accompanied by the dehumanization of other minorities, as is happening today as well. Many people are unaware that since the Second World War, the majority of Christian churches have affirmed that Jews remain beloved of God because “the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable” (Romans 11:29). In numerous official documents, they have recognized Jews as brothers and sisters in covenant with God and urged dialogue and collaboration (see CCJR’s online library Dialogika at www.ccjr.us). We are living in a strange time when there is both a blessed and growing friendship between Christians and Jews alongside a resurgence of antisemitism and neo-Nazism.

The CCJR unanimously issues this urgent “Call to the Churches” to take concrete actions at this critical moment. While we affirm the religiously plural character of the United States, we also recognize that Christianity is the cultural backdrop for issues of religion in our country. We implore all churches to redouble their efforts to denounce antisemitism publicly as antithetical to the very essence of Christianity itself. We appeal to preachers and teachers to reiterate that hatred of Jews is a sin against God and humanity, violating Jesus’ admonition to love our neighbors as ourselves (Mark 12:31)—significantly, a command from the Torah (Leviticus 19:18). We urge them to encourage their communities to speak out strongly against antisemitism when they encounter it and provide them with strategies to do so. We plead for the churches and individual Christians to deepen or develop partnerships with Jews and Jewish communities to further interreligious solidarity. We encourage Christian worship that emphasizes the common mission of Jews and Christians to give witness to God in the world. There is a further profound reason why all this is morally obligatory for Christians. As students of history, we know that the roots of modern antisemitism and associated conspiracy theories grew out of Christian libels perpetuated against Jews in medieval Europe and out of centuries of Christian religious teaching of contempt for Jews. In Nazi Germany, certain theologians went so far as to call for the “de-Judaization of Christianity,” with some even arguing that Jesus himself was not really a Jew, but an “Aryan.” As many recent official church statements have observed, this anti-Jewish legacy weakened resistance to Nazism even among those Christians who discerned the sacrilegious nature of antisemitism. Since the long habit of denigrating Jews as blind or faithless is not quickly unlearned, the CCJR believes that Christians today need to examine their own consciences, what ancient Jewish tradition calls *cheshbon hanefesh*, a reckoning of the soul. At this crucial time, as in the past, there is a danger that preachers and teachers might inadvertently reinforce an image of Jesus as “outside” Judaism—or worse: as somehow opposed to the spiritual traditions of his own people. This could leave Christian congregations susceptible to the divisive anti-Jewish propaganda echoing all around them. Therefore, we offer these questions for self reflection in Christian communities: • Do we think about Jesus as if he were an outsider to Judaism, or as a Jew devoted to the Torah and its proper interpretation? • Do we contrast the teachings of Jesus with the Old Testament as if his own spirituality was not inspired by those sacred texts? • Do we conceive of the crucifixion as primarily motivated by Jewish figures or as a Roman execution of one more Jew among the thousands of Jews crucified by Rome? Contemplating these questions with a focus on historical accuracy highlights the Jewish identity of Jesus. This effectively counteracts the subversion of Christian faith by self-declared “Christian” haters of Jews. We entreat the churches to look inward by examining their preaching, teaching, and theologies to eliminate any traces of anti-Jewish sentiments and look outward to act and speak against all forms of antisemitism they encounter. We ask Christians to reach out to their Jewish neighbors in solidarity and friendship and so follow the scriptural admonition: “let them shun evil and do good; let them seek amity and pursue it” (Psalm 34:12, 14; 1 Peter 3: 10-11).

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