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**Beth El Windsor and Beth El Flint Bring You:
Sermon In Song Featuring Cantorial Soloist Tracey Atin
With Rabbi Jeff Ableser and Hazzan Devorah Fick**



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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3 - 7:30 PM

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Worship and Spirituality



"Lord Prepare Me To Be A Sanctuary"
A Musical Shabbat
with Hazzan Devorah
Cantor Tracey
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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24 - 7 PM
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In Honour Of The Yahrzeit Of Her Brother,
Sheldon Indig, z"l

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Clergy Corner

Hazzan Devorah Tucker-Fick

וַעֲשׂוּ לִי מִקְדָּשׁ וְשָׁכַנְתִּי בְּתוֹכָם

“And let them make for me a Sanctuary

That I may dwell among them.”

It's February, the Month of Love: candy hearts and chocolates and Valentine's Day. And naturally...Parshat Terumah, G-d's call for the newly freed Israelites to build the Tabernacle, the place where G-d would dwell among them—Torah's great example of Divine Love.

I know what you're thinking: Valentine's Day and the instructions for the building of the Tabernacle have nothing to do with each other! But hear me out—I do believe they are related.

A couple of months ago I was approached by two members of our congregation who had purchased mezuzot for their homes. “We bought these and want to put them on our door frames, but we don't know the mezuzah prayer. Can you teach it to us? And can you tell us what this is actually supposed to be about? Is it a house blessing? It seems like maybe it's more than that?”

My response was to quote the V'ahavta:

“Hear, O Israel, the Lord is our G-d, the Lord is One: You shall love the Lord your G-d with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your might. Take to heart these instructions with which I charge you this day. Teach them to your children. Recite them when you stay at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you get up. **Bind them as a sign on your hand and let them serve as a symbol on your forehead; inscribe them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.**”

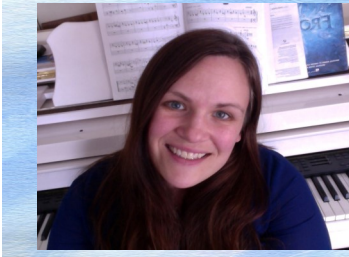
If you look closely at the part in bold, you might notice that there are actually two related mitzvot in this text: mezuzah and tefillin. They are related in a couple of ways:

- 1) Both ritual objects contain within them the Shema and V'ahavta (Deuteronomy 6:4-9) written on pieces of parchment, and
- 2) Both are meant to be affixed to a dwelling: mezuzah to the rooms where we live, eat, sleep, procreate, work, and worship; and tefillin to the dwelling of our heart, mind, soul, and hand (our ability to affect physical action).

Parshat Terumah tells of G-d sharing with Moses the plan for the building of the mishkan, the portable Tabernacle: “And let them make for me a Sanctuary, that I may dwell among them.” This development in our relationship with G-d in Torah suddenly is very personal and real. The Divine is no longer a force or voice to witness and fear, but has moved into physical community “with them” (us). Eventually this makom, or place of dwelling, leads to the Holy of Holies of the two Temples in Jerusalem. From the time of the mishkan in the wilderness until the destruction of Herod's Temple in CE 70, the Jewish people could look to a place of Divine Presence in the world. It was clear: G-d dwelt among us, in G-d's Sanctuary, in G-d's Holy Place.

The destruction of the Temple by the Romans changed all of that, taking the dwelling Divine Presence from us.

Or did it?



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In the aftermath of the destruction of the Temple, in the construction of the Rabbinic Judaism we now know and embrace and live, it seems that the Jewish People realized that we can find dwelling places for G-d outside of a Temple—we remembered the words of G-d in the wilderness, this time not the commandment to build a physical dwelling, but instead the two mitzvot we find in our V'ahavta: "...love the Lord your G-d with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your might. Take to heart these instructions... Bind them as a sign on your hand and let them serve as a symbol on your forehead; inscribe them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates."

By placing these signs on our dwelling places, we create a mishkan in every home, in the places we pray and come together, and where we work—wherever we may be. And when Jewish men and women lay tefillin, we bind these as a sign onto the dwelling places of our souls; we allow G-d to dwell in us, making ourselves, for G-d, into a living and breathing mishkan. These mitzvot are a sign and reminder that the Divine Presence dwells in each one of us, and in the ruach (wind) between each of us. We know in the absence of the mishkan that the Divine Spirit didn't leave us, but instead moved into our hearts and minds and revealed that WE—not buildings—are the mishkan. Our calling is to show up with open hearts, ready to serve and love and care for one another and the world we live in.

This month as we give and receive tokens of love, I encourage you to look deeply into the hearts of one another and remember that Divine one dwells within each one of us, not only in February but in every month of our lives.

With love to you all,

Hazzan Devorah



Did you know?

The mitzvah of "laying" or "wrapping" tefillin fell out of popular practice for many decades in progressive Jewish circles, but recently has become much more mainstream, as non-Orthodox Jews (yes, even Reform!) have reclaimed it. And for the first time in Jewish history, the practice of laying tefillin has grown amongst women. This photo (used with permission) shows Rabbinical students at Hebrew College saying their weekday morning prayers while laying tefillin. Hebrew College is a progressive, egalitarian seminary near Boston, MA, USA. (Photo Credit: Dena Trugman/via Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

בְּטַח אֶל-יְהוָה בְּכָל-לִבְךָ וְאֶל-בִּינְתֶךָ אֶל-תִּשְׁעוֹן;
בְּכָל-דַּרְכֶיךָ דַּעְהוּ וְהוּא יִישֵׁר אַרְחֻתֶיךָ.



February 2023

10 Shevat - 7 Adar



Join us for Shabbat Evening Services and Torah Study

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.

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

Meeting ID: 899 8994 2300 Passcode: 470532

Shabbat AT Beth El:

Fri., Feb 3 @7:30pm - Cantorial Soloist Tracey Atin takes her "Sermon in Song" on the road to Flint - Joined by Rabbi Jeff Ableser and Hazzan Devorah Fick (Zoom Only)

Fri., Feb. 10 @7pm - Led by Harvey Kessler (Zoom Only)

Fri., Feb. 17 @7pm - Led by Hazzan Devorah Fick (Zoom Only)

Friday Feb. 24 @7pm - A Musical Shabbat: "Lord Prepare Me To Be A Sanctuary" Led by Hazzan Devorah and Cantor Tracey with Accompanist Michael Ricketts - Oneg sponsored by Baila and Mitchell Dietrich in honour of the Yahrzeit of Sheldon Indig, z'l (Live In-Person and On Zoom)



At Congregation Beth El we are Committed to Bringing The Windsor Community Jewish Life that is Egalitarian, Modern, Engaging, Relevant, & Always Family Friendly.

This is Your Jewish Home!

Shabbat Shalom, and May you know the Presence and Love of G-d in your Life and in this Community.

Shabbat Candle

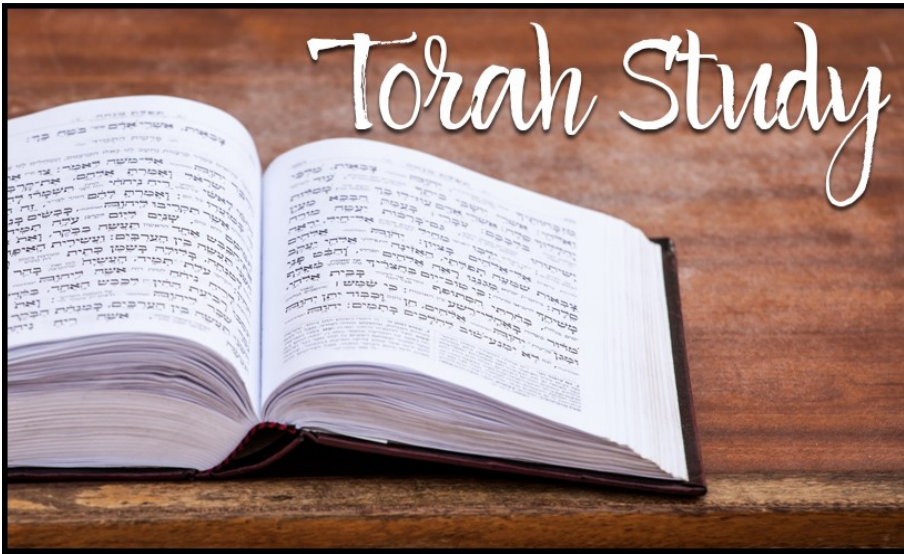
Lighting Times

February 3	5:30 pm
February 10	5:39 pm
February 17	5:48 pm
February 24	5:57 pm



Parashot-February 2023

February 4	B'shalach	בְּשַׁלַּח	Exodus 13:17-17:16
February 11	Yitro	יִתְרוֹ	Exodus 18:1-20:23
February 18	Mishpatim	מִשְׁפָּטִים	Exodus 21:1-24:18
February 25	T'rumah	תְּרוּמָה	Exodus 25:1-27:19



Torah Study

February 2023
March 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

Come for our interactive Torah Study and Discussion where there is always Coffee and Tea
(and occasionally some Timbits)

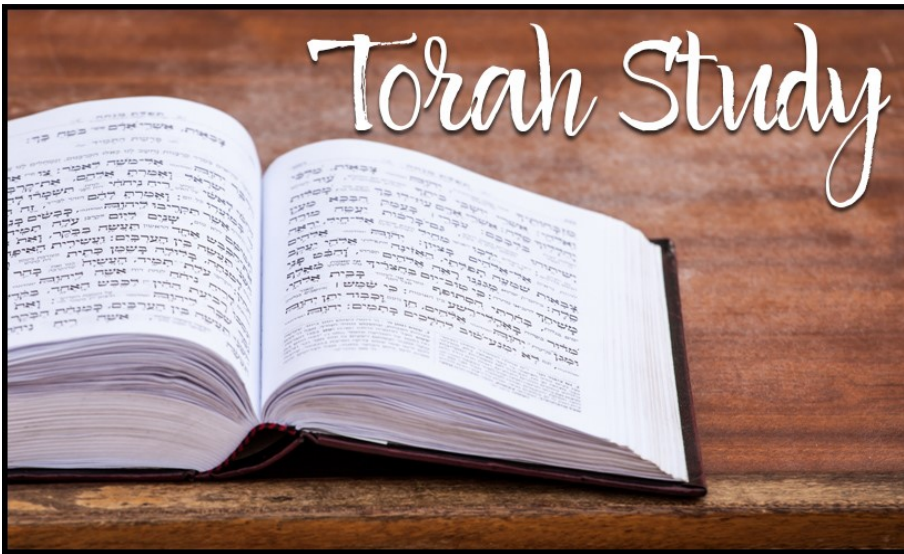
We meet in-person in the Beth El Chapel and on Zoom: email bethelwindsor@cogeco.net for the link!

Saturday - Feb 18th - 10:00 AM:

PARSHAT MISHPATIM: "THESE ARE THE RULES THAT YOU SHALL SET BEFORE THEM."

Saturday - Mar 18th - 10:00 AM

PARSHAT VAYAKHEL-PEKUDEI: "TAKE FROM AMONG YOU GIFTS TO THE LORD;
EVERYONE WHOSE HEART IS SO MOVED SHALL BRING THEM."



Torah Study

February 2023

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

Topic: Torah Study
Time: Eastern Time (US and Canada)
All times 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86189376317?pwd=VEVaa2FxZ2lxVHd5NzdnbnUQvMVJvQT09>

Meeting ID: 861 8937 6317

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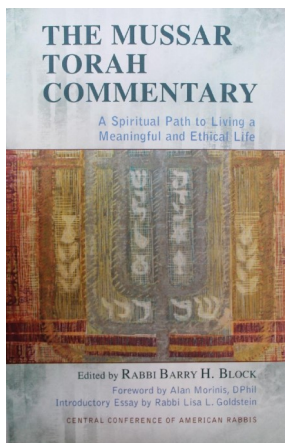
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From: [*The Mussar Torah Commentary A Spiritual Path to Living a Meaningful and Ethical Life*](#)

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.



Congregational Happenings

February 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.



Congregational Happenings

February 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**



Congregational Happenings

February 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!

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|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 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 |





Congregational Happenings February 2023

Celebration Luncheon in honor of Hazzan Devorah's Ordination



Special Thank You



To those that arranged and those that sponsored this event:

Sponsors

- Bill Botton
- Jori & Lawrence Pazner
- Charles and Karen Rosen
- Dr. Reuben and Aviva Schnayer

Donors

- Brenda Cohen
- Baila & Mitchell Dietrich
- Norma Fink & Salomon Smeer
- Dr. Sharon Horlick
- Lanny Joffe & Stephen Kurtz

Food and logistics

- Jackie Putterman
- Karen Rosen
- Sarah Shklov

Volunteers

- Audrey Bondy
- Baila & Mitchell Dietrich
- Barb Lewis
- Diane Rubin
- Pam Scott
- Julie & Noah Tepperman





Congregational Happenings

February 2023

From The Friendship Circle

Here we are, at the end of January. As I write this, we are expecting our first big snowfall of the season. I guess we were due, winter, Windsor and snow. If you are reading this from somewhere warm and sunny, think about us, and the ice and slush.

Most likely by the time you read this, we will have celebrated Chazzan Devorah's ordination. I know we wanted to make it a simcha for her! Many of our members worked hard to put it together, including our Friendship Circle. The really great part was seeing how the children got involved. We don't always have opportunities to bring everyone together like that. I hope we can keep the momentum going!

Each day we are getting a few more minutes of daylight. Not sun, necessarily because it seems to be unusually gray lately. Still, more daylight means Purim isn't far away. I know we will be celebrating, and hamentaschen will be in the oven.

Each year, we try some new flavors! There are the hamentashen purists, that feel poppy seed and prune are the only way to go. In recent years hamentashen have gone completely gourmet ranging from peanut butter cup, to s'mores, and even savoury versions! I love reading the recipes!

Keep reading the eblast and watch your social media, to learn of upcoming events. I think you will be interested in something new that is being planned. Stay tuned for more information.

Submitted by
Jackie Putterman



Our deepest thanks to the following:
Audrey Bondy and Harvey Kessler for generously sharing their time leading services.



Board
of
Directors
Meeting
February 21
7:00 pm

Office Closures in February



February 20
Family Day

A REMINDER

Tax receipts for 2022 will be
mailed out to you by:

February 28, 2023



Temple Beth El

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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
 ושננתם לבניך, ודברתם בם,

News From Congregation Beth El's Religious School



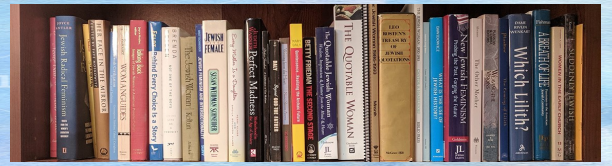
January at Religious School has been filled with focus on Jewish Ritual. We took turns on the Bima learning about all things Torah. We also learned more deeply about our Sh'ma and V'ahava and made our own Mezuzot with special personal scrolls for inside of them.



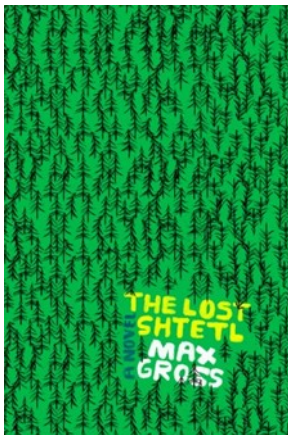
Many thanks to Breakaway Gaming for allowing us to work bingos to raise funds for the Beth El Religious School expenses

Jewish Book Club

Sponsored by Congregation Beth El



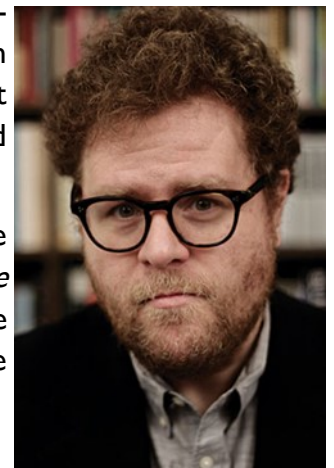
The Lost Shtetl by Max Gross



How can a book which touches all the problems of contemporary society confronting the Jewish world today also be fun to read and sometimes outright hilarious? To your surprise, it can be that when the book is the recently published *The Lost Shtetl*, winner of the National Jewish Book Award and the Jewish Fiction Award from the Association of Jewish Libraries. Described as “alive with human emotion, history and provocative questions that call for debate, Max Gross’s first novel is a discussion group’s dream.” After getting into, but not yet finished reading the book, I am prepared to agree completely, to look forward to finishing the book, and to encourage you to read the book and to join us for discussion on March 8th.

In the time dislocation tradition of Mark Twain’s *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur’s Court*, or more closely, of Michael Chabon’s *The Yiddish Policeman’s Union* which was a Book Club selection some years ago, the book is a comic fantasy which – although it recognizes that Jewish life disappeared from Poland and Eastern Europe because its residents were systematically wiped out and real, uninterrupted Jewish cultural persistence from pre-war Poland is a practical impossibility - asks what if there were a *shtetl* hidden deep in the Polish forests that survived, undiscovered by Nazis, and untouched by the last 80 or more years of European history? And what might happen if that hidden Jewish village suddenly resurfaced in 21st century Poland? What if eighty years later there was a young woman from that religious village who insists she be divorced from her husband? What if there was a young man, an insignificant orphan, sent away from that village to find her when she disappears? What if this story suddenly grows much larger to encompass matters of assimilation, anti-semitism, effects of history on individuals and collective consciousness, political lies which take hold, governmental bureaucracy, social class, economic choices, religion, divisions within the Jewish community, survival, family ties, and love...and you care about them all? If these questions speak to you, then this book is for you to read and enjoy.

The author was born in New York City in 1978 and is the son of two writers. He attended Saint Ann’s School and Dartmouth College. He worked for 10 years at *The New York Post* before becoming Editor in Chief of *Commercial Observer*. He previously wrote a book about dating called *From Schlub to Stud* but has since become a husband and father.



The Book Club will meet on Zoom on March 8th at 7:00 PM

Mishpacha-Our Congregational Family
Mazel Tov and Best Wishes



מזל טוב



To those celebrating birthdays in February

- 1 Joel Katz
- 8 Hazzan Devorah Fick
- 8 Aviva Schnayer
- 15 Seth Katz
- 18 Morgan Miller
- 22 Jim Cohen
- 22 David Shanbaum
- 25 Stephen Ellis
- 27 Emelia Brynn Polsky



Good Health Wishes -
R'fuah Sh'leimah
A complete healing to:



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|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Dorothy Buckhalter | Hannah Levin | Morton Kaplan | Tony Lee |
| Valerie Horner | Mildred Silver | Rabbi Jeffrey Ableser | Cindy Jeris |
| Jackie Farrell | Rona Paquette | Tamara Fishman | Jennifer Karmona |
| Louise Ziff | Miriam Schnayer | Martin Gene | John Farrell |
| Rita Karp | Avraham Labe | Lindsay Martin | Bonnie Levine |
| Richard McGuinty | Marla Rivard | Kevin Killop | Burton Pazner |
| Bob Godden | Kathy Selby | Maiia Klaz | Mark Morrison |
| Klara Lobatch | Igor Kurgansky | Glen & Melanie Dunn | Susan Tuck Sweetman |

מי שִׁבְרָךְ אֲבוֹתֵינוּ
מְקוֹר הַבְּרָכָה לְאִמּוֹתֵינוּ.

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 February 2023



May their memories always be for a blessing

זייל Zichronam L'vracha - We remember

1	RHONA LAZAR	8	MARK GOLDBERG	20	KATE (KAY) HARON
1	SAUL BURAK	8	REBECCA ARBER	20	ESTHER EVERETT
1	GALINA SIONOV	9	ANN GREENE	21	BARRIE (ROBERT) WEINGARDEN
1	LEE ABLESER	9	ROSE LEVY	21	ARON FINK
1	VALERY DAVYDOK	10	WILLIAM KAIMAN	21	ROSE CHELSKY
2	ROBERT FENWICK	10	VICTOR LINDEN	22	WILLIAM GLAZER
2	SYLVIA COPPEL	11	MARKUS FICHGENDLER	22	MORRIS EGBER
2	SAMUEL MOCK	11	LISA JACOBS	22	ISAAC BLECHMAN
2	JOHN KALBOL	11	JACOB COHEN	22	CECIL HOFFMAN
2	ARTHUR RASHBAUM	11	MOLLY COHEN	22	WOLFIE BLACHER
2	HARRY M. CHERNIAK	12	SYREL GREENE	23	JACK SHUSTER
2	SYDNEY MORRIS	12	DANIEL KATZMAN	23	ROSE KAUFMAN COHEN
2	ALBERT JOSEPH LAURIE	12	SHELDON INDIG	23	RHONA WEINBERG NUDDS
2	ROSE PAYMAN	13	SOL STEINBRUCK	23	ANNABELLE HOCHBERG
3	MIKHAIL FEDYUK	13	EVA KUTCHAI	23	JACOV LOBATCH
3	SUSAN SOMER	13	EDITH NEWMAN	24	DOROTHY WEINGARDEN
4	CHARLES SHUMER	14	ROBERT BROWN	24	ABNER WEINGARDEN
4	ANNE ARBER	14	HANNAH COREN	24	PEARL REDBURD
4	MORRIS NOVOMINSKY	14	PAULINA MOLDOWANSKY	25	SALLY FARKUS
4	RACHEL SHUMER	15	NATHAN (NORM) SHKLOV	25	MONA HORLICK
5	REISA PERLMAN	15	SHELDON WAX	26	SYLVIA GARBER
5	JOANNE MORRISON	16	HARRY KAPLAN	26	ESTHER BARAT
5	HARRY ESKIN	16	WILLIAM E. KOVINSKY	26	JACK ARBER
5	ALBERT SCHWARTZ	16	MARIE KATZMAN	26	CHARLES COHEN
5	DR. BERNARD SPRING	17	DOROTHY ATIN	27	JOANNE BRODSKY
6	DR. HAROLD LAKER	17	JENNIE WHITEMAN	27	JANE FREED
6	JOSEPH ARNOFF	17	MORRIS ZLOTNIK	27	JOSEPH M. COHEN
6	RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT	18	ANNIE ROSENBAUM	27	EMERSON COLE
6	FAYE SPRING	19	RONALD E. MERETSKY	27	IRWIN ROGERS
7	SAM WARSH	19	LILLIAN PEVZNER	27	MAURICE BERG
8	MOLLY ROTHENBURG	19	HILDA GERCHICOFF	28	JENNY BASS
				28	BESSIE LEDERMAN

Our Congregation mourns and condolences are extended to:

Pam Scott and family on the loss of her beloved mother and grandmother, Lillian Scott.

Jack Zlotnik and family on the loss of their beloved wife, mother and grandmother, Nina Zlotnik.

Dr. Morrie Kleinplatz and family on the loss of his beloved mother, grandmother & great-grandmother Sarah Kleinplatz.

Rhonda & Bill Ellis and family on the loss of beloved sister & Aunt Shannon Ellis Brown



To all who supported the Zlotnik family and especially to those who made contributions in memory of my beloved wife Nina, we thank you very much.

Jack Zlotnik and family

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 February 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.

Building Maintenance Fund

Speedy recovery wishes to Dr. Michael Malowitz by: Susan & David Berger.

In memory of beloved husband Henry Dinnendahl by: Sheila Dinnendahl.

Honouring Devorah Tucker-Fick on her Ordination by: Dan & Audrey Bondy.

Jane & Sam Freed Memorial Fund

In memory of Dr. Sanford Lipman, beloved father of Dr. Brooke Weingarden by: Jerry Alexis.

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Honouring Hazzan Devorah Tucker-Fick on her simcha by: Dr. John Cappucci.

Honouring Hazzan Devorah Tucker-Fick on her ordination as Hazzan by: Brenda & Philip Cohen.

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"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)

B'shalach

בְּשַׁלַּח

Now When [Pharaoh] Let [the People] Go [Jacob] Lived

Exodus 13:17-17:16

February 4, 2023

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

February 11, 2023

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

February 18, 2023

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)



T'rumah

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Gifts

Exodus 25:1-27:19

February 25, 2023

God asks the Children of Israel to donate gifts (t'rumah) for the building of the Tabernacle so that God may "dwell among them." (25:1-9)

Instructions for the construction of the Ark, table, and menorah are provided. (25:10-40)

Detailed directions are given on how to build the Tabernacle. (26:1-27:19)



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.

Community Events February 2023



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Family Friendly Tu Bi'Shevat Party 2023

Sunday, February 5th
2023 | 11:30am

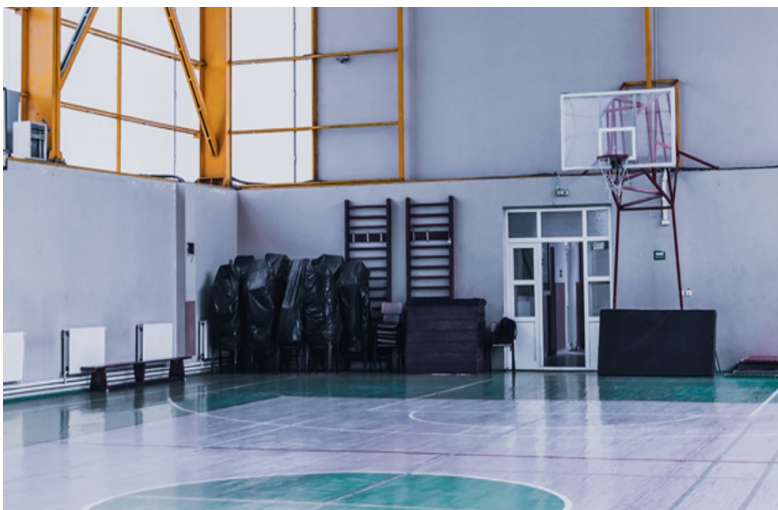


Family Friendly Tu Bi'shevat Party

Sunday, February 5, 2023 | 11:30am

JNF Canada invites you for arts & crafts, games, snacks and more! Location: Bloomin Gardner. 6673 Concession 8, Oldcastle, ON. Lunch not included, attendees welcome to bring a bagged lunch.

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



Windsor JCC Gymnasium: Open for Rent

The Windsor JCC is happy to announce that we will begin renting out our gymnasium (basketball court area) on evenings from Monday - Thursday, starting February 2023.

The cost to rent the gym will be:

Winter/Fall \$100 per hour

Spring/Summer \$75 per hour

If you are interested in renting out the gymnasium, please reach out to Rosalie Hartenberg Watson at rosalie@jewishwindsor.org or at 519-973-1772 ext. 201.

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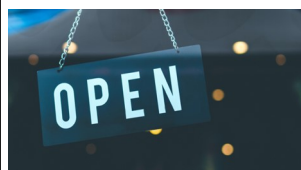
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A program of the HAROLD GRINSPOON FOUNDATION

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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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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February 2023



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Kosher Food Menu for Takeout/ Hot Lunch Meals on Monday, February 6th

All orders must be placed by Thursday, February 2nd at 3pm.

Chicken scallopini with garlic mashed potatoes and roasted cherry tomatoes Gluten free \$20

Pasta primavera Pasta with cannellini beans, and sautéed vegetables in a creamy garlic sauce \$20

Italian salmon with roasted tomatoes and garlic on a bed of Spinach Fettucine \$20

Old fashioned Zucchini fritters with dipping oil \$5

Garlic bread \$3

Pasta e fagioli soup \$5

Assortment of 3 Italian cookies \$5

Order Meals Here:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/windsor-jcc-kosher-meals-for-monday-february-6th-2023-tickets-528682923857>

Instructions:

All orders are to be picked up/received at the former Mazal Tov restaurant between 11:30am and 2:30pm. When you arrive, DO NOT try to enter through the JCC, enter through the restaurant entrance at the side of the building. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Joe Schnayer at joe@jewishwindsor.org or at 519-973-1772 ext. 225.



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What better way to celebrate, honor, or remember loved ones, special occasions or friends through a generous tax-deductible donation. Minimum donation is \$18. Golden Book and Mitzvah Fund donations are \$36.00. New prayer books are now available for plating with the cost remaining \$54.00. Thank you for making a culture of giving to Congregation Beth El an integral part of your Jewish life.

Tree of Life

Inscribe your family "Simchas" on our synagogue's Tree of Life. An inscription is a permanent dedication to the happy meaningful events that touch our lives. Leaf inscriptions are \$150.00 and stone inscriptions are \$1000.00 Please call the Beth El office to order

Golden Book

The Golden Book in the Beth El lobby may be inscribed for Simchas for any occasion for a donation of \$36.00.

Memorial Plaques

To honour your loved ones who have passed away, a memorial plaque shows a genuine sign of religious feeling. It bears the individual's name with the Hebrew and secular dates of death. A contribution of \$350.00 to the Temple secures this memorial inscription. Please call the Beth El office 519-969-2422 to order.

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