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Clergy Corner April 2023

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"Sing to the Lord,
for he is highly exalted.
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he has hurled into the sea."
~Exodus 15:20-21~

We are told that after the parting of the Sea, Moses and the Israelites sang praises to G-d, who rescued them from Pharaoh's army and delivered them from slavery. Torah then tells us that the women took their timbrels (or tambourines) and sang and danced before G-d and the entire Nation. We therefore know that at the time of our Torah, the voices of women were expressed in song, and were heard by the entire Nation of Israel: there is no record in this Torah narrative of men objecting to the voices of women praising G-d openly in what would eventually become words which we chant in Torah and in our liturgy.

There is something significant here: the singing of Miriam and the women before the Nation occurred at the moment of our Redemption! We must recognize what a powerful statement this is, that in the telling of our story of Exodus and Freedom, the first thing we did as a Free People was to pray together in song, with the voices of the women not only heard by men, but elevated by instruments and dancing, legitimized to the height of being recorded in Torah.

Congregation Beth El is proudly, enthusiastically, and unapologetically Egalitarian. In fact, it is my understanding that of all of the reasons we came into being as a community, Egalitarianism was at the forefront of the values which prompted and inspired the founding members to form this community, a place where not only their sons could learn Torah and tefillah and count in a minyan, but their daughters as well. Our history is one of a community imagined and brought to realization, so that the Jewish People in Windsor can have a place where every Jew has a voice and can sing their own song--something that we continue here at Beth El and for the Windsor community to this day.

Slaves are given no voice, and so this Song of the Sea is a critical and pivotal moment in our story: we raise our voices because we are free, we raise our voices in an act of becoming fully human, we raise our voices because we are no longer slaves, but a People who belong to G-d. Indeed, nothing speaks more to the Pesach story of what it is to be free than to be given a voice.

As we enter into our Passover Season, let us sing the song of a Free People, let us hear the voices of not only women and men, but of all Jews: the voices of Jews in the LGBTQ community, Jews of patrilineal descent, converts to Judaism, Jews of colour, and Jews with disabilities. Not one of those voices should be silenced, not one should be lost to the harmony of our song, not one is greater than another—all matter, all must count in our minyan, our Song of the Sea. This is who we are: Beth El, a Congregation of Israel who sings the Song of Freedom and Redemption, a song made of us all.

Chag Pesach Sameach,

Hazzan Devorah



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Miriam and the Women sang, danced and played tambourines--but no tambourines as we know them today have been recovered from the Biblical era. Instead, ancient pottery figurines of women with small handheld drums have been found in Israel in places such as Achzib, Megiddo, and Beth-shean. This ancient tambourine was likely a simple wooden hoop with an animal skin stretched across it.

Tambourines were played by women on festive occasions, accompanied by singing and dancing. Tanakh tells us that when the Israelite leader Jephthah returned home after an important victory in battle, his daughter ran to meet him "with tambourine playing and dancing." -Judges 11:34:1 Psalm 150 says, "Praise Yah with nevel and kinnor." The kinnor, most often referred to as a "harp" or "lyre," was an instrument commonly used in ancient Israel and a favourite of King David. Scholars have over 30 representations of the kinnor from depictions found on ancient rock walls, coins, mosaics, plaques, and seals. The form of the instrument varied through the centuries. The player held it in his arms and strummed or plucked the strings with his fingers or with a plectrum.

The nevel was similar to the kinnor. There is uncertainty as to how many strings the nevel had, how large it was, and whether it was plucked or strummed. Scholars, however, believe that both the nevel and the kinnor could be carried about by the musician--mobile instruments that would have been on hand anywhere, like guitars in modern times!

This female figurine of a tambourine player is part of a group of similar clay figurines found in Tel es-Sa'idiyeh and Tel Jemeh in modern-day Israel. Pottery of female musicians of this sort probably formed part of a toy band. This figure is dated to the 9th century BCE, during the time of the founding of the town that would become Jerusalem. (The British Museum, London)



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April 2023

8 Adar - 9 Nissan



Join us for Shabbat Evening Services and Torah Study

Shabbat services in April will be held at 7pm by Zoom only on April 7 and 14.

Services on April 21 and 28 will be at 7:00 but will be LIVE as well as Zoom.

Yizkor service will be at 6:15 pm on April 13th (Come early for snacks first) with Tracey Atin and Michael Ricketts joining Hazzan Devorah for the service.

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

Meeting ID: 899 8994 2300 Passcode: 470532

April Services at Beth El

Friday, April 7 - 7pm on Zoom
with Hazzan Devorah

Thursday April 13 - 6:15pm Live and Zoom
"We Remember Them: A Musical Yizkor Service"
with Hazzan Devorah, Cantorial Soloist Tracey, and Pianist Michael

Friday, April 14 - 7pm on Zoom
with Lay Leader TBD

Friday, April 21 - 7pm Live and Zoom
with Hazzan Devorah

Friday, April 28 - 7pm Live and Zoom
In the Beth El Courtyard (weather permitting) with Hazzan Devorah

At Congregation Beth El we are committed to Jewish Life & Community that is Egalitarian, Modern, Engaging, Relevant, & Always Family Friendly

We Are Your Jewish Home!

Real Life.
Real Judaism.

Shabbat Candle

Lighting Times

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| April 7 | 7:46 pm |
| April 14 | 7:54 pm |
| April 21 | 8:02 pm |
| April 28 | 8:10 pm |



Parashot-April 2023

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| April 1 | Tzav צו | Leviticus 6:1-8:36 |
| April 8 | Chol HaMo-eid Pesach חול המועד פסח | Exodus 33:12- 34:26 |
| April 15 | Sh'mini שמיני | Leviticus 9:1-11:47 |
| April 22 | Tazria-M'tzora תזריע - מצרע | Leviticus 12:1-15:33 |
| April 29 | Acharei Mot-Kedoshim אחרי מות - קדשים | Leviticus 16:1-20:27 |



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עֲבוּדָה
Storyblocks

Worship and Spirituality



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Congregational Happenings

April 2023

From The Friendship Circle

Happy Spring! Here we are, another winter has passed. I think we got by relatively unscathed. While in the day to day-ness, this was pretty good, but in terms of the health of our planet, maybe not so much.

If you have been to some of our recent events over the past three or four months, you couldn't miss that our volunteers have played a big part in them. From planning, to day of managing, to clean-up, our volunteers support all of our programs and events. Some are Friendship Circle members, some are general membership congregants; each and every one of them plays a role in how we function. We couldn't do it without them.

Things are happening! We are getting together more often, celebrating the arrival of Shabbat in person more frequently, learning and sharing our thoughts at our monthly Torah Study. I went to my first ever Torah study last week. We needed some extra chairs! A good problem to have.

Of course, there could be more involvement. Attending and volunteering at your shul is rewarding. Being part of something adds another layer of meaning to our lives. If you haven't enjoyed one of our beautiful in-person Shabbat services, led by Hazzan Devorah, and often accompanied by Tracey Atin, I encourage you to attend!

You can also join a committee, we need you! Our growth and stability depends on each and every member.

There are a few interesting things being planned; advertising will begin soon! Both are wonderful. We want to fill our Social Hall and our Sanctuary. We want to need extra chairs! Stay tuned for more information.

In the meantime, please register for our Seder and follow the registration and deadline instructions. If you have questions, call or email Sarah.

Check out our beautiful new website. Thank you Karen Rosen and Hazzan Devorah! It really is nice.

Please follow us on Social, we now have a very active and responsive Facebook page. Please like, share and comment. It matters.

A huge thank you to Mike Malowitz. He gets our bulletin out every month. The reason it is in your inbox, or mailbox without fail, is because of Mike. He does so much for our community. Thank you so much Mike.

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#StandUpToJewishHate



Congregational Happenings

April 2023



REFORM CANTORS AND CANTORIAL SOLOISTS
OF CANADA

Reform Cantors & Cantorial Soloists of Canada Concert
celebrate their Launch and Israel's 75th Anniversary

Thursday, April 20, 7:00 pm

Register here today: holyblossom.org/event/rccc-concert/
General Admission \$36, Reserved \$72, Virtual \$18

Join the new Reform Cantors and Cantorial Soloists of Canada (RCCC) as they come together to launch their new organization and celebrate Israel's 75th Anniversary.

A portion of the proceeds from this concert will go to support IMPJ & IRAC Emergency Campaign. Learn more and donate to the campaign here: holyblossom.org/impj-irac-emergency-campaign/

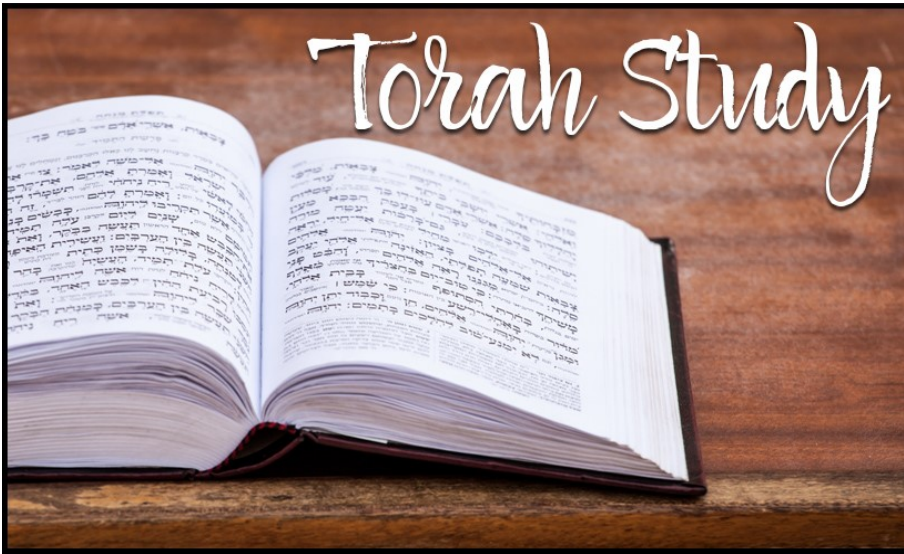
We are thrilled to welcome the following Cantors & Cantorial Soloists for this concert:

Tara Abrams
Judy Adelman Gershon
Paula Baruch
Shani Cohen
Devorah Fick
Meara Lebovitz

Rachael Littman
Beny Maissner
Charles Osborne
Lindi Rivers
David Rosen
Jordan Shaner

Marty Steinhouse
Anna Trubashnik
Cheryl Wunch
Laura Wolfson





Torah Study

April 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 - APRIL 22ND - 10:00 AM

Parshat Tazria-Metzora: "She shall bring a sheep in its first year as a burnt offering, and a young dove or a turtle dove as a sin offering, to the entrance of the Tent of Meeting, to the kohen."



Congregational Happenings

April 2023

THE HASBARA CANADA NEW MEDIA CONTEST

#MyJewishIdentity

TOP SUBMISSION WINS \$1,800

RUNNER UP WINS \$500

TELL US WHY ISRAEL IS A VITAL PART OF YOUR JEWISH IDENTITY

Submission deadline

May 4, 2023

*Scan for contest guidelines
and submission details.*





Congregational Happenings

April 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!



Thursday, April 6, 2023

Second night of Passover



Congregation Beth El Second Seder



Thursday, April 13, 2023

Yizkor-see front page

Tuesday, April 18, 2023

Yom Ha'Shoah

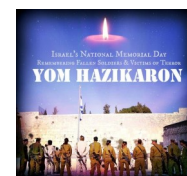
Monday-Thursday April 24-27

Windsor Jewish Film Festival



Tuesday, April 25, 2023

Yom Ha'Zikaron



Wednesday, April 26, 2023

Yom Ha'Atzmaut



Tuesday, May 9, 2023

Lag Ba'Omer

Sunday, May 14, 2023

Mother's Day

Friday, May 19, 2023

Yom Yerushalayim





Congregational Happenings

April 2023

Special Thank You



Many thanks to Audrey and Dan Bondy for all the time they have volunteered to work bingos for Beth El. Bingos generate a healthy contribution to our finances and we couldn't do it without dedicated volunteers.



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



Board
of
Directors
Meeting
April 18
7:00 pm

Thank you to Anne Bennett-Winograd, Cheryl Blacher, Diane Rubin, James Fick and Mike Malowitz for helping to kasher the kitchen for Pesach under the direction of Hazzan Devorah.



Office Closures in April

Thursday, April 6
Friday, April 7
Wednesday, April 12
Thursday, April 13

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Congregation Beth El of Windsor



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 Beth El's Religious School:



Beth El's Religious School put on a Purim Spiel (with the help of the brilliant Cantorial Soloist Tracey Atin), telling our community the Story of Esther to various folk tunes.

We then had March Break, with 2 whole weeks off, but are now back to work on our Hebrew, Tefillah, Tanakh, and B'nei Mitzvah Classes.

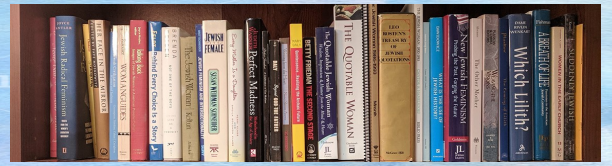
Put May 7th on your Calendar!! We will be planting our Community Garden and hope the entire Beth El Community will join us in the effort! See the flyer in the April Bulletin for details!



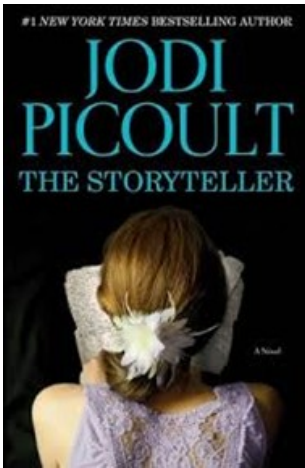
Many thanks to Breakaway Gaming for allowing us to work bingos to raise funds for the Beth El Religious School expenses

Jewish Book Club

Sponsored by Congregation Beth El



***The Storyteller* by Jodi Picoult**



Although this book was published ten years ago, it was in the news only a few weeks ago when it was removed from the school library in a Florida town under Gov. DeSantis' new regulations as being unsuitable for high school readers. Yet this is a novel that was #1 on the New York Times Best Seller list for weeks after its publication, and Jodi Picoult has published 28 successful novels and has been honoured with more awards than I have space for. Clearly *The Storyteller* remains important because its themes remain important. *The Storyteller* takes place in a small town in New Hampshire and centers on a troubled young baker, Sage Singer. She meets an old man, Josef Weber, in her grief recovery group. After they become friends, he confides to her that he was an SS soldier and asks her to not only forgive him for his sins, but to kill him so that he doesn't have to keep living a lie. Sage replies that she is an atheist but is Jewish, and has a grandmother who survived

Auschwitz. She reports Josef to local authorities and Leo Stein, a Nazi hunter from the Department of Justice comes to investigate the claim. It may sound like other Holocaust stories, but, as Leo points out, these stories must be told over and over again, until history stops repeating itself. Even though Josef Weber is over 90 years old, punishing him may stop someone today from committing genocide. For us as readers, this well written story goes beyond the grandmother's story of survival to examine 25-year-old Sage's complex life and relationships in Westerbrook, New Hampshire.

I would really like to know more about Jodi Picoult, but she has done a good job of maintaining the confidentiality of her own and her family's lives. But she we do know that she grew up in an idyllic small town on eastern Long Island, and has described her family as "non-practicing Jewish". I'd love to know more, especially in relation to this book. Picoult studied creative writing at Princeton University and graduated in 1987. Like so many English majors, she worked in advertising for a while, and then earned a M.Ed. from Harvard University and did some teaching before becoming a full-time successful writer. She has asked: "why is our country so contentiously divided along the fault line of religion — a construct meant to unite, but that more often creates schisms? All the hot-button political issues in this country — abortion, reproductive rights, gay rights, the death penalty — all have ideological roots in religious beliefs that are often archaic or that have been cherry-picked to support specific points of view."



The Book Club will meet on Zoom on May 3rd at 7:00 PM

Mishpacha-Our Congregational Family
Mazel Tov and Best Wishes



מזל טוב



To those celebrating anniversaries in April

To those celebrating birthdays in April

- 3 Lanny Joffe
- 4 Ron Silver
- 5 Lorna Shulman
- 9 Brian Kessler-Weinberg
- 12 Sarah Shklov
- 16 Courtney Rubin
- 19 Fred Katzman
- 20 Joanne Polsky
- 21 Sandi Malowitz
- 22 Reuben Schnayer
- 23 Rosalie Dalfen
- 26 Ellana Blacher
- 27 Rachel Katzman
- 27 Betty Pazner
- 27 Oladayo Shobola
- 28 Jordana Plotnick



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



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

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 is a very meaningful way to congratulate a friend or family member on happy occasions or to express get wells or condolences. Please remember Congregation 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 April 2023



May their memories always be for a blessing

זייל Zichronam L'vracha - We remember

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| 2 Dr. David Green | 16 Rabbi Jonathan V. Plaut | 24 Dr. Harry Newman |
| 3 Percy Katz | 17 Naomi Kline | 25 Gerard Marcotte |
| 3 Beatrice (Bessie) Indig | 17 Judith Greer | 25 David Lando |
| 4 Esther Weingarden | 17 Rebecca Goldstein | 25 Vi Coshever |
| 5 Lillian Perlman-Mann | 17 William Morris | 26 Morris Rotman |
| 5 Maurice Goldstein | 20 Morley Kessler | 26 Lillian Silver |
| 5 Ruth Lando | 20 Louis Flagman | 26 Goldie Kurtz |
| 6 Anita Malowitz | 20 Layne Katzman | 27 Bertha Applebaum |
| 8 Steven Shanbon | 20 Michael Lesansky | 28 Herb Pasikov |
| 9 William Payman | 20 Larry Greene | 28 Sadie Perlman |
| 10 Tema (Thelma) Gombar | 21 Sarah Flagman | 28 Harvey Meretsky |
| 10 Anne Shklov | 21 Mildred Somer | 29 Farrel Mock |
| 11 Leonard Lyons | 22 Bess Cohen | 29 Robert Cohen |
| 12 Sharon Kaplan | 23 Florence Margolin | 30 Lena Alexis |
| 13 Abraham (Al) Katzman | 24 Rose Horwich | 30 Frances Jackson |
| 16 Lev Gorelik | 24 Rachel Tucker | |

Yizkor for Pesach

Thursday April 13

at 6:15 - 7:00 pm



See information page 5

In the rising of the sun and in its going down, **We remember them.**
In the opening of buds and in the rebirth of spring, **We remember them.**

Tzedakah

April 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 funds are greatly appreciated.

The Book Fund

A Prayer Book has been inscribed in memory of Burton Pazner, beloved husband of Betty Pazner by: Brenda & Philip Cohen.

The Building Maintenance Fund

In memory of Mitchell Bondy, beloved grandson of Judy & David Frank by: Jerry & Linda Lev; Audrey & Dan Bondy; Jill & Pat Beadow.

In memory of Burton Pazner, beloved husband of Betty Pazner by: Sarah Shklov; Sandi & Michael Malowitz.

In memory of Mitchell Bondy, beloved son of Cheryl Bondy by: Audrey & Dan Bondy.

Good health wishes to Norma Fink by: Audrey & Dan Bondy; Jill & Pat Beadow; Charles & Karen Rosen.

Good health wishes to Michael Blacher by: Charles & Karen Rosen.

Cemetery Improvement Fund

In memory of Burton Pazner, beloved husband of Betty Pazner by: Anne B. Winograd.

Aron Fink Endowment Fund

Speedy recovery wishes to Norma Fink by: Judy & Dave Frank.

Jane & Sam Freed Memorial Fund

In memory of Magdalena, beloved mother of Dr. Darryl Toth by: Jerry Alexis.

The Friendship Circle Fund

In memory of Mitchell Bondy, beloved grandson of Judy & Dave Frank by: Sarah Shklov; Mary & Sam Zaltz.

In memory of Burton Pazner, beloved husband of Betty Pazner by: Ellen Mossny.

Ted Hochberg Memorial Fund

In memory of Burton Pazner, beloved husband of Betty Pazner by: Sharon Hochberg.

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In memory of Mitchell Bondy, beloved grandson of Judy & Dave Frank by: Bill & Rochelle Tepperman.

In honour of the Ordination of Hazzan Devorah Fick by: Bill & Rochelle Tepperman.

In memory of Lillian Scott, beloved mother of Pam Scott by: Audrey & Dan Bondy.

Religious School Fund

Good health wishes to Michael Ricketts by: Michael & Cheryl Blacher.

In memory of Burton Pazner, beloved husband of Betty Pazner by: Michael & Cheryl Blacher.

Harry & Dora Rosen Memorial Fund

In memory of Burton Pazner, beloved husband of Betty Pazner by: Bill & Rochelle Tepperman; Audrey & Dan Bondy; Dr. Stuart Selby; Nels Katzman; Monica Galvin Findlay; Harriett Whiteman; Herb & Ellen Brudner; Joe & Dolores Silver; Jerry Alexis; Jill & Pat Beadow; Andrew & Tina Tepperman; Lesley Rubin & Asaf Klein; Cheryl Gold & family; Charles & Karen Rosen; Fred & Marcey Katzman; Diana Orman & family; Paula Taub & family; Lanny Joffe & Stephen Kurtz; Susan Meretsky; Mary & Sam Zaltz; Susan & David Berger & family.

In memory of Burton Pazner, beloved father of Eric Pazner by: Elizabeth Kanter; Flora Goldfarb.

In memory of Burton Pazner, beloved father of Ronee Gozlan by: Ariella Rohringer & Earl Rotman; Renee & Kenny Metrick.

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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)

Tzav צו

Command [Aaron and His Sons]

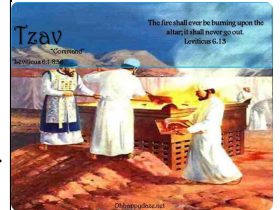
Leviticus 6:1-8:36

April 1,, 2023

The five sacrifices that the priests are to perform are described. (6:1-7:38)

Limitations on the consumption of meat are delineated. (7:17-27)

Details about the ordination of Aaron and his sons as priests and the preparation of the Tabernacle as a holy place are given. (8:1-36)



SHABBAT
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HAMOED
PESACH

Chol HaMo-eid Pesach חול המועד פסח

Passover Intermediate Days

Exodus 33:12-

34:26 April 8, 2023

On the Shabbat during Passover, we are reminded of the age-old desire to know God. Moses implores God to let him see God. While God will not allow Moses to see God's face, God tells Moses, "I will make My goodness pass before you..." Perhaps we experience the divine presence through the goodness we create in the world. The Torah then sets forth the thirteen attributes of God, among them that God is compassionate, gracious, slow to anger and abounding in kindness. By emulating these very attributes, we create the goodness which allows us to know God.

Sh'mini שְׁמִינִי

The Eight [Day]

Leviticus 9:1-11:47

April 15, 2023

Aaron and his sons follow Moses' instructions and offer sacrifices so that God will forgive the people. (9:1-24)

Two of Aaron's sons, Nadab and Abihu, offer "alien fire" to God. God punishes these two priests by killing them immediately. (10:1-3)

God forbids Moses, Aaron, and his surviving sons from mourning but commands the rest of the people to do so. Priests are told not to drink alcohol before entering the sacred Tabernacle and are further instructed about making sacrifices. (10:4-20)

Laws are given to distinguish between pure and impure animals, birds, fish, and insects. (11:1-47)



Tazria-M'tzora תְּזַרְיָע - מְצַרְעָה

Bearing Seed / A Leper

Leviticus 12:1-15:33

April 22, 2023

God describes the rituals of purification for a woman after childbirth. (12:1-8)

God sets forth the methods for diagnosing and treating a variety of skin diseases, including tzara-at (a leprosy affection), as well as those for purifying clothing. (13:1-59)

Priestly rituals to cure tzara-at when it afflicts humans are described. (14:1-32)

Rituals to rid dwelling places of tzara-at are presented. (14:33-57)

The parashah denotes male impurities resulting from a penile discharge or seminal emission. (15:1-18)

The parashah concludes with accounts of female impurities caused by a discharge of blood. (15:19-33)



Acharei Mot - K'doshim אַחֲרֵי מוֹת - קְדוּשִׁים **After the Death [of the Two Sons of Aaron] / [You Shall Be] Holy**

Leviticus 16:1-20:27 April 29, 2023

The duties that the head kohein must perform on Yom Kippur are delineated and the ceremony of the scapegoat is outlined. (16:1-28)

Moses instructs Aaron about the Yom Kippur laws for fasting and atonement. (16:29-34)

Warnings are issued against the offering of sacrifices outside the Sanctuary and the consumption of blood. (17:1-16)

Moses condemns the sexual practices of some neighboring peoples. Certain forms of sexual relations are prohibited. (18:1-30)

God issues a variety of commandments, instructing the Israelites on how to be a holy people. (19:1-37)

Various sex offenses are discussed and punishments for them are presented. (20:1-27)



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
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20th Annual Ruth & Bernard Friedman Windsor Jewish Film Festival

Monday, April 24th to Thursday April 27th | Cineplex Devonshire Mall

For Sponsorship opportunities please contact Film Festival Coordinator 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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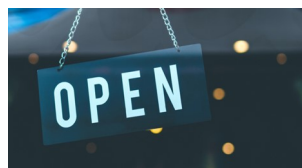
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A program of the **HAROLD GRINSPOON FOUNDATION**

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.

Welcome Back!



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**The 20th
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**Enjoy the films and
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April 24-27, 2023

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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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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 Congregation Beth El secures this memorial inscription. Please call the Beth El office 519-969-2422 to order.

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