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With Rabbi Emeritus Jeffrey Ableser - Guest Rabbi Dr. Elizabeth Goldstein
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HONOUR

THOSE WHO PLAYED KEY ROLES AS VOLUNTEERS TO
OUR COMMUNITY FROM 2020-2023

ALL ARE WELCOME TO A KIDDUSH LUNCH FOLLOWING SERVICES

SO THAT WE CAN PLAN WELL, PLEASE RSVP:

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Clergy Corner May 2023

Earlier this year a dear friend called to tell me she was going to finally walk away from a job that she had been pretty miserable in for some time. She said it was foolish since she had no prospects, but simply could not stay any longer in a position where she was so unhappy. While she was scared, there was nothing to do but to finally make this change.

Last week, she called with some news: "Devorah, you will not believe what has happened in the three months since I quit my job! I decided to apply for Rabbinic school—I have dreamed of this for years, and finally I had nothing to lose, so I applied and I got in! I'm going to finally study to be a Rabbi! And also I took a vacation to see an old friend—I haven't had the time or energy because of that miserable job, but when I quit I decided to pay her a visit, and while visiting we realized we have feelings for one another. I'm now in this beautiful relationship. And..."

The list of changes in her life in only about 12 weeks of time went on and on, as she marveled at how it seemed that everything had miraculously turned around. "I just don't understand it," she said, "how have all of these amazing things happened after so many years of nothing good?"

I laughed—because from the outside it seemed obvious—and said, "It could be that by walking away, freeing yourself from the bondage of that job, you allowed G-d to open doors for your future, free to walk the journey to what was really possible."

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Shavuot, the festival holiday later this month, is celebrated with Torah study and cheesecake and ice cream, but it has much deeper meaning if we really look closely: The word Shavuot means "weeks," referring to the 7 weeks of the Omer counting which began the second evening of Pesach. This counting takes us on a spiritual journey in time, measuring our days out of Egypt and our state of slavery, through the parting of the Sea, and into the open Wilderness of the unknown. These 49 days measure our journey of stepping out boldly in faith, proclaiming that if we walk away from that which holds us back, we will find that which is to become our destiny.

This Shavuot, my hope is that our Beth El community will stand at Sinai with hearts open to receive what is there for us at this moment on our journey. The path has been diverse, at times exciting and wonderful, and at other times wandering and difficult, especially in the recent COVID years. Regardless of the terrain, it has been walked together in faith that our community will stand into the future: a future promised for us, for our Jewish values and traditions, and for generations to come.

Have a wonderful Spring, and may you be open for all that is to become yours on the Shavuot journey,

*Devorah*



# May 2023

## 10 Iyar - 11 Sivan



### Join us for Shabbat Evening Services and Torah Study

Shabbat services in May will be held at 7:00 pm on Fridays May 5, 12, and 19.

Max Strosberg will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah Service on Saturday, May 13th

And a Saturday morning Shabbat/Shavuot service on Saturday, May 27

All services will be live and on Zoom

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

Meeting ID: 899 8994 2300 Passcode: 470532

## May Services at Beth El

Friday, May 5th - 7pm - LIVE in the Beth El Chapel and on Zoom with Hazzan Devorah

Friday, May 12th - 7pm - LIVE in the Beth El Chapel and on Zoom with Audrey Bondy and Sarah Shklov

Saturday, May 13th - 10am - LIVE in the Beth El Sanctuary and on Zoom Shabbat Morning with Hazzan Devorah - Bar Mitzvah of Max Strosberg

Friday, May 19th - 7pm - LIVE in Beth El Chapel and on Zoom with Hazzan Devorah

Saturday, May 27th - 10am - LIVE in the Beth El Sanctuary and on Zoom Shabbat Shavuot Festival Services/Yizkor/Honour of Volunteers/Installation of Hazzan Devorah, with Rabbi Emeritus Ableser, Guest Scholar Rabbi Dr. Goldstein, Cantorial Soloist Tracey Atin, and Pianist Michael Ricketts

Congregation Beth El is an inclusive, warm, egalitarian community committed to Jewish life, spirituality, and learning. You are welcome here.

*We Are Your Jewish Home!*

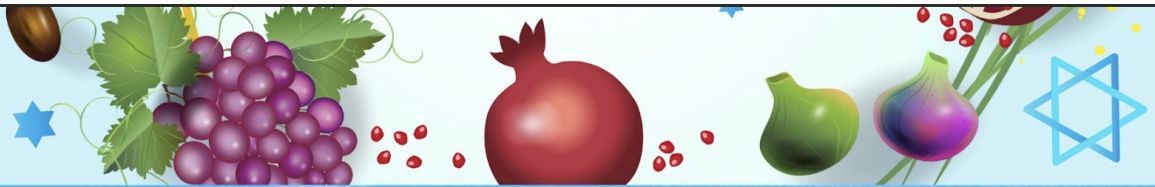
Real Life.  
Real Judaism.

### Shabbat Candle Lighting Times

|        |         |
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| May 5  | 8:17 pm |
| May 12 | 8:25 pm |
| May 19 | 8:32 pm |
| May 26 | 8:39 pm |

### Parashot-May 2023

|        |                  |                      |                      |
|--------|------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| May 6  | Emor             | אָמֵר                | Leviticus 21:1-24:23 |
| May 13 | B'har-B'chukotai | בְּהָר - בְּחֻקֹּתַי | Leviticus 25:1-27:34 |
| May 20 | B'midbar         | בְּמִדְבָּר          | Numbers 1:1-4:20     |
| May 27 | Naso I           | נִשְׂאָה I           | Numbers 4:21-5:31    |



# A Windsor Shavuot Shabbaton May 27th 2023

## **EVENTS AT CONGREGATION BETH EL:**

**10:00am: Shabbat Shavuot Festival Service  
Volunteer Appreciation  
Installation of Hazzan Fick  
Yizkor**

**Noon-1:30pm: Kiddush Lunch**

**1:30-2:30pm: Shavuot Study with  
Scholar-in-Residence Rabbi Dr. Elizabeth Goldstein**

## **EVENTS AT WINDSOR JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTRE:**

**3:30-5pm: Shavuot Party in the Parkette with  
Ice Cream and Refreshments  
Interactive Story-in-Song and Percussion Circle  
Mini Putt Golf in the JCC Gym  
Crafts for Kids**

**All Events are Free, thanks to generous contributions from:  
Congregation Beth El of Windsor  
The Jewish Community Endowment Fund of Windsor  
The Stephen Jarislowsky Chair of Assumption University  
The Windsor Jewish Federation and Community Centre**

**In order to help us plan, please register at:  
[www.bethelwindsor.ca](http://www.bethelwindsor.ca) or call (519)969-2422**

**בְּטַח אֶל-יְהוָה בְּכָל-לִבֶּךָ וְאֶל-בִּינְתֶךָ אֶל-תַּשְׁעֵן;  
בְּכָל-דַּרְכֶיךָ דַּעְהוּ וְהוּא יִישֵׁר אֶרְחֹתֶיךָ.**



**May 2023**  
**10 Iyar - 11 Sivan**



## A Shavuot Study with the Scholar:



*From Purity  
and Impurity  
to Us and  
Them*

The Torah recognizes a system of tumah and taharah, usually translated into English as “purity” and “impurity.” Some of the practices connected to this system have fallen away over the many centuries since the Torah was given, while others have remained. The practice of ritually washing hands before eating bread or upon returning home from the cemetery, and the practice of ritual immersion in a mikvah still remain today.

There was a time in ancient Jewish history when non-Jews were considered “impure” although this belief was short lived and died out before the 1st c CE. Today the boundary between Jew and non-Jew is pretty clearly defined, even as we love our non-Jewish neighbours. Yet new issues constantly emerge that challenge the careful balance we strive to create. What can the Torah’s ancient system teach us about the contemporary categories of “us” and “them?” How should we use this wisdom to achieve what is just and right?

**Saturday, May 27th 1:30-2:30pm**  
**Live at Congregation Beth El - 2525 Mark Ave., Windsor**  
**Zoom Option Available to All Registered Attendees**

Please register online: [bethelwindsor.ca/shavuot/](https://bethelwindsor.ca/shavuot/)

Rabbi Elizabeth W. Goldstein, PhD is Associate Professor of Religious Studies at Gonzaga University. She specializes in Hebrew Bible and Jewish Women’s Studies. Currently, she teaches courses on Judaism and Gender, Contemporary Israel, Hebrew language and Biblical Studies.

This event is free of charge thanks to generous contributions by:





# Congregational Happenings

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## May 2023

*Congregation Beth El*

*with contributions from*

**The Jewish Community Endowment Fund of Windsor  
The Windsor Jewish Federation  
and Community Centre**  
*present*

# **A SHAVUOT** *Party in the Parkette*

Join us for a Family Event for  
Children of All Ages!

*Refreshments!*

*Ice Cream!*

**Mini-Putt Golf**

**PERCUSSION AND  
MUSIC CIRCLE**

*Interactive  
Story-in-Song*

**Crafts for Kids**

*Saturday, May 27th 3:30-5pm  
Windsor JCC Parkette and Gym*

Event is FREE for all participants. To ensure best planning, please register at:  
[bethelwindsor.ca/shavuot/](http://bethelwindsor.ca/shavuot/) or call 519-969-2422

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# Congregational Happenings

## May 2023

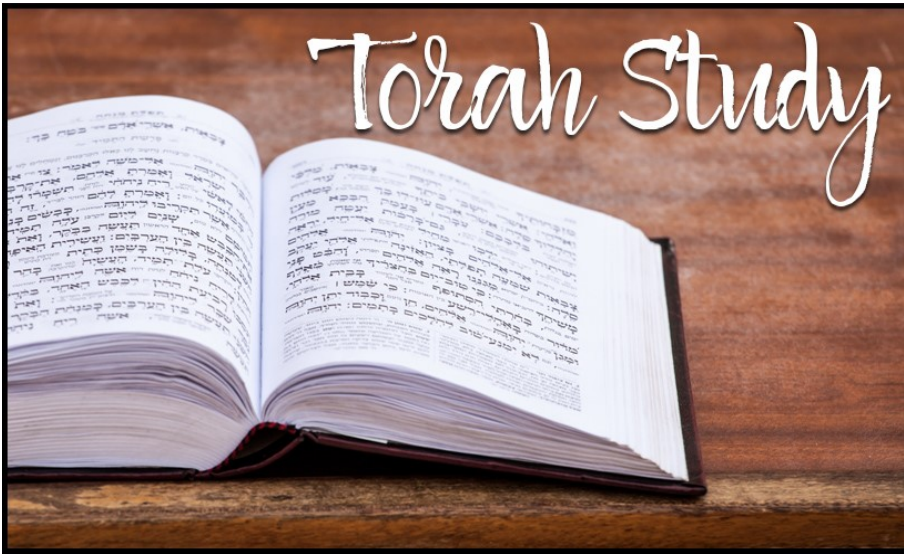
THE AGM OF CONGREGATION BETH EL WILL BE HELD ON Tuesday JUNE 27 AT 7:00 PM.  
Please attend as this is your chance to be involved in what is happening in our congregation!



Mazel  
Tov

To Hazzan Devorah Fick and the Reform Cantors and Cantorial Soloists of Canada on their very wonderful and successful launch and Concert April 20th at Holy Blossom Temple in Toronto.





# Torah Study

May 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=TEFCRkwzcVpWRjNBZG1EYnIFYlJidzO9>

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](mailto:bethelwindsor@cogeco.net) for the link!

**SATURDAY - MAY 6TH - 10:00 AM**

Parshat Emor: "God told Moses to declare the following to Aaron's descendants, the priests: 'Let no [priest] defile himself [by contact with] the dead among his people...'"



## Bar Mitzvah of Max Strosberg

**Saturday, May 13th at 10 am  
Congregation Beth El**

*followed by a kiddush lunch in the  
beth el social hall*

All are invited and encouraged to support Max and witness as he is called to the Torah for the first time!





# Congregational Happenings

## May 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

## May 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](mailto:devorah@bethelwindsor.org)

*Save the Date*

## Save the Date!

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

Lag Ba'Omer



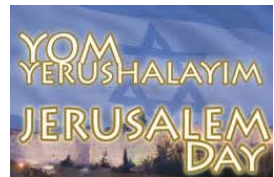
Sunday, May 14, 2023

Mother's Day



Friday, May 19, 2023

Yom Yerushalayim



Saturday, May 27, 2023

Shabbat Service and Installation for Hazzan Devorah Fick

Tuesday, June 27, 2023

Congregation Beth El Annual General Meeting.



# Congregational Happenings

## May 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.



To all our greeters and helpers for the funeral of Robert (Bob) Godden.



Board  
of  
Directors  
Meeting  
May 16  
7:00 pm



### Mazel Tov

To Dr. Naomi Ruth Levitz Shobola on successfully defending her dissertation and earning her PhD.

### Office Closures in May

MONDAY MAY 22 – VICTORIA DAY!



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Congregation Beth El of Windsor



# Religious School News

"And you Shall Teach Them Diligently To Your Children"

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

## The Beth El Religious School Invites You To:



Join us from as we Plant our Community Garden! We will have plants you can purchase if you would like to contribute to the project. We also will have a concession stand with Lemonade and other Snacks. All proceeds will go to the Kozy Kibbutz--our School Garden!

SUNDAY MAY 7TH FROM  
10:30-11:30 IN THE BETH EL  
PARKING LOT RAIN OR SHINE!

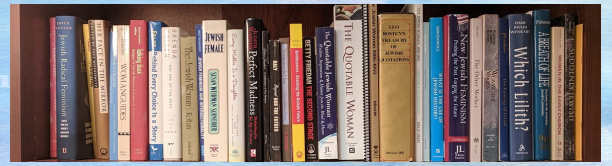
LET'S GET MUDDY!



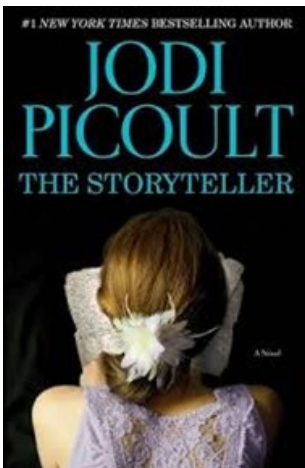
Many thanks to Breakaway Gaming for allowing us to work bingos to raise funds for the Beth El Religious School expenses

# Jewish Book Club

## Sponsored by Congregation Beth El



### ***The Storyteller* by Jodi Picoult - Part II**



If you haven't already read this book, and since we will be meeting in just a few days, this month's book club page may only lead you to read it in the future. I have no idea how many people read this page beyond the dozen "members" of the group, but I have been told that it serves as pointer towards some books of Jewish interest which would have gone unnoticed. Jodi Picoult is an author I have long been aware of because her books have so often been huge best-sellers, but I have never read any of them before because I thought they were just popular romance novels. Now that I have read *The Storyteller*, I may try some of her other books. Last month's *Bulletin* told you a bit of the synopsis of the novel and I won't repeat that. Because I am writing this page during the week of Yom HaShoah, I will note that Part II of this three-part book is told in her own words by Minka Singer, the protagonist's grandmother: her detailed and harrowing story of her life from childhood and adolescence in Lodz, to Auschwitz, to Bergen-Belsen, and to liberation by the British army. Most elements may be familiar to Jewish readers, but I wonder how many of Picoult's loyal general readers encountered the brutal truth of the Holocaust for the first time.

Of course, *The Storyteller* also has a romance with the coming together of Sage Singer, the lost soul and literally scarred granddaughter of survivor Minka, and Leo Stein, the unmarried War Crimes lawyer from the US Department of Justice. Interwoven throughout the novel is the imaginative werewolf story that Minka has created. Telling the story bit by bit to the SS officer she worked for is what helped her survive at Auschwitz. This novel is far more than an ordinary romance genre work, and like all Picoult's work, touches on the important issues of life today. Over her writing career, Picoult has covered a wide range of controversial or moral issues, including abortion, the Holocaust, assisted suicide, race relations, eugenics, LGBT rights, fertility issues, religion, the death penalty, and school shootings. She has been described as, "a paradox, a hugely popular, at times controversial writer, ignored by academia, who questions notions of what constitutes literature simply by doing what she does best." As she herself has said, "I'm never going to win the Nobel prize for literature, not going to win a National Book award, never even going to be nominated. What you trade for that is sales and readership. And I would rather reach more people. It would be very nice to not be unfairly accused of being a bad writer, but hopefully if you do pick up one of my books, you will be quickly disabused of that notion."



**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 May

- 4 Harvey Kessler & Marcia Weinberg
- 8 Fred & Marcey Katzman
- 10 James & Betty Cohen
- 18 Joel & Kim Katz
- 22 David & Debra Shanbaum

To those celebrating birthdays in May

- 2 Stuart Selby
- 2 Jack Zlotnik
- 2 Kylie Pazner
- 2 Irving Shuter
- 4 Danny Sionov
- 9 Aaron Botton
- 9 Samuel Plotnick
- 9 Bernie Lyons
- 9 Barbara Silver
- 10 Lesley Rubin Klein
- 12 Mia McLaughlin
- 12 Ari Strosberg
- 13 Judy Frank
- 22 Peter Miller
- 22 Richie Kamen
- 24 Samuel Sean Katz
- 24 Marilee Marcotte
- 25 Barbara Lyons
- 30 Melanie Jarcaig



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



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

מי שִׁבְרָךְ אֲבוֹתֵנוּ  
מְקוֹר 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 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 May 2023



May their memories always be for a blessing

זייל Zichronam L'vracha - We remember

- |                       |                         |                     |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Joseph Jarcaig      | 9 Aron Fromstein        | 23 Frances Bechman  |
| 2 Dr. Seymour Smelsey | 10 Morris Tabachnick    | 23 Molly Lyons      |
| 3 Anna Berkovitz      | 12 Arnold Goldman       | 24 Louis Gaffen     |
| 3 Joseph Shanbaum     | 12 Fanya Gorelik        | 24 Simon Fruchter   |
| 5 Paul Talberg        | 12 Adelle Reimer        | 24 Sheldon Hochberg |
| 5 Marc Shanbon        | 15 Yefin Kurganskiy     | 26 Al Hochberg      |
| 6 Yetta Babbin Shumer | 16 Mordecai Kleinplatz  | 27 Harold Ableser   |
| 6 Harold Swartz       | 17 Sheila Kalbol        | 28 Ida Rashbaum     |
| 7 Rebecca Marcus      | 18 Aron (Archie) Lobach | 29 Sonia Muroff     |
| 8 Harvey Delson       | 19 Lilly Rose           | 31 Tybe Sobel       |
| 8 Aaron Loebach       | 20 Stanley Herman Brest | 31 Ernestine Brown  |
| 8 Mary Lesansky       | 23 Violet Gower         | 31 Irving Lando     |

Yizkor for Shavuot  
Saturday May 27



## Our Congregation mourns and condolences are extended to:

To Tracey Atin, James, Becca and Matt Godden and families on the loss of their beloved husband, father & grandfather Robert (Bob) Godden.



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 May 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.

## **Friendship Circle Fund**

In memory of Richard, beloved brother of Shelley Alexis by: The Lesansky Family.

In memory of beloved grandfather William Payman by: Brenda Cohen.

Remembering our dear friend Sharon Kaplan by: Brenda & Philip Cohen.

Good health wishes to Ian Alexis by: Bobbi Lesansky.

## **Cantor Sidney Resnick Memorial Music Fund**

In memory of Bob Godden, beloved husband of Tracey Atin by: Anne B. Winograd; Baila & Mitchell Dietrich; Norma Fink & Salomon Smeer; Audrey & Dan Bondy; Bill & Rochelle Tepperman; Lanny Joffe & Stephen Kurtz; Mary & Sam Zaltz.

## **Harry & Dora Rosen Memorial Fund**

In memory of Burton Pazner, beloved husband of Betty Pazner by: Jerry Weingarden & Patti Dunlop.

## **Harold Taub Scholastic Memorial Fund**

In memory of Bob Godden, beloved husband of Tracey Atin by: Paula Taub.

## **Yizkor Fund**

In memorium by: Sheila Dinennendahl.

*Ensure Jewish  
tomorrows at  
Congregation Beth El  
with a Legacy gift  
[bethelwindsor.ca/life-  
legacy](http://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)

**Emor**

אָמַר

Speak

Leviticus 21:1-24:23

May 6, 2023

Laws regulating the lives and sacrifices of the priests are presented. (21:1-22:33)

The set times of the Jewish calendar are named and described: the Sabbath, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, and the Pilgrimage Festivals of Pesach, Shavuot, and Sukkot. (23:1-44)

God commands the Israelites to bring clear olive oil for lighting the sanctuary menorah. The ingredients and placement of the displayed loaves of sanctuary bread are explained. (24:1-9)

Laws dealing with profanity, murder, and the maiming of others are outlined. (24:10-23)



**B'har-B'chukotai**

בְּהָר - בְּחֻקֹּתַי

On Mount [Sinai]/My Laws

Leviticus 25:1-27:34

May 13 2023

God instructs Moses to tell the Israelites that in every seventh year, the land shall observe a Sabbath of complete rest: Fields should not be sown and vines should not be pruned. (25:1-7)

After forty-nine years, a jubilee year is to be celebrated when all the land that had been sold during that time should be returned to its original owners and slaves are to be freed. (25:8-55)

God instructs Moses to tell the Israelites not to make idols, to keep the sabbath, and to venerate the sanctuary of the Eternal. (26:1-2)

God promises blessings to the Children of Israel if they follow the law and warns about the curses that will befall the people if they do not observe God's commandments. (26:1-46)

Gifts made to the Sanctuary whether by conditional vows or by unconditional acts of pious gratitude are discussed. (27:1-34)

**B'midbar**

בְּמִדְבָּר

In the Wilderness

Numbers 1:1-4:20

May 20, 2023

God commands Moses to take a census of all the Israelite males over the age of twenty. (1:1-46)

The duties of the Levites, who are not included in the census, are detailed. (1:47-51)

Each tribe is assigned specific places in the camp around the Tabernacle. (1:52-2:34)

The sons of Levi are counted and their responsibilities are set forth. (3:1-3:39)

A census of the firstborn males is taken and a special redemption tax is levied on them. (3:40-51)

God instructs Moses and Aaron regarding the responsibilities of Aaron and his sons, and the duties assigned to the Kohathites. (4:1-20)



**Naso**

נִשְׂאָה

Take a Census

Numbers 4:21-5:31

May 27, 2023

A census of the Gershonites, Merarites, and Kohathites between the ages of thirty and fifty is conducted and their duties in the Tabernacle are detailed. (4:21-49)

God speaks to Moses concerning what to do with ritually unclean people, repentant individuals, and those who are suspected of adultery. (5:1-31)

# 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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# COMMUNITY LAG BAOMER PARTY

TUESDAY,  
MAY  
**9**  
5:00 PM



**AT THE JCC  
PARKETTE**

1641 OUELLETTE  
AVENUE, WINDSOR

BBQ | MUSIC | S'MORES MAKING **FREE**  
GIANT MOON BOUNCES **ADMISSION**



For more info and to RSVP visit:

[www.Windsorchabad.com](http://www.Windsorchabad.com)

E-mail: [windsorrabbi@gmail.com](mailto:windsorrabbi@gmail.com)

Call: 519-256-2572

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# A SHAVUOT Party in the Parkette

Join us for a Family Event for  
Children of All Ages!

*Refreshments!*

Ice Cream!

Mini-Putt Golf

PERCUSSION AND  
MUSIC CIRCLE

*Interactive  
Story-in-Song*

Crafts for Kids

Saturday, May 27th 3:30-5pm  
Windsor JCC Parkette and Gym

Event is FREE for all participants. To ensure best planning, please register at:  
[bethelwindsor.ca/shavuot/](http://bethelwindsor.ca/shavuot/) or call 519-969-2422

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## CAMP YOMEE SUMMER 2023



## Camp Yomee 2023 Registration Starts Soon

**July 3 to August 25, 2023 | 8 Weeks of Fun!**

Camp Yomee is returning for another awesome summer! Activities include Arts & crafts, swimming, capture the flag, kings court, floor hockey, basketball, soccer, dance, weekly field trips, Jewish programming, and much more!

More information will be released about Camp Yomee for the Summer of 2023 over the next couple of months.

If you have any questions, please reach out Head of Programming and Senior Services, Joe Schnayer at [joe@jewishwindsor.org](mailto:joe@jewishwindsor.org) or at 519-973-1772 ext. 225.

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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](mailto: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](mailto:joe@jewishwindsor.org) or at (519) 973-1772 ext. 225.

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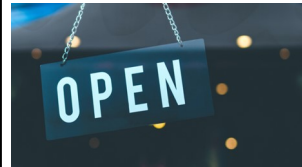
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*A program of the* **HAROLD GRINSPOON FOUNDATION**

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](http://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!**



### 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](mailto:rosalie@jewishwindsor.org) or at 519-973-1772 ext. 201.



## 2022-2023 Board of Directors

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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.

## Congregation Beth El Special Fund List

### Rabbinic Chair

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