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CONGREGATIONAL TOWN HALL MEETING



Meeting #2

Tuesday August 10, 2023

6:30 p.m.

In-person meeting

President: Julie Tepperman

Past President: Karen Rosen

**Spiritual Leader: Devorah Tucker-
Fick**

Rabbi Emeritus: Jeffrey Ableser



Clergy Corner August 2023

But ask the animals, and they will teach you, or the birds in the sky, and they will tell you; or speak to the earth, and it will teach you, or let the fish in the sea inform you. Which of all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this? In his hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind.”
Job 12:7-10

Just because hens are laying eggs does not mean that hens are interested in motherhood. This is a truth I have learned on our little farm in Michigan where we tend to gather an overabundance of eggs every summer, but rarely hatch baby chicks. A hen has to want to take on this task of sitting on eggs for about four weeks, to be diligent and gentle and patient, called to this specific purpose. Most of the time the hens are not interested in such work, so the eggs sit and we gather them.

But this spring we noticed one of our hens was “broody”—she was up to the task! While we were excited, we also knew this was never a sure thing, and as the weeks passed, Jim became doubtful that any of the eggs would hatch. “It’s been too long,” he lamented, “they should have hatched last week.” I was more hopeful: “Give her time. She knows when they are ready.” And so it was that in the end FIVE babies peaked their little heads out from under the mama hen’s wings! She did it!

Some hens are not natural mothers, but this mama hen was excellent; protective and caring for her babies, keeping them safe and warm under her wings. For a few days she tended them, and then we noticed something we had not seen with other hens: she was not getting up from her nest—she was doing it again, sitting on three more eggs while caring for her five babies. This was the mama hen of all mama hens, a bird with a mission to expand the flock!

All went well for a couple of weeks, but then there was a setback, as one of the chicks had an injured leg. Her only chance was a large fish tank placed in the coop so mama hen could see her and so she could stay still, protected, and heal. For five days the poor injured baby just sat in the hay in the fishtank alone, crying for her mama through the glass. When I would take her fresh water or food, mama hen would get ruffled feathers and come at me aggressively—a good sign! She still wanted to protect her baby! But the baby’s leg looked no better and she wasn’t eating or drinking or growing.

Jim was concerned. “You know, I think that baby isn’t going to make it, she isn’t going to walk again. I think if there’s any hope, you need to add her to your prayer list.” I was quite sad with his assessment, so that night I said a prayer for the baby bird as I fell asleep, imagining in my mind her little leg straightening out and working again.

Early the next morning I went out to see her sad situation, but when I opened the door to the coop, to my surprise and delight she was up eating, drinking, and limping around the fish tank! She was going to make it. “Well, it looks like we almost gave up on you twice—as a little egg and now as a little chick! We need to learn to wait and have some faith!”

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Rosh Chodesh Elul falls on the evening of August 16th this year, and begins the month when we are called to prepare our hearts and minds for the holiest days of the year. During the month of Elul it is traditional to read the entirety of Psalm 27 every day, as part of that preparation. The last verse is my favourite:

“Wait on Adonai; be of courage and he will strengthen your heart; and wait, I say, on Adonai.” Psalm 27:14

What does it mean, though, to “wait on G-d?” And what does my story of the chickens possibly have to do with Elul and Psalm 27?

Well, when we wait on G-d, we make intentional opportunity for internal change; we give the Divine permission to work in our hearts and minds, so that we can grow and strengthen and receive healing. We focus our minds to hear what perhaps we are being called to do—much as our mama hen responded to a need for new life in the flock by feeling an urge to sit on not one, but two clutches of eggs!

When we wait on G-d, the growth and change can be hidden from us, and we may think, “I’ve been doing the things in my life I am called to, but I see no change, I feel no different, I see no results in the world.” We learn again from our mama hen that sometimes it takes a few extra days of patient faithfulness to the work we do in the world for the miracle to be seen—for what is hidden to be revealed and come forth in its time.

When we wait on G-d, our heart is strengthened, but it will take trust and faithfulness to a process which may be painful and difficult. We witnessed that while our baby bird had to experience physical separation which caused loneliness and heartache, this separation also allowed for the healing and protection she needed to survive.

It’s amazing that through all of Creation we can witness the Divine at work, not only in the lives of humans, but even in the lives of little birds. I pray that Elul will bring strength and courage to all of Creation, all of humanity, to all of us as individuals, to the Beth El community, and to all of us who are called to be a Light to this World.

In Shalom,

*Hazzan Devorah*

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



**August 2023**  
**14 Av - 14 Elul**



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

Shabbat services in August will be held at 7:00 pm on Fridays August 4, 11, 18 and 25.

Please see service schedule below.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89989942300?pwd=OGxzMkp2WW1DM2t6SGhUL3BucWErUT09>

Meeting ID: 899 8994 2300 Passcode: 470532

**Shabbat AT Beth El:**

Friday, August 4th- 7:00pm in the Beth El Chapel with Hazzan Devorah (Live and on Zoom)

Friday, August 11th- 7:00pm at 5151 Riverside Drive with Hazzan Devorah (Live Only)

Friday, August 18th- 7:00pm Lay-Led Service with Stu Selby (Zoom Only)

Friday, August 25th- 7:00pm in the Beth El Chapel with Hazzan Devorah (Live 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**

- August 4 8:30 pm
- August 11 8:20 pm
- August 18 8:10 pm
- August 25 7:59 pm









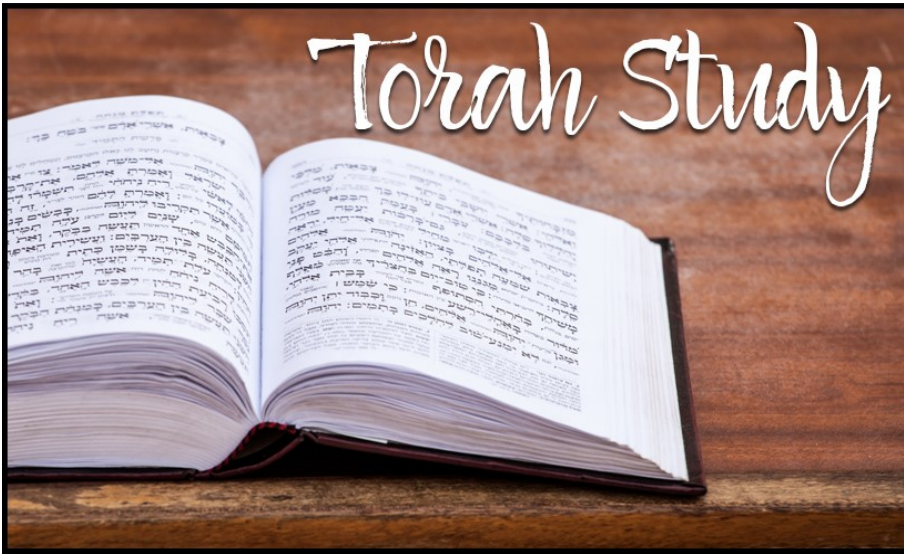
**Parashot-August 2023**

|           |            |            |                         |
|-----------|------------|------------|-------------------------|
| August 5  | Eikev      | עֵקֶב      | Deuteronomy 7:12-11:25  |
| August 12 | R'eih      | רְאֵה      | Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17 |
| August 19 | Shof'tim   | שׁוֹפְטִים | Deuteronomy 16:18-21:9  |
| August 26 | Ki Teitzei | כִּי-תֵצֵא | Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19 |



# August 2023

| Sun | Mon                                                                                                                                      | Tue                                                                                                                                | Wed                                                                                                          | Thu                                                                                                           | Fri                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Sat                                                               |
|-----|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
|     |                                                                                                                                          | 1<br><b>Town Hall Meeting #1</b><br>7:00 pm<br><b>Zoom</b>                                                                         | 2                                                                                                            | 3                                                                                                             | 4<br>Candle Lighting<br>8:30 pm<br>Pride Shabbat<br>5:30-8 pm<br>WJCC Parkette<br>Shabbat Services<br>7:00 pm Beth El Chapel                                                                                        | 5<br>Eikev<br>עֵקֶב                                               |
| 6   | 7<br><b>Office Closed</b><br><b>Civic Holiday</b><br> | 8                                                                                                                                  | 9<br>Mitzvah Morning<br>  | 10<br><b>Town Hall Meeting #2</b><br>7:00 pm                                                                  | 11<br>Candle Lighting<br>8:20 pm<br>Shabbat Services<br>7:00 pm<br>5151 Riverside Dr. E.                                                                                                                            | 12<br>R'eih<br>רֵאָה<br>Torah Study<br>10:00 am<br>Hazzan Devorah |
| 13  | 14                                                                                                                                       | 15                                                                                                                                 | 16                                                                                                           | 17<br>Rosh Chodesh                                                                                            | 18<br>Rosh Chodesh<br>Candle Lighting<br>8:10 pm<br>Shabbat Services<br>7:00 pm<br>Led by Stu Selby<br><b>Zoom Only</b>                                                                                             | 19<br>Shof'tim<br>שׁוֹפְטִים                                      |
| 20  | 21                                                                                                                                       | 22<br>Board of Directors<br>Meeting 7:00 pm<br> | 23                                                                                                           | 24<br>Mitzvah Morning<br> | 25<br>Candle Lighting<br>7:59 pm<br>Shabbat Services<br>7:00 pm<br>Beth El Chapel                                                                                                                                   | 26<br>Ki Teitzei<br>כִּי-תֵצֵא                                    |
| 27  | 28                                                                                                                                       | 29                                                                                                                                 | 30<br>Mitzvah Morning<br> | 31                                                                                                            |  <p><b>LIFE &amp; LEGACY</b><br/>Assuring JEWISH TOMORROWS<br/><small>A program of the HAROLD GRINSPOON FOUNDATION</small></p> |                                                                   |



# Torah Study

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

Saturday - August 12th - 10:00 AM

PARSHAT RE'EH: "I AM PLACING BEFORE YOU BOTH A BLESSING AND A CURSE..."

Saturday - September 9th - 10:00 AM:

PARSHAT NITZAVIM-VAYEILECH: "TODAY YOU ARE ALL STANDING BEFORE G-D YOUR LORD..."

# Congregational Happenings

## August 2023

### IT'S TIME FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

#### REMEMBER ALL THE ADVANTAGES OF MEMBERSHIP

- Access to Officiant(s) for lifecycle events
- Pastoral care during illness or death of a loved one
- Ability to attend all High Holiday services
- Ability to attend members-only events, or reduced pricing for educational, social and cultural events open to the public.
- Ability to send children to Beth El Religious school
- Clergy for life cycle events including Baby Namings, Brit Milah, Consecration and Bar and Bat Mitzvah
- Monthly Bulletin and weekly eblast
- Membership in the Union for Reform Judaism
- Connection to the Reform Judaism movement in Israel
- Ability to purchase plots in the Beth El Cemetery at reduced rates.
- Reduced fees for funeral expenses.
- Volunteer opportunities
- Opportunity to be part of a Jewish congregation, community and the future of Jewish Windsor

2.4%

#StandUpToJewishHate



# Congregational Happenings

## August 2023



### Mazel Tov

To Selma Cheifetz on the Bat Mitzvah of her granddaughter (see below) and the birth of her great-grandson Simon to Tori Cohen and her husband.

*we proudly announce that*  
**Julia Sage Sherman**



Daughter of Heather & Matthew Sherman  
 Grand-daughter of Selma Cheifetz

*was called to the Torah as a  
 Bat Mitzvah*

Saturday, June 10th 2023  
 in Toronto



*"Mazel Tov"  
 and Blessings as a  
 Daughter of Israel  
 from your  
 Congregation Beth El  
 of Windsor Family*

*On the Birth of Your  
 Great  
 Grandson*



**BOY**

*Congratulations*

**HELPING HANDS  
 MITZVAH MORNINGS**

**Wed. Aug 2  
 Tues. Aug 8**

**Please come anytime  
 after 9:30am**

**And finish by NOON!**

**If you happen to be good with a drill or a have  
 and can operate a chain saw it would be great!**



## 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**



# Congregational Happenings August 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



Board  
of  
Directors  
Meeting  
August 22  
7:00 pm



Mazel Tov  
to our graduates

Marley Pazner, daughter of Jori Rosenberg and Lawrence Pazner (and one of our Religious School Teachers) on her graduation from High School. Marley is headed to University of Western Ontario in the fall.

Stephanie Rosen, on obtaining her Masters of Bioinformatics degree from the University of Guelph.

## Office Closures in August

MONDAY August 7 – Civic Holiday



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Congregation Beth El of Windsor





# Religious School News

"And you Shall Teach Them Diligently To Your Children"

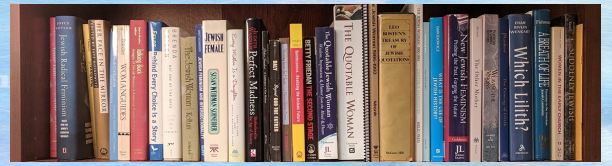
bahm v'dee-bar-ta l'va-necha v'shi-nan-tahm  
וְשִׁנַּנְתֶּם לְבָנֵיךָ, וְדַבַּרְתָּ בָּם,



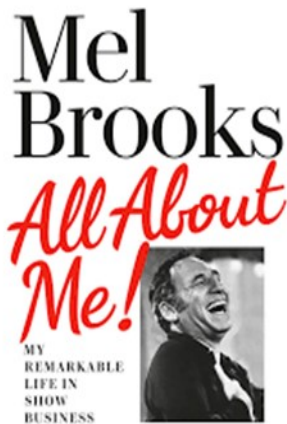
Many thanks to Breakaway Gaming for allowing us to work bingos to raise funds for the Beth El Religious School expenses

# Jewish Book Club

## Sponsored by Congregation Beth El



### **All About Me by Mel Brooks**



We look forward to a real change of pace in our next selection: show business instead of *shoah*. At 97 years old, Mel Brooks is older than any of us in the Beth El book club, and since he has been part of the entertainment experience for all of us from the early days of live television to Hollywood film and Broadway theater to lifetime achievement awards in 2023, his autobiography presents us with social history, entertainment business history and reference to many of the moments which marked our lives. Brooks has written a long book – over 500 pages long – but it is an easy book to read, and you can read each chapter as carefully or as casually as you choose. While most of the 26 chapters carry the names of his productions, some of the best chapters refer to significant parts of his early life and his later development.

*All About Me!* charts Mel Brooks' meteoric rise from a Depression-era kid in Brooklyn to the recipient of the National Medal of Arts. Whether serving in the United States Army in World War II, or during his burgeoning career as a teenage comedian in the Catskills, Mel was always mining his experiences for material, always looking for the perfect joke. His amazing career began with Sid Caesar's *Your Show of Shows*, where he was part of perhaps the greatest writers' room in history which included Carl Reiner, Neil Simon, and Larry Gelbart. After co-creating both the mega-hit *The 2000 Year Old Man* comedy albums and the classic television series *Get Smart*, Brooks' film career took off, culminating in his conquering Broadway with his record-breaking, Tony-winning musical, *The Producers*.

*The Forward's* arts critic asked: "How did Brooks' comedic genius arise? We have Williamsburg, the Catskills and the U.S. Army to thank. Episodes of Melvin Kaminsky, the youngest of four boys raised by a single widowed mother, are the most vivid parts of the book, not weighed down by a litany of film and production dates or the onus of A-list cameos at a studio commissary...These juvenilia and the glimpses into Sid Caesar's writers room make for the book's best stuff." What may not be the best is also very, very good, and the fun of talking about it when we meet should match the fun of reading his story as Mel Brooks tells it.



**The Book Club will meet on Zoom on August 23rd at 7:00 PM**

# Mishpacha-Our Congregational Family

## Mazel Tov and Best Wishes



מזל טוב



### To those celebrating anniversaries in August

- 2 Barbara & Cecil Halpert
- 5 Lawrence & Jori Pazner
- 17 Audrey & Daniel Bondy
- 31 Noah & Julie Tepperman

### To those celebrating birthdays in August

- 3 Adam Teshuba
- 3. Farrah Dalfen
- 6 Marcia Weinberg
- 8 Michael Blacher
- 9 Brenda Cohen
- 9 Nathan Michael Tepperman
- 10 Jonathan Tepperman
- 10 Lilah Abraham
- 11 Selma Cheifetz
- 13 Hannah Malus
- 14 Betty Cohen
- 16 Rabbi Jeffrey Ableser
- 18 Cheryl Blacher
- 22 Judi Polsky
- 23 Daniel Bondy
- 27 Stephen Lutvak
- 28 Madelyn Weingarden
- 29 Maureen Rubin



### Good Health Wishes - R'fuah Sh'leimah

A complete healing to:



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

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

## August 2023



May their memories always be for a blessing

זייל Zichronam L'vracha - We remember

|    |                            |    |                   |    |                         |
|----|----------------------------|----|-------------------|----|-------------------------|
| 1  | JOAN BECKER                | 13 | EDWARD RUBIN      | 23 | BERNARD KATZMAN         |
| 1  | GERTRUDE ROSEN             | 13 | ESTHER GOLDSTEIN  | 23 | LEONARD CHEIFETZ        |
| 1  | EVELYN NOVER               | 14 | HILDA SHERKEY     | 23 | MARK PUTTERMAN          |
| 2  | AL SOUFRINE                |    | NISENBAUM         | 24 | MORRIS KREVER           |
| 2  | EVA PAZNER                 | 15 | FLORENCE CRANDELL | 24 | SHIRLEY JACKSON         |
| 3  | HAROLD MORTON<br>GOLDSTEIN | 15 | MARK LUTVAK       | 25 | CELIA BROWN             |
| 4  | YACHA EGBER                | 16 | DORA ROSEN        | 26 | SAMUEL LUBARSKY         |
| 5  | NORMAN ORDOWER             | 16 | MICHAEL MUROFF    | 27 | MAXINE WERBE            |
| 9  | GUSSIE BROWN               | 16 | EVE PACKER        | 27 | ESTHER LAURIE           |
| 9  | FREIDLE BLECHMAN           | 17 | SAMUEL BURSTYN    | 27 | FOLARIN SCHOBOLA        |
| 10 | SALLY WARSH                | 18 | JACK BAUM         | 28 | DORA COHEN              |
| 10 | BENJAMIN FINK              | 19 | SYLVIA SELBY      | 28 | MURRAY JOFFE            |
| 10 | LIANNE LANDO               | 19 | MARY DALFEN       | 29 | EARL BURSTYN            |
| 11 | ADA LINDEN                 | 20 | SAMUEL TALBERG    | 29 | ABE KURTZ               |
| 11 | AVRAM SHERMAN              | 20 | ALEX POLSKY       | 29 | BERTHA HALPERT          |
| 12 | CAROLE HOLLANDER           | 21 | TED HOCHBERG      | 30 | JOHN (YANKEL)<br>LUTVAK |
| 12 | JOSEPH DIAMONT             | 22 | ISAAC MUROFF      |    |                         |
|    |                            | 23 | SHIRLEY KAVANAU   |    |                         |

In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of the summer, **We remember them.**

# Tzedakah

## August 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.

### **Nancy, Arthur & Brian Barat Memorial Fund**

In memory of Nancy Barat, beloved mother of Carolyn Desch by: Fred & Marcey Katzman; Dr. Stuart Selby.

In appreciation to Hazzan Devorah Fick by: the family of Nancy Barat.

### **The Building Maintenance Fund**

In memory of Mildred Silver, beloved mother of Neil Silver by: Audrey Bondy.

In memory of Brian Goldman, beloved father & father-in-law of Stephanie & Adam Lechner by: Audrey & Dan Bondy.

In appreciation to Beth El by: Fida Dakroub.

Honouring Diane Rubin on her birthday by: Cory & Jen & family.

In memory of Roy Whitewood, beloved brother of Anne B. Winograd by: Audrey & Daniel Bondy.

In memory of Chaim Ripp by: Fran Weinstein.

### **Cemetery Improvement Fund**

In memory of Mildred Silver, beloved mother of Neil Silver by: Sarah Shklov.

In memory of beloved son Paul Lesansky by: Roberta Lesansky.

### **Ted Hochberg Memorial Fund**

In memory of Danny Law, beloved husband of Dora Law by: Sharon Hochberg.

### **Ethel & Harry Hoffman Memorial Fund**

Good health wishes to Lanny Joffe by: Sarah Shklov; Judy & David Frank.

### **Larry Kaiman Memorial Fund**

Happy 90<sup>th</sup> birthday to Sylvia Power by: Enid Schatz & family; Annette & Art Sherman.

### **Aaron & Fran Katzman Endowment Fund**

Honouring Fred Katzman on his 2<sup>nd</sup> Bar Mitzvah by: Bill & Rochelle Tepperman; Sarah Shklov; Betty Pazner; Sharon Horlick.

Honouring Susan Dean on the 8<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her adult Bat Mitzvah by: Fred & Marcey Katzman.

### **Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**

Honouring Hazzan Devorah Fick on her installation by: Ray Violot; Rochelle & Bill Tepperman.

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

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## **Rabbinic Chair Fund**

Honouring Hazzan Devorah Fick on her installation by: Dr. John Cappucci.

In appreciation to Karen Rosen for her leadership as President of Beth El by: Dr. Stuart Selby.

In memory of Antonietta Cappucci, beloved grandmother of Dr. John Cappucci by: Sarah Shklov; Audrey & Daniel Bondy.

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

Honouring Hazzan Devorah Fick on her installation by: Betty Pazner; Sharon Horlick & Rhett Heberling.

Honouring Dr. Stuart Selby on his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday by: Sharon Horlick & Rhett Heberling.

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

In memory of Burton Pazner, beloved husband of Betty Pazner by: Barrie, Maureen & Courtney Rubin; Linda & Howard Perlstein.

In memory of Ann Cohen, beloved sister of Betty Pazner by: Brenda & Philip Cohen.

## **Harold Taub Scholastic Memorial Fund**

Honouring Dr. Elana Ackerman & Andy Goldberg on the baby naming of their daughter Lucy Goldberg by: Fred & Marcey Katzman.

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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)

## Eikev

עֵקֶב

[And if You] Obey [These Rules]

Deuteronomy

7:12-11:25 August 5, 2023

Moses tells the Israelites that if they follow God's laws, the nations who now dwell across the Jordan River will not harm them. (7:12–26)

Moses reminds the people of the virtues of keeping God's commandments. He also tells them that they will dispossess those who now live in the Land only because they are idolatrous, not because the Israelites are uncommonly virtuous. Thereupon, Moses reviews all of the trespasses of the Israelites against God. (8:1–10:11)

Moses says that the Land of Israel will overflow with milk and honey if the people obey God's commandments and teach them to their children. (10:12–11:25)



## R'eih

רֵאֵה

See [This Day I Set Before You Blessing and Curse]

Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17

August 12, 2023

God places both blessing and curse before the Israelites. They are taught that blessing will come through the observance of God's laws. (11:26–32)

Moses' third discourse includes laws about worship in a central place (12:1–28); injunctions against idolatry (12:29–13:19) and self-mutilation (14:1–2); dietary rules (14:3–21); and laws about tithes (14:22–25), debt remission (15:1–11), the release and treatment of Hebrew slaves (15:12–18), and firstlings (15:19–23).

Moses reviews the correct sacrifices to be offered during the Pilgrim Festivals—Pesach, Sukkot, and Shavuot. (16:1-17)



## Shof'tim

שֹׁפְטִים

Judges

Deuteronomy 16:18-21:9

August 19, 2023

Laws regarding both sacred and secular legislation are addressed. The Israelites are told that in every dealing they should pursue justice in order to merit the land that God is giving them. (16:18–18:8)

The people are warned to avoid sorcery and witchcraft, the abhorrent practices of their idolatrous neighbors. (18:9–22)

God tells them that should an Israelite unintentionally kill another, he may take sanctuary in any of three designated cities of refuge. (19:1–13)

Laws to be followed during times of peace and times of war are set forth. (19:14–21:9)



## Ki Teitzei

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When You Go Out (to Battle)

Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19

August 26, 2023

Moses reviews a wide variety of laws regarding family, animals, and property. (21:10–22:12)

Various civil and criminal laws are delineated, including those regarding sexual relationships, interaction with non-Israelites, loans, vows, and divorce. (22:13–24:5)

Laws of commerce pertaining to loans, fair wages, and proper weights and measures are given. (24:10–25:16)

The parashah concludes with the commandment to remember for all time the most heinous act committed against the Israelites—Amalek's killing of the old, weak, and infirm after the Israelites left Egypt. (25:17–19)



# 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

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AN OFFICIAL EVENT OF THE 2023 WINDSOR-ESSEX PRIDE FEST



# Shabbat 2023



JOIN US TO CELEBRATE PRIDE AND INTERSECTIONAL IDENTITY AT OUR **PRIDE SHABBAT DINNER!**

START YOUR NIGHT WITH A STROLLING VEGAN DINNER & DRINKS FOLLOWED BY GAY JEWISH TRIVIA!

### WHEN

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4TH FROM 5:30PM TO 8PM

### WHERE

WINDSOR JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTRE PARKETTE  
1641 OUELLETTE AVENUE

### COST

GENERAL \$10 OR STUDENT \$5  
WINDSORPRIDESHABBAT2023.  
EVENTBRITE.COM

MONEY SHOULD NEVER BE A BARRIER TO ACCESS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO COME, WE WANT YOU THERE!

PLEASE REACH OUT TO JOE SCHNAYER WITH ANY QUESTIONS AT [JOE@JEWISHWINDSOR.ORG](mailto:JOE@JEWISHWINDSOR.ORG)



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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 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). 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.

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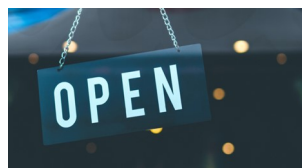
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*A program of the* **HAROLD GRINSPOON FOUNDATION**

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](mailto: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.



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## The MAN's Lunch "ZEKS" 6

Thursday September 7, 2023

Where: Shaar Hashomayim Social Hall

Time: 11:30 AM

Cost : \$75.00 per person  
also Table options available



11am Early entry available for Senior Fressers

Oye Vey  
Its back for  
The Sixth  
Time

### Guest Speakers:

**Geoff Nathan &  
Margaret Winters**

**Ten Minutes  
of Yiddish**



A Deli isn't a  
Deli  
Without  
**YIDDISH**

### Guest Chef:

**Rob Katzman**  
Deli Master & Fresser



And the Man's Lunch Deli Crew  
& Gute Mener aun Meshuggeneh

Buy or  
Split on a  
Table &  
save

6 seater  
\$ 375.00

8 seater  
\$ 500.00

10 Seater  
\$ 600.00

**Bonus  
Discount**  
Donate  
something  
good on an  
8/10 seat  
table to  
Silent  
Auction and  
receive  
\$ 50.00  
Savings  
On a table



**WHO'S INVITED—Men  
that want to Fress, Kibitz, and  
Kvetch & invite your Friends**

Yes, women may also attend!!

### Event Sponsors



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at  
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**Caplansky's**  
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Purchase Locally at Remark

RSVP TO THE Shaar office so we  
don't have any leftovers, that would be  
a Shanda (519-256-3123) or email  
To: shaar@mnsi.net

**Menu:** Hot Corned Beef, Pastrami, Baked  
Salami, Marty's Pickles, Caplansky Mustard  
and New this year *Beef Knishes*  
& everyone - **Zay Gezunt (be Healthy)**



Sponsorship Encouraged—Contact Bill Mechanic at  
bmechanic@checkerindustrial.com

*\* This is a Strictly Kosher Event \**



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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.