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Congregation Beth El of Windsor





Clergy Corner October 2023

"The Lord appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day. Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground." Genesis 18:1-2

It was a hot and dusty day, and the structure pitched next to the chapel swayed gently in the dry breeze. This tent was a strange little thing, out of place against the backdrop of barbed wire and sandbags and concrete "t-walls" used for blast protection in warzones.

A person emerged from inside: the Jewish chaplain, Captain Rabbi Cohen. To me he was simply Andrew; in the desert we officers were all on a first-name basis. Noticing my curious stare, he waved me over. Walking closer I asked, "What is this tent for, are you fighting with your roommate?"

He laughed, "No, I don't sleep out here, although I could...I just eat out here every day for the next week. It's a sukkah...you know, for Sukkot?"

I was completely lost, so he explained it all to me and then said, "Have you eaten yet? You want to eat in here with me?" He pulled out two kosher MREs (prepackaged meals eaten in the field) and put them on the little table and I sat down. Then he picked up some branches tied together and what looked like a large lemon and said, "I'll show you the blessing. We shake this in all the directions of the earth, and we say prayers." When he had finished the blessings in Hebrew he said, "Smell this—it's not a lemon. It's called an etrog. This one is fresh and it smells great doesn't it? And then we eat!"

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That was my very first Sukkot: completely unexpected, simple, unobligated, but generously offered by a Military Chaplain who could not have known that through his hospitality that day, a journey began that would change my life. My guess is that he knew that hospitality—*haknusat orchim* in Hebrew—is considered one of the most important Jewish values, and so he was just in a mode of living and serving in that way.

Sukkot provides us with a unique opportunity to embrace hospitality fully, as through this holiday we are called to a spirit of welcoming and inclusivity, to be open to all who may enter our lives. Through these temporary dwellings and the meals eaten in them, we are given the opportunity to extend a warm embrace to those around us, even to those who may be different from us. By doing so, we open ourselves up to new experiences, new friendships, and new perspectives.

Often, we underestimate the impact our acts of hospitality can have on others. We may not realize how a simple invitation to share a meal in our sukkah can brighten someone's day, foster a relationship, or even change the course of another's life—as Andrew's invitation did for me. By opening ourselves up, we create an environment where connections can flourish, where love and compassion can be shared, where through us G-d can perform works of healing and love in the word.

Sukkot teaches us that our homes, our hearts, our lives, and our communities are not meant to be closed off. They are meant to be places of welcome, places where everyone feels valued and accepted. Just as the sukkah provides shelter for all who enter, we too must strive to create spaces where individuals from all walks of life can find solace, love, and understanding.

This year, I hope we all will open up our lives as individuals and as a community to those around us, remembering that a small act of hospitality can touch lives in ways we may not expect or comprehend. I pray that this festival of Sukkot will remind us of the beauty of hospitality, and inspire us to be open, compassionate, and loving towards one another. In doing so, we not only enrich the lives of others, but we enrich our own lives as well.

Chag sameach,

*Hazzan Devorah*

בְּטַח אֶל-יְהוָה בְּכָל-לִבְךָ וְאֶל-בִּינְתֶךָ אֶל-תְּשׁוּעוֹ;  
בְּכָל-דַּרְכֶיךָ דַּעְהוּ וְהוּא יִישַׁר אַרְחֹתֶיךָ.



**October 2023**  
**16 Tishrei-16 Cheshvan**



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

Shabbat services in October will be held at 7:00 pm on Fridays October 6, 20 and 27

They will all be LIVE as well as by ZOOM and led by Hazzan Devorah Fick.

Please see service schedule below.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89989942300?pwd=OGxzMkp2WW1DM2tGSgU3BucWErUT09>

Meeting ID: 899 8994 2300 Passcode: 470532



**Friday, October 6: SIMCHAT TORAH IN THE SUKKAH**  
**5:30PM - Shabbat Pizza Dinner in the Sukkah**  
**6:30PM - Rockin' Simchat Torah Shabbat Service in the Sukkah**  
**with Hazzan Devorah, Cantor Tracey, and Friends**  
**(Service is Live and on Zoom)**

**Saturday, October 14, 10:00AM: Participatory Traditional Egalitarian Service with Torah Discussion with Hazzan Devorah (Live and on Zoom)**

**Friday, October 20, 7:00PM: Musical Kabbalat Shabbat with Hazzan Devorah, Cantor Tracey, and Pianist Michael Ricketts (Live and on Zoom)**

**Friday, October 27, 7:00PM: Lay Leaders Service (Live and on Zoom)**

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 Is Committed  
 To Jewish Life That Is  
 Engaging, Modern  
 & Relevant  
 In Our  
 Changing World.

We Are At Once  
 Traditional & Innovative,  
 Proudly Egalitarian,  
 & Always Family Friendly.

*This is Your  
 Jewish Home*

Shabbat Shalom!

**Shabbat Candle Lighting**

**Times**

October 6 6:47 pm  
 October 13 6:36 pm  
 October 20 6:25 pm  
 October 27 6:14 pm



**Parashot-October 2023**

|            |                                      |                                         |  |
|------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--|
| October 7  | Sh'mini Atzeret-Simchat Torah        |                                         |  |
|            | שְׁמִינִי עֶצְרֶת - שְׂמַחַת תּוֹרָה | Deuteronomy 33:1-34:12, Genesis 1:1-2:3 |  |
| October 14 | B'reishit בְּרֵאשִׁית                | Genesis 1:1-6:8                         |  |
| October 21 | Noach נֹחַ                           | Genesis 6:9-11:32                       |  |
| October 28 | Lech L'cha לֵךְ-לְךָ                 | Genesis 12:1-17:27                      |  |



**October 2023**

עֲבוּדָה

16 Tishrei-16 Cheshvan

Worship and Spirituality

we are starting a  
Shabbat Morning Service at

*Congregation Beth El*

THIS SERVICE MIGHT BE OF INTEREST IF YOU:

like Traditional-Style prayers  
want to Get Better at **LEADING** Services

would like to try **TORAH CHANTING** in  
a safe and **ENCOURAGING** environment

enjoy **Torah Discussions** instead of sermons

like to get up in the **MORNING** for  
services and Jewish Community

**THIS SERVICE IS ON THE 2ND SHABBAT MORNING OF EVERY MONTH  
FROM 10AM-NOON. UPCOMING DATES ARE:**

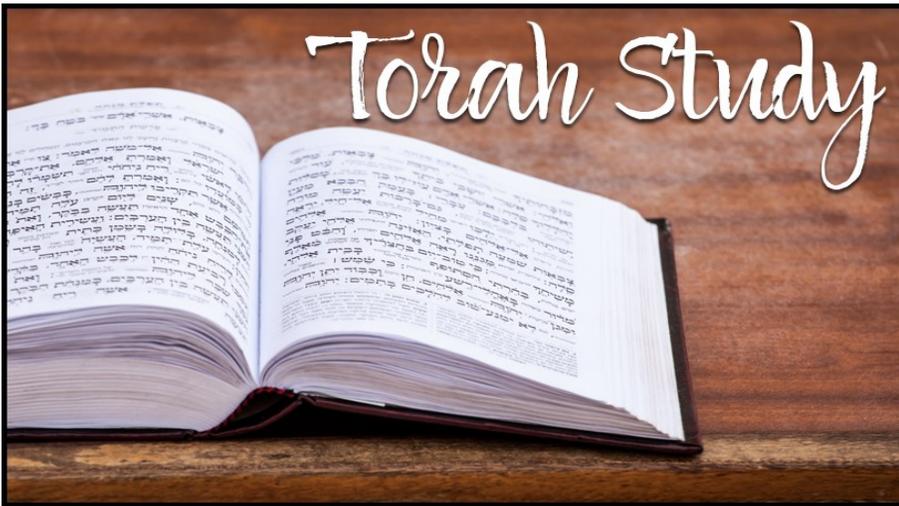
**OCTOBER 14TH**

**NOVEMBER 11TH**

**DECEMBER 9TH**

please contact Hazzan Devorah if you have questions  
[devorah@bethelwindsor.org](mailto:devorah@bethelwindsor.org)

otherwise there is no need to rsvp - just come and try it out!



# Torah Study

October 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=TEFCRkwzcVpVVRjNBZG1EYnIFYlJldz09>

Meeting ID: 878 6548 0185

Passcode: 225560

One tap mobile

Join us at  
Beth El for:

## October TORAH TALK

Come for our interactive Torah Study and Discussion where there is always Coffee and Tea  
We meet in-person in the Beth El Chapel and on Zoom: email [bethelwindsor@cogeco.net](mailto:bethelwindsor@cogeco.net) for the link!

**Saturday - October 21st - 10:00 AM:**

Parshat Noach: "Never again will i curse the ground because of humans...and never again will i destoy all living creatures...as long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease."

**CHAG SAMEACH**



**SHEMINI ATZERET  
SIMCHAT TORAH**

# Congregational Happenings

## October 2023

# INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM

at  CONGREGATION  
BETH EL

**Are you interested in learning more about Judaism?**

**Maybe you are Jewish  
and want to deepen your knowledge.**

**Maybe you are not Jewish  
but feel drawn to consider Judaism.**

**Maybe you want to connect to your Jewish roots  
for the first time.**

**Whatever your reason for learning, we would like  
you to join us for this 12- session course.**

**We will meet on most Fridays from 6-8:30pm beginning  
October 13th 2023 and will complete in February 2024.**

**This course will be taught by  
Hazzan Devorah Fick, Beth El's Spiritual Leader.**

**All course materials will be provided.**

**We ask for tuition to cover the cost of materials  
and other course expenses:**

**Beth El Members: \$72**

**Non-Members or Conversion Candidates: \$216**

**Registration and Tuition:  
[bethelwindsor.ca/intro-to-judaism/](https://bethelwindsor.ca/intro-to-judaism/)**

CHAG SAMEACH



SHEMINI ATZERET  
SIMCHAT TORAH

# Congregational Happenings

## October 2023



In the rising of the sun and in  
its going down...

*We remember them*

At the rustling of the leaves and  
in the beauty of the autumn...

*We remember them*

So long as we live  
they too shall live...

# Yizkor

*We remember them*

**Join us on Friday, October 6th  
for a meaningful, prayerful, and musical tribute to those  
we have loved and are no longer with us.**

**4:00pm in the Beth El Sanctuary**

Tot  
Shabbat  
programs

# Congregational Happenings

## October 2023

# It's **TOT** **AT SHABBAT** **CONGREGATION**

A Shabbat Program for Kids Ages 0-6 years  
and their Parents, Grandparents, and Siblings

**Beth El**

Join us on the 1st Saturday of each Month  
From 10-11:30AM at Beth El.

Kids: sing, learn, dance, and have Shabbat fun!



Parents: build Jewish community!

Healthy and simple snacks provided, but feel  
free to bring your own as well (vegetarian please!)



dates thru the  
end of 2023:

Saturday, October 7th  
Saturday, November 4th  
Saturday, December 2nd

This program is **FREE** and is open to the entire  
Windsor Jewish Community.

Contact Hazzan Devorah Fick to sign up:  
[devorah@bethelwindsor.org](mailto:devorah@bethelwindsor.org)



# Congregational Happenings October 2023

## Special Thank You



Thank you to Audrey and Dan Bondy, Cheryl Blacher and Diane Rubin for sharing their time working bingos. The funds contribute greatly to our Religious School budget.



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

## Office Closures in October

**MONDAY October 9-Thanksgiving**

We send condolences and acknowledge the loss of John G. Hreno. John was the architect who designed the renovation of the Congregation Beth El building in 1981.



**Board of Directors Meeting  
October 5  
7:00 pm**



## Your Legacy, Our Inspiration

Congregation Beth El extends its deepest appreciation and gratitude to our esteemed legacy donors. Your legacy gift ensures the sustainability and growth of Beth El programs and facilities. Your impact will be inscribed in Beth El history to be celebrated and remembered by current and future members of our synagogue.

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Karen Rosen  
Charles Rosen  
Mark & Kelly Lynn Abraham

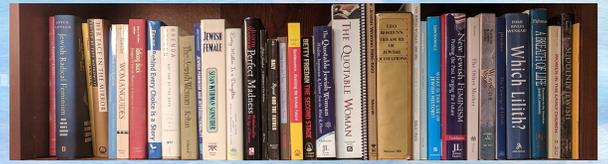
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Reuben Schnayer  
Anonymous  
Hazzan Devorah Fick  
James Fick Jr.  
James & Betty Cohen

*What will your Jewish Legacy be?*

# Jewish Book Club

## Sponsored by Congregation Beth El



### **My Mother's Secret by Alina Adams-part 2**



Last month's book club page gave you the basic information about the book and a bit about the author. We will be meeting soon to discuss the book, and I invite you to join us on the 11<sup>th</sup>, but since we do not have a new book yet, I would like to share more about the author because her life story is interesting in itself. When I first came across references to *My Mother's Secret*, I wondered whether Alina Adams was even Jewish. It turned out that her family name is Sivorinovsky, a "good Jewish name" from Odessa. Recently I came across this little item in an interview: "Sivorinovsky Wickham said she adopted her "goyishe" pen name 25 years ago when she published her first book, *The Fictitious Marquis*, a romance novel set during Regency England, a relatively brief historical period in which Jane Austen's novels are set. "For some reason, 'Sivorinovsky' just didn't scream Regency England," and 'My editor chose Adams because she liked the idea of it coming early in the alphabet.'" Alina Adams may have a WASP name for publishing, but she lives a very New York City Jewish life.

Alina came to San Francisco from Odessa when she was seven years old, and is an alumna of the SF Brandeis Day School, Lowell High School and San Francisco State University, where she earned both her undergraduate and master's degrees in broadcast communications. Today, long after giving up television, her life is devoted to full-time writing, talking to Jewish and other book clubs and media, and a stable home life. Her household in New York City includes a husband and three children: a 21-year-old college student and two teenagers. "We bring diversity by just entering the room," since her husband is African American. "We are interracial, interfaith and intercultural," she said, "but my three kids are being raised as Jewish".

She further says: "Just like Regina, (the protagonist of *My Mother's Secret*) I was born in the former Soviet Union. I know lots of people who were born during her era. Who lived through what she lived through. As a result, I know what those people felt, how they thought, and why they did the things they did. I cobbled Regina together out of real-life people, out of people I read about, and out of people I knew. Some of the things she says come directly out of the mouths of my grandparents, of my parents, of their friends. Most of the historical fiction/romance set in Western Europe in the 1930s and 1940s focuses on World War II and the hideous war-crimes and crimes against humanity that took place there. Little attention is paid to what Josef Stalin was doing to his own people during the same time period. Modern estimates suggest he may have been responsible for as many as 9 million deaths, most of them people he designated as "enemies of the state." So for us, not only is *My Mother's Secret* an enjoyable book to read, but also an education into the USSR which can help us understand Putin's Russia today.



**The Book Club will meet on Zoom on October 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM**

**Mishpacha-Our Congregational  
Family  
Mazel Tov and Best Wishes**



**מזל טוב**



**To those  
celebrating  
anniversaries in October**

29 Alan & Marcie Warsh

**To those  
celebrating  
birthdays in  
October**

- 1 Franklyn Lyons
- 1 Alana Sara Silver
- 5 Simha Teshuba
- 6 David Shulman
- 9 Jori Rosenberg
- 9 Chloe Klein
- 9 Nathan Tepperman
- 11 Devin Jarcaig
- 15 Erica Jarcaig
- 18 Jake Ableser
- 18 Rachel Ableser
- 21 Alan Shulman
- 25 Josh Morrison
- 28 Zachary Pazner
- 30 Sophia Tucker-Fick



**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       |
| Sharon Mock      | Paul Selby      | Maia Klaz             | Dr. Stewart Plotnick |
|                  | Lanny Joffe     | Glen & Melanie Dunn   |                      |

**מי שִׁבְרַךְ 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 October 2023



May their memories always be for a blessing

זייל Zichronam L'vracha - We remember

|   |                         |    |                            |    |                      |
|---|-------------------------|----|----------------------------|----|----------------------|
| 1 | ALEX BRICKER            | 9  | LILLIAN GREBS              | 18 | GERTRUDE BRODSKY     |
| 1 | MIRIAM MUROFF           | 9  | HARRY KLAMER               | 19 | JACK WINOGRAD        |
| 1 | ISRAEL MARDER           | 10 | CELIA ROTENBERG            | 20 | SAM DALFEN           |
| 2 | SARAH TAUB              | 10 | FLORENCE COHEN             | 21 | SHERMAN MORRISON     |
| 2 | HYMAN ROSENBAUM         | 11 | RICHARD BENNETT WEINGARDEN | 22 | BERTHA LANDER        |
| 3 | DOROTHY OVENTHAL        | 12 | WILLIAM JOFFE              | 22 | MORRIS PEARL         |
| 3 | NATHAN LINDEN           | 12 | SYBIL LEWIS                | 24 | BETTY WEINBERG       |
| 4 | ALEXANDER HASSAN        | 12 | GEORGE MILLER              | 24 | REUBEN HARON         |
| 4 | ABRAHAM ZARNOWEICKI     | 13 | JESSIE PAZNER              | 24 | BEN SELBY            |
| 4 | NATHAN SMEER            | 13 | IDA SHOOT                  | 25 | JACK STEIN           |
| 4 | SARAH SACKSIONI SMEER   | 13 | CHAIM TELCHEN              | 25 | BUNNY DALFEN         |
| 6 | HARRIETT COLMAN FOLKMAN | 14 | LEO MANDELL                | 26 | HYMAN TALBERG        |
| 6 | ABRAHAM RUDOVER         | 15 | ARCHIE CHERNIAK            | 26 | HENRY WEINBERG       |
| 7 | JOSEPH FLAGG            | 15 | ARTHUR BARAT               | 26 | YELENA PAPO          |
| 7 | LAWRENCE KAUFMAN        | 16 | LEONARD BUCKLER            | 28 | MEL HOWARD           |
| 8 | RUTH KATZ               | 16 | BEATRICE SMELSEY           | 29 | MAX WEINGARDEN       |
| 8 | DR. AUBREY GOLDSTEIN    | 16 | RUTH FRUCHTER              | 29 | LARRY KAIMAN         |
| 8 | CRAIG ALLEN SMELSEY     | 17 | MOSHE TESHUBA              | 29 | JEANETTE FINKELSTEIN |
| 8 | MARY TEICH              | 17 | LOUIS SILVERMAN            | 30 | BARNEY LANDER        |
| 9 | MAURICE RUSH            | 17 | LEAH KREVER                | 31 | JOAN WEINGARDEN      |

## Our Congregation mourns and condolences are extended:

In memory of Andy Zuckerman, beloved father and father-in-law of Julie & Noah Tepperman, grandfather of Lily and Benji Tepperman.



Yizkor for Sukkot

Friday, October 6

4:00 p.m.

Beth El Sanctuary



In the rising of the sun and in its going down, **we remember them.**  
In the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of autumn, **we remember them.**  
In the beginning of the year and when it ends, **we remember them.**

# Tzedakah

## October 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.

### **Camp George Scholarship Fund**

Good health wishes to Rabbi Jeffrey Ableser by: Sharon Horlick & Rhett Heberling.

### **Cemetery Improvement Fund**

In memory of Andy Zuckerman, beloved father of Julie Tepperman by: Anne Bennett Winograd.

### **Friendship Circle Fund**

Good health wishes to Rabbi Jeffrey Ableser by: Norma Fink & Salomon Smeer.

### **Ted Hochberg Memorial Fund**

Happy New Year wishes to Barbara Silverberg by: Sharon Hochberg.

### **Larry Kaiman Memorial Fund**

Honouring Herb & Ellen Brudner on their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary by: Enid Schatz & family.

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

Honouring Herb & Ellen Brudner on their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary by: Rochelle & Bill Tepperman.

### **Religious School Fund**

Good health wishes to Rabbi Jeffrey Ableser by: Harvey Kessler & Marcia Weinberg.

In memory of Andy Zuckerman, beloved father of Julie Tepperman by: Reuben & Aviva Schnayer; Audrey & Daniel Bondy; Sarah Shklov; Maria & Nathan Belenkova-Burford; Norma Fink & Salomon Smeer; Pam Scott; The Guyer Family; Sharon Horlick & Rhett Heberling.

Honouring Herb & Ellen Brudner on their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary by: Cheryl & Michael Blacher.

### **Harold Taub Scholastic Memorial Fund**

In memory of Harold Taub, beloved husband of Paula Taub by: Brenda & Philip Cohen.

In memory of Harold Taub, beloved father & father-in-law of Sharyl & Alan Ackerman by: Brenda & Philip Cohen.

### **Dorothy & Max Weingarden Endowment Fund**

2 prayer books have been inscribed in honour of the special 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of Arthur B. Weingarden by: Betty, Eric & Sherrie Pazner, Renee & Alan Gozlan.

Honouring Arthur B. Weingarden on his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday by: Sarah Shklov.

**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)

## Sh'mini Atzeret-Simchat Torah שמני עצרת - שמחת תורה 8th Day of Assembly

Deuteronomy 33:1–34:12, Genesis 1:1–2:3 October 7, 2023

On Simchat Torah, the day on which we literally celebrate the Torah, we read the very end of Deuteronomy and the very beginning of Genesis. In the final verses of Torah, we read Moses' blessing of the Israelites, offered before the prophet dies. Moses then ascends Mount Nebo, from which he sees the Promised Land and takes his final breath. God buries Moses and we are told there will never be another prophet like him. From this passage, we immediately begin our new cycle of Torah reading with the story of creation from the beginning of Genesis. And we create a new year of studying Torah. While each year we return to the same verses, it is we who are different. With each passing year, we grow and change, celebrate and mourn. And it is as if we are reading these sacred words for the very first time.



## B'reishit בראשית In the Beginning Genesis 1:1-6:8 October 14, 2023

God creates the world and everything in it in six days and rests on the seventh. (1:1-2:3)

Adam and Eve are placed in the Garden of Eden, where they eat the forbidden fruit and are subsequently exiled. (2:15-3:24)

Adam and Eve have two sons, Cain and Abel. Cain kills his brother, Abel. (4:1-24)

Adam and Eve have another child named Seth. The Torah lists the ten generations from Adam to Noah. (4:25-5:32)

God regrets having created human beings and decides to destroy everything on earth, but Noah finds favor with God. (6:5-6:8)



## Noach נח Noah Genesis 6:9-11:32 October 21, 2023

God decides to cause a flood that will destroy the world, sparing only Noah's family and the animals that Noah gathers together on the ark. (6:9-8:22)

Life starts over again after the Flood. The Noahide Commandments are listed, and God uses a rainbow to make a symbol of the first covenant. (9:1-17)

People start to build a city and the Tower of Babel. God scatters the people and gives them different languages to speak. (11:1-9)

The ten generations from Noah to Abram are listed. (11:10-29:2)



## Lech L'cha לך-לך Go Forth Genesis 12:1-17:27 October 28, 2023

Abram, Sarai, and Lot go to Canaan. (12:1-9)

Famine takes them to Egypt, where Abram identifies Sarai as his sister in order to save his life. (12:10-20)

Abram and Lot separate. Lot is taken captive, and Abram rescues him. (13:1-14:24)

Abram has a son, Ishmael, with his Egyptian maidservant, Hagar. (16:1-16)

God establishes a covenant with Abram. The sign of this covenant is circumcision on the eighth day following a male baby's birth. (17:1-27)



# Community Events October 2023



תְּבוּרָה

Save the date, attend the event and  
support your community

Please give generously  
when called



# Community Events

## October 2023



# תְּבוּרָה

Save the date, attend the event and support your community



## 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.

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)



# 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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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.