



Unity Sing, organized by the St. Louis Park Friends of the Arts program, brought together choirs from Beth El, Westwood Lutheran Church, students from Benilde Saint Margarets and monks from the Wat Thai Buddhist Temple where it was held. Song brings our choirs together. This event had us reach beyond Beth El to expand our circle of community. In this edition of the Shofar, we hear from members themselves about their experiences being part of Beth El's community. Pictured is Beth El Choir Director, Bill Torodor, with members of the Beth El and Westwood Lutheran Church choirs.

# WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO



Rabbi  
Alexander Davis



Rabbi Avi S.  
Olitzky



Cantor  
Audrey Abrams

A group of mothers gathered for coffee begin sharing their children's latest accomplishments.

One boasts that her son is a doctor; another has a son who is a judge. A third speaks of her daughter, the professor. One woman is quiet through it all. Finally, they turn to her and ask: "Well, what does your son do?"

"He's a rabbi!"

"A rabbi? What kind of a profession is that for a nice Jewish boy?"

Jokes aside, we love what we do. We consider it a privilege to serve as your rabbis and cantor, to stand before you to teach, to lead you in prayer, to officiate at your life cycle events and more.

What motivates us? What gives us the energy to work until the late hours of the night, on weekdays and weekends? You do. Nothing gives us greater joy than to hear that our teaching has challenged you, our song has touched you, our words have motivated you, our deeds have supported you.

Now, we are the first to admit that we don't always inspire. But that is our goal. We seek to share with you the wisdom, meaning, and joy we find in Judaism.

In many synagogues, rabbis and cantors are referred to as *klei kodesh*, holy vessels. This term comes from the Torah's detailed description of the Tabernacle. There, the ark, menorah, table, incense altar, etc. used by the kohanim in their service are designated as *klei kodesh*.

Referring to rabbis and cantors, this term can come across as arrogant: "Look at us, we are holy vessels." For that reason, the three of us rarely use it. But we should understand the phrase for it captures how we view our role – not as vessels of holiness but instruments for holiness. We are not "holier than thou." We see ourselves as servants, serving God and the congregation. We feel called upon to help manifest holiness in our lives, in our community, in our world. This takes many different forms.

When our *b'nai mitzvah* students rise to lead us in prayer, when our adults stand before us to teach us as a Shabbat summer darshan (speaker), when our young families tell us they incorporated what we studied into their lives, when a senior takes to heart a conversation we had and is moved to support community, we take great pride. And we consider it an honor to be part of your lives and to help shape Beth El into a *kehillah k'dosha*, a holy community.

We take great pride in the many ways Beth El has touched people's lives.





When I first saw the announcement about the challah baking class I knew that was for me. What I didn't know was how much more than a cooking class it would turn out to be. The learning that we did with Rabbi Davis was the perfect addition to the baking that I hadn't anticipated. It added just the right flavor (please excuse the pun). A wonderful experience in every sense. And now I am working to perfect my skills week after week at home.

– Dick Spiegel



Aptly named, *Art for the Heart* ties together much of what is important to me in life. Once a month we gather, a like-minded group of women, to learn, pray and create. The process of creating art from scratch inspired by the spiritual path we've recently traveled is always surprising and revealing. We create with attention and intention. And we come back each month for the wonderful experience of journeying into our hearts, minds and souls.

– Merrie Forstein



Hazamir\* strengthens my ties to Israel, teaches me to perform at a high level of artistic excellence, and inspires me to become a leader. These are all important. But there is something more to be said about how Hazamir makes me feel. Participating in Hazamir has helped me become more confident in expressing myself as a Jew in my city where there is not a huge Jewish population. I've become a more outgoing person and feel a part of a community where everyone is welcome to be themselves. I've broadened my musical taste to now include Jewish choral music which is something I'm not sure I would otherwise be interested in. Most of all, I've made wonderful friends with teens all across the country and in Israel. I know that wherever I end up in life, another Hazamirnik won't be far. My Hazamir network of friends, peers, and supporters will be close by, always willing to lend a helping hand or offer a shoulder to cry on.

– Naomi Walthour

\*The Hazamir Youth Choir, for Jewish teens from across the city, is directed by Cantor Audrey Abrams



Our second and last child just graduated from the Aleph Preschool, marking an end of an era for our family. I have been ceaselessly impressed with the teachers and programming at the Aleph Preschool and the connection the school provides to the Beth El community. The teachers are smart, creative, committed, engaged, and warm and always go above and beyond each day to teach and nurture our children. From wrapping feet in bubble wrap to experience walking on the moon, to learning about Martin Luther King Jr., the impact lasts beyond pick-up time at the driveway; Aleph Preschool has given us a community of friends in which to raise our kids.

– Zohara & Shmuel Cohen Lissek



# The Disambiguation of Kehillah

By Steve Sanderson, President

When I think about Beth El, I'm struck by the myriad of people, interests and ages that make up our congregation and community. We are one, oftentimes difficult to define, large community or kehillah.

There are, of course, deep Jewish definitions of kehillah—far better described by our clergy than a synagogue president. That being said, I consulted “Dr. Wikipedia” as one of my sources to research this article. When Wikipedia cannot specifically define a word or topic, such as kehillah, it often employs the pseudo-sophisticated term, *disambiguation*. To disambiguate is to make more clear and give definition. In other words, Wikipedia has no idea what kehillah means and obfuscates using a term most likely found in legal or medical texts.

Now this can all seem a bit overwhelming. But let's try to disambiguate what kehillah means at Beth El. We are a Conservative Jewish synagogue made of young and old, individuals and large families. Our shul provides love, counsel, services and classes. It offers the opportunity to participate in committees, in a variety of activities, and serve others in our congregation, community, and Israel.

To me, these seemingly endless combinations reflect our past, define who we presently are, and where we are going as a kehillah. Life is never a straight line nor should we expect this of our kehillah. Our shared history coupled with our individuality defines the unambiguous beauty of our synagogue.

In this edition of the Shofar, we learn from our clergy about some of their connections and inspirations from people in our community. The Heilicher Minneapolis Jewish Day School and Talmud Torah provide an update from our community schools. Dalia Katz describes some of her invaluable experiences and work the Women's League provides our community. Similarly, Eitan Weinstein, Beth El congregant and Emtza Region president, gives us a USY perspective. These are just a few of the ideas, people and entities that make up our kehillah.

When you read and enjoy these articles consider how each author describes, from their perspective, what makes up our Beth El kehillah. The articles in this edition disambiguate, giving us examples of clarity. They are a variety of heartfelt expressions describing beauty and love, reminding us of our common communal vision.



# New Members

## PLEASE WELCOME

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Aaron & Karen Parker with Ayelet

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David Miller

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Nadia Maccabee-Ryaboy & Oleg  
Ryaboy with Maya, Liat and Lev

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*The Ryaboy Family*



IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO

# Teach Community

By Hazzan Jeremy Lipton, Head of School, Talmud Torah of Minneapolis

Over the course of the school year, I often hear parents express a variety of reasons why they send their children to Talmud Torah. Many focus on the specific areas of study in which we immerse our students—Hebrew, Israel, Jewish Living, Holidays, History, Tanach, and Music—all of the tools for potentially living an intentional Jewish life. But at the core of each of these conversations is that parents want to create a sense of COMMUNITY for their children and for their extended families. They want the shared knowledge, skills, and experiences that come with the supplemental Jewish education that we provide to be the primary catalyst for their children to connect with EACH OTHER, in addition to learning and living their traditions.

From our earliest biblical and rabbinic teachings, the education of our children has been an integral part of the fabric that builds and sustains Jewish communities. “And these words, which I command you this day, shall be upon your heart; and you shall teach them diligently to your children...” [Deut. 6:6-7]. Here, the Torah challenges us to not only receive God’s mandates, but to make sure they are passed along to our children as a communal legacy.

*In The Observant Life: The Wisdom of Conservative Judaism for Contemporary Jews*, Rabbi Eliezer Diamond reminds us that “the obligation to provide a Jewish education is COMMUNAL as well as parental. The Talmud [BT, Bava Batra, 21a] attributes an ordinance to Joshua ben Gamla, one of the last High Priests of the Second Temple period, requiring each community to provide for the religious education of all its children from the age of six or seven. Jewish communities throughout the ages have taken on the responsibility, providing Jewish education to their youth. Consequently, federations and other communal institutions should make it their top priority to increase the availability and affordability of Jewish education for all Jewish children. After all, it is Jewish education that is the most important guarantor of Jewish continuity; more crucially, it is only through education that we can create a Jewish COMMUNITY worth perpetuating.”

Registration for the 2019-2020 academic year (<https://www.talmudtorahmpls.org/registration>) for new and continuing students is open now and will continue through the first day of school on September 8th! Together, let’s build and nurture our COMMUNITY!!



# Heilicher Is the Next Step for Many Aleph Preschool Graduates

By Yoni Binus, Head of School, Heilicher Minneapolis Jewish Day School

Families choose Heilicher (K-8) to join a nurturing, Jewish environment in which to educate their children. Heilicher’s STEAM curriculum and inquiry-based learning philosophy make for a rich academic experience in both General and Judaic Studies, including daily Hebrew language. At the center is Jewish identity-building in the form of 10 core Jewish values which come to life through creative activities and everyday, age-appropriate lessons. These core values are part of a seamless curricular ascent from the middot within the Aleph Preschool curriculum.

The smooth transition from one nurturing Jewish environment to the next is one reason that Heilicher is seeing a growing cohort of Pre-K graduates from Aleph Preschool enroll in Kindergarten. Many Aleph Preschool families appreciate how easy it is to move into the Heilicher community, which feels akin to what they found at Beth El.

Heilicher is proud to partner with Beth El on community education events, family programs, and more. When considering Kindergarten options for your child, take a look at Heilicher, just around the corner.

For more information, please contact Louise Schoenberger, Admissions Director at [lschoenberger@hmjds.org](mailto:lschoenberger@hmjds.org) or 952.381.3523.





# The Future is Bright with our Youth

By Eitan Weinstein, Emtza USY Regional President

At 16 years old, I am looking at my next year with childhood giddy and excitement – and it’s because of USY. An experience that started as coming to lounge nights for programs that were anywhere from goofy to inspirational became the highlight of my week. And now, as I prepare to serve as Regional President of Emtza, I think about the gift that Emtza has been in my life and the role it plays in shaping me as a young Jew, along with friends of mine. A gift that without Beth El, none of us here would have.

Freshman year was when I first had the opportunity to be engaged by USY. I got involved in USY because both of my siblings had done so before me. In my mind, that was simply what one does in high school. It took me a while, but by the end of freshman year, I had grown to love the community and friendships that I now had in BERUSY and in Emtza Region. And by this point, it was no longer because of the path that anyone else had carved out for me, rather, it was a new set of experiences that I could mold myself.

By sophomore year, I became more involved both on the chapter level and regionally. It was so much fun for me to be able to see my BERUSY friends every week and my Emtza friends throughout the year. Last year was when I really got to dip my toe into USY leadership, and it felt incredible. The days of being a wide-eyed freshman were over and I saw myself not only shaping memories for myself, but for my peers and friends too.

Serving on Emtza Regional Executive Board is an unparalleled opportunity. This year, as the president of the region, I see that we have the opportunity to really bring together chapters and synagogues from around the Midwest, no matter how far apart they may be physically. That includes working with the chapters to share successful programs, to ensure that those same goofy and inspirational lounge nights can be enjoyed all over. I also recognize that we share many of the same challenges. I believe we can combine our passions and experience to share insights with each other.

Admittedly we have had some bumpy years in terms of staff leadership. It is not easy trying to build and take our chapter to new heights when each year, year after year, our staff changes. But I am committed – as are my peers and our synagogue staff and leadership – to ensuring that our USY chapter, and youth across all ages in the synagogue, have positive and enriching engagement with the synagogue as the center. Our synagogue will hire a new team to engage our youth, led by a Director of Youth Engagement, Enrichment, and Informal Education, and I am excited about the model they will implement and the long-desired support they will provide.

Rabbi Olitzky and our synagogue leadership is taking a holistic approach to programming and engagement, specifically with regard to our young families outreach. This new model leverages the same approach over a broader demographic, allowing our team to work as a cohesive unit and shepherd our children (and their families) through their youth and development—something we’ve been asked for years to address by our families.

Through this approach, I think that we can grow our chapter and our region this year, not just in terms of membership, but in terms of the strength of our community and quality of our programming. BERUSY and all the other chapters in Emtza are what makes our region so amazing, and as regional president, I am overjoyed to have the opportunity to support our chapters and each USYer in Emtza Region.





# Finding Your Path

By Dalia Katz

My husband Beni and I first attended services at the old Beth El on the North Side. As young immigrants having been sponsored into the United States by Fern and Bernie Badzin (zikhronam livrakah), we found the old Beth El very welcoming to a young couple of immigrants from Cuba. After a couple of years we left the city for Beni to complete his training in obstetrics in Detroit, returning three years later. At that time there were three of us; our oldest daughter Sonia was almost ready to begin her formal Jewish education. The next school year she was ready to attend the Aleph Preschool, which at the time occupied the corner end of the lot where the new synagogue building (our current building) was in the planning stages. Eventually the construction of the new building was completed and our second daughter, Amy, was a member of the first group of children who attended the new Aleph Preschool in the new building! It was at that time that I became involved in Women's League to the best of my ability as a mom with young children. And it was so important to me that I did.

As the years passed and with a third daughter, Dina (who also eventually enrolled in the Aleph Preschool!) I became more active in Women's League as I understood the important role this group of dedicated women play in the smooth function of our beloved synagogue. I was inspired by the depth of Women's League's involvement in fundraising and the variety of activities at Beth El they helped support. Over the years, these activities have included: Aleph Preschool receiving a yearly contribution for supplies; many lunches on Shabbat when there are no b'nai mitzvah and kiddush cups for b'nai mitzvah. Beyond those funds, I was inspired by the commitment to volunteerism by Women's League—members provide volunteers whenever necessary.

Our Women's League is not just about hamantaschen and knishes, or even our Gift Shop, known throughout the city with the varied array of tallitot and kippot and other religious items necessary for us to live Jewish lives. But I am worried. We have had such a deep impact as a Women's League—just as Beth El has had a profound impact on me. But our Women's League Board realized that over the last few years, our membership has dwindled. Our core group is comprised of a few elderly ladies who, because of our age, are either passing on or are not capable of continuing the work we have been doing during all these many years, especially at the pace we are used to. We need to find a way to interest a younger sector of our Beth El women to help continue that impact. We need to inspire and engage younger women to find their own path to involvement – because Beth El still has the needs Women's League used to fill. Even if it's not Women's League, or Women's League 2.0 – I wonder what will be done to take the baton from one generation to the next. I am hopeful that a cohort of that next generation will pave their own path towards supporting our shul and that they too shall be blessed with finding meaning in our community and in finding a way to pass the baton when it's their turn.

I was inspired by the commitment to volunteerism by Women's League—members provide volunteers whenever necessary.



# B'nai Mitzvah



**July 1, 2019 / 28 Sivan 5779 (Israel)**  
Chukat

## ZOEY BAY TENENBAUM

ביילא רחל בת דניאל ראובן וזיסל רשא

Daughter of Daniel & Jennifer Tenenbaum

*Just as Miriam brought water, Zoey has brought us much joy as we've witnessed her spiritual journey. We're excited to celebrate with her.*



**July 4, 2019 / 1 Tamuz 5779 (Israel)**  
Chukat

## NINA FELISA MILLER

אביבה בת חווה

Daughter of Eve Miller

*Nina has been working hard to reach this milestone. She is excited to be celebrating her bat mitzvah in Israel together with family from Minneapolis and joining with family and friends residing in Israel.*



**August 24, 2019 / 23 Av 5779**  
Eikev

## JONAH ASHER KAUFMAN

אברם עקיבא בן פנחס ומרים אסתר

Son of Justin & Elanna Kaufman

*We are so proud of our bright, kind, and humorous son as he embraces the path of his ancestors by becoming bar mitzvah.*



**September 14, 2019 / 14 Elul 5779**  
Ki Teitzei

## JACOB MATAN WEISS

יעקב מתן בן דניאל ורבקה

Son of Amy & Dan Weiss

*Jacob worked hard to prepare for his bar mitzvah and enjoyed exploring the deeper meaning of his parashah and haftarah. We are very proud of him and hope that his curiosity and love of learning continue as he becomes a Jewish adult.*

# Adult B'nai Mitzvah



**July 20, 2019 / 17 Tamuz 5779**  
Balak

## ELLA HOFFMAN

אסתר בת יצחק וחנה

*I wanted to have an adult bat mitzvah because growing up I was not able to express Judaism openly and now that I am, I want to take advantage of the opportunity to grow as a Jewish adult.*



**July 20, 2019 / 17 Tamuz 5779**  
Balak

## AMY LOU KANTAR

אהבה בת דוד ורחל

## MAZAL TOV TO MEMBERS WITH UPCOMING MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES

NAME.....	DATE.....	YRS
Patrice & Tom Jones.....	1-Jul.....	40
Missy & Leonard Blum.....	3-Jul.....	25
Howard & Judith Kauffman.....	3-Jul.....	45
Andrew Karch & Kaori Yamada.....	4-Jul.....	15
Eli & Ruth Baruch.....	8-Jul.....	40
Sheri & Paul Sisler.....	9-Jul.....	30
Serene & Peter Simon.....	19-Jul.....	55
Harry & Sue Bojman.....	24-Jul.....	25
Cheryl & David Goldenberg.....	24-Jul.....	25
John & Carolyn Mirviss.....	25-Jul.....	20
Fred & Andrea Rose.....	29-Jul.....	60
Sonia & Daniel Galinson.....	31-Jul.....	25
Dana Rees & Ivan Guzman.....	1-Aug.....	10
Isaac Rischall & Karen Hessel.....	1-Aug.....	15
Todd & Brenda Schwartzberg.....	1-Aug.....	20
Stan & Andrea Levich.....	3-Aug.....	50
Richard & Annette Ozer.....	5-Aug.....	40
Sarah & Robert Shragg.....	7-Aug.....	70
Chad & Dina Blumenfield.....	8-Aug.....	15
Melanie & Dmitriy Vinokur.....	9-Aug.....	10
Danny & Blair Goldstein.....	10-Aug.....	5
Jason & Jamie Saxon.....	10-Aug.....	5
Dee & Joel Muscoplat.....	11-Aug.....	45
Martin & Diane Greenberger.....	13-Aug.....	25
Evan & Yelena Ribnick.....	15-Aug.....	15
Marvin & Fran Burstein.....	16-Aug.....	55
Patricia & Barry Feld.....	17-Aug.....	50
Carri & Michael Lazarus.....	18-Aug.....	45
Russ & Karen Rubin.....	19-Aug.....	40
Barry & Betsy Birnberg.....	21-Aug.....	25
Robert & Susan Yost.....	22-Aug.....	15
Mace & Audrey Goldfarb.....	23-Aug.....	60
Brian Hage & Allie Stillman Hage.....	24-Aug.....	5
Daniel & Mindy Ribnick.....	26-Aug.....	35
Marilyn & Ralph Shapiro.....	26-Aug.....	40
Allan Klugman & Nancy Gildin.....	27-Aug.....	30
Jill & Peter Zatz.....	27-Aug.....	30
Jeff & Lori Greenberg.....	29-Aug.....	20
Stuart & Betsy Fogel.....	29-Aug.....	55
Allen & Sharon Friedman.....	29-Aug.....	65
Efrem & Adrienne Berman.....	30-Aug.....	15
Zola & Barbara Friedman.....	30-Aug.....	60
Brad & Rachel Ingber.....	31-Aug.....	5
Barbara & Sherwood Malamud.....	2-Sep.....	40
Jeff & Jeanne Stein.....	2-Sep.....	40
Alexander Vaynberg & Sasha Seliber.....	5-Sep.....	10
Tony & Jenny Ajsenberg.....	5-Sep.....	15
Shel & Carolyn Azine.....	5-Sep.....	15
Missy & Tom Barenbaum.....	5-Sep.....	15
Scott Rutzick & Rochelle Rubin.....	5-Sep.....	15
Philip & Rivel Greenberg.....	6-Sep.....	60
Byron & Deb Wieberdink.....	9-Sep.....	30
Howard & Marlee Kaminsky.....	9-Sep.....	40
David Levine & Joanne Ring.....	12-Sep.....	15
Stanley & Margaret Jaffy.....	14-Sep.....	45
Etta & Michael Barry.....	17-Sep.....	30
Peggy & William Cohn.....	17-Sep.....	30
Michele & Spenser Segal.....	18-Sep.....	25
Kindy & Yonatan Rouache.....	21-Sep.....	5
Troy & Mara Beugen.....	25-Sep.....	25

If you would like to ensure your (or your loved one's) simchah is acknowledged in future publications, please contact the Beth El office at 952.873.7300 or info@bethelsynagogue.org.

## MAZAL TOV TO...

- Hannah & Andrew Carlson on the birth of their son, Asher born on February 14, 2019
- Katheryn & Eli Rosenberg on the birth of their son, Saul born on February 26, 2019
- Ena & Brian Sobol on the birth of their daughter, Alexandria born on March 6, 2019
- Shelley & Albert Leon on the birth of their son, Daniel born on March 19, 2019
- Elyssa & Matthew Danahy on the birth of their daughter, Quinn born on March 19, 2019
- Kindy & Yonatan Rouache on the birth of their son, Boaz born on March 26, 2019
- Julia & Bobby Dulin on the birth of their son, Levi born on April 20, 2019

## CONDOLENCES TO...

- Myrnalee Schaeffer**  
on the loss of her husband, William Schaeffer
- Dana (Jeffrey) Prottas**  
on the loss of her father, Yale Conrad Kanter
- Larry (Darlene) Braufman**  
on the loss of his sister, Chernie Levinson
- David (Leslie) Ratner**  
on the loss of his mother, Barbara Ratner
- Michelle Bigelow (Bruce Fraser)** on the loss of her father, Niles Bigelow
- Lily Chester, Marty (Haley Schaeffer) Chester and Kari (Noah Trueger) Chester**  
on the loss of their husband and father, Sheldon Chester
- Melissa Schwartz**  
on the loss of her husband, Justin Amand
- Bonnie (Leonard) Zeff and Elayne (Robert) Walensky**  
on the loss of their uncle, Harry Meltz
- Karen (Ronen) Malka and Jeff (Jill) Rabinovitz**  
on the loss of their mother, Sandra Rabinovitz
- Avi Nahum (Jean Holloway)**  
on the loss of his father, Gabriyel Nahum
- Friends and Family on the loss of, Henry Berg
- Ellen (Harley) Greenberg**  
on the loss of her mother, Eleanor Gantman
- Aaron Pinkus, and Stacy (David) Spencer**  
on the loss of their wife and mother, Marcia Pinkus
- Geri (Jeff) Sweet**  
on the loss of her parents, Paul & Marilyn Serber
- Alicia Phillips (Jason Blumenthal)**  
on the loss of her mother, Gloria Phillips
- Simon (Leah) Temkin**  
on the loss of his mother, Shendel Temkina
- Steve (Anne) Devitt** on the loss of his mother, Elaine Devitt
- Judy (Larry) Kaplan**  
on the loss of her sister, Radyne Damsky

With heavy hearts we mourn the loss of these loved ones within our community. This reflects the losses in our community through February 4 - April 14, 2019.

# Tiny Treasures

On Saturday, June 1, we welcomed and blessed this year's Tiny Treasures, our newest community members.

We look forward to watching you grow!

Lily Joy Smith

Laila Bach

Louis Hansen

River Greenwald

Miles Rosen

Josie Rosen

Ari Baer

Mason Goldfine

Mayer Hage

Ursula Fine

Ethan Gerdes

Solomon Rajkowski

William Mandell

Ayla Ozer

Maytal Ribnick

River Leafman

Noa Karasov

Brody Emerson

Gillian Sudit

Blake Sudit

Logan Sarnak

Natalie Braverman

Miriam Scott

Willa Ren Radtke-Rosen

Jack Waller

Maime Confeld

Benjamin Yost

Sydney Rappaport

Asher Carlson

Saul Rosenberg

Alexandria Kovalchuk Sobol

Daniel Leon

Quinn Danahy

Boaaz Rouache

Levi Dulin

An acorn, leaf, or dove on The Simcha Tree in the Gruman Social Hall is a wonderful way to celebrate the arrival of your family's new arrival! For information on how to make this type of tribute gift, please contact Matt Walzer, Director of Charitable Giving at: 952.873.7309 or [mwalzer@bethelsynagogue.org](mailto:mwalzer@bethelsynagogue.org).





*Nikki Haley spoke to a sold out house at our National Speaker Series held on May 19.*



*After an accomplished year of learning our TaRBuT students enjoyed a day of fun at the Mall of America with Rabbi Olitzky!*



*It was a long winter, but our neighbors from Benilde St. Margaret's and our Aleph Preschool students were finally able to get their hands in the dirt and plant our Community Garden!*



## Community Learning @ The WELL



*Rabbi Davis led his largest challah workshop to date teaching Torah and the art of baking and braiding challah. Watch for information on additional challah workshops this fall!*



*Rabbi Davis and a group of Beth El members attended the World Premier of Shul by playwright Sheldon Wolf at the Minnesota Jewish Theatre Company.*

## TZEDAKAH

Tribute donations to Beth El funds honor friends and family, commemoration of significant events, memorialize loved ones and provide essential support to the congregation. Endowment funds provide permanent funding where needed most or for a specific purpose. Endowment funds are held in the Beth El Foundation. Funds for immediate use are used to support specific programs or projects, are for general use and are spent in their entirety. To make a donation, or to establish a new fund through our Foundation, please contact Matt Walzer at 952.873.7309 or at [foundation@bethelsynagogue.org](mailto:foundation@bethelsynagogue.org).

## TODAH RABBAH (THANK YOU)

Beth El gratefully acknowledges the following contributions:

### **Alvin & Audrey Kaufman Camp Ramah Fund**

*For Speedy Recovery of Tom Divine  
In Memory of Henry (Hank) Berg  
Audrey & Alvin Kaufman*

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*In Memory of Sandra Rabinovitz  
Barbara Stillman  
Jess Taran*

### **APS General Support Contributions**

*In Memory of Micky Naiman  
Karen & Andy Burton  
In Memory of Sandra Rabinovitz  
Sharon & Marty Kieffer*

### **Arnold & Helen (Honey) Dobrin Family Fund**

*Happy Birthday Lois Dobrin  
In Memory of Eleanor Gantman  
Carol & Stan Dobrin*

### **Arthur & Irene Stillman Educational Endowment Fund**

*In Honor of Robert Stillman  
Mike & Joyce Shapiro  
In Honor of Bob Stillman  
Shirley & Larry Zipkin*

### **Barry & Midge Frailich "Yad V' Lev" Caring Com Fund**

*In Honor of Lois Siegel  
Bonnie & Gary Goldish  
Happy Anniversary Midge &  
Barry Frailich  
Mike & Nancy Schoenberger*

### **Beth El Foundation General Fund**

*In Memory of Irene Stone Goldfine  
Elliott & Marlys Badzin  
In Memory of Sheldon Chester  
Michael & Susan Blehert*

*In Memory of Barbara Ratner  
Mike & Nancy Schoenberger*

*In Memory of Cherie Levinson  
Sandy & Debbie Selnick  
Susan & Michael Blehert*

### **Camp Ramah Scholarship Fund**

*In Memory of Natalie Saxon  
Darlene Schwartz*

### **Cantor Abrams Celebrate the Arts Fund**

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Lois Weisberg  
In Memory of Annette Eisenstein  
Dorothy Tomasello*

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*Thinking of Marvin Eisenstein  
Joe Rine  
In Appreciation of Cantor Audrey Abrams  
The Family of Henry Berg*

### **Carolyn and Barry Gerr Fund**

*For Speedy Recovery of  
Michael Appleman  
Carolyn Gerr*

### **Community Learning @ The Well**

*In Appreciation of Rabbi Alexander Davis  
Aleph Study Group*

### **Daryle Silver Aleph Preschool Fund**

*In Memory of William Schaeffer  
Connie & Butch Clayman*

*Eileen & Jeff Silver  
Mara, Troy, Samantha, and  
Marissa Beugen  
Ruth & Steve Abrahamson  
Steve Godes*

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**AUGUST 26, 2019**



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- Connect with friends – and make some new ones too
- Delicious kosher food available for purchase (meat and vegetarian options)
- Plenty of festive activities rain or shine



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JULY	
4	Independence Day – Morning Minyan at 9:00 am
AUGUST	
11	Fast Day – Tisha B’Av
26	End of Summer Picnic
SEPTEMBER	
2	Labor Day – Morning Minyan at 9:00 am
21	Selichot Scholar In Residence – Rabbi Noah Shapiro
September 29 – October 1	Rosh Hashanah
FALL LOOKING AHEAD	
October 8 – 9	Yom Kippur
October 13 – 20	Sukkot
October 20 – 21	Shemini Atzeret – Yizkor Recited
October 21 – 22	Simchat Torah

## SUMMER DARSHANIM

DATE .....	SPEAKER .....
6/1/2019.....	Tiny Treasures
6/8/2019.....	Stillman / Shavuot
6/15/2019.....	Pastor Paul Baudhuin
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**October 8 - 9**  
Yom Kippur

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