



As we mark the transition from one year to another and welcome 5780, we pause to reflect on our lives and the world around us. While we have undoubtedly all experienced change and transitions in our personal lives, the same is true for our Beth El community. A new art installation now graces the 26th street entrance to our building. To see our motto, *We shall go forward with our young and with our old*, so beautifully and prominently placed outside our doors provides an assurance of stability. United in common cause and responsible for each other, we journey down the well-worn path of our ancestors while looking toward the future.



Stability In Challenging Times & Change

By Rabbi Alexander Davis and Rabbi Avi Olitzky



"Rabbi Olitzky, can you believe another year has gone by?"

"Yes, and none too soon. I am ready for it to be over!"

"I hear ya. It has been a challenging year in all kinds of ways. At the same time, I have some hesitations about what awaits us in this new year."

"What do you mean, Rabbi Davis?"

"It just feels like a lot of challenges lie ahead."

"No doubt. With fires in the Amazon, rocket fire in Israel and the fire of anger sweeping society, we are living in unsettled times."

"Yes, but I wasn't even thinking about those kinds of things. I was referring to here at Beth El where it feels like we've been putting out fires. Earlier this year, we had to reduce our staff. We are operating without a formal Executive Director. We've faced a budget shortfall and have water leaking through the roof into our offices! And apart from that, Cantor Abrams announced she is retiring as full time Cantor."

"It's true; those are challenges. But I prefer to see them as opportunities."

"I love your optimism, Rabbi Olitzky."

"Listen, compared to the issues facing our world and even those facing many other synagogues, ours are relatively minor issues. We will get through them; I have no doubt. We've already begun to develop a transition plan with Cantor Abrams. And now, with the holidays upon us, all the more so, I feel confident of our future. Because change for the better is the inherent message of these Days of Awe."

"How so?"

"Rabbi Davis, just think about the word Rosh Hashanah. Shanah (year) is like the word shinui (change.) In other words, this is not just the Beginning of the Year but the Beginning of Changes. In nature, the leaves are starting to change, the days are getting shorter. And during the High Holy Days we are called upon to look deep inside and change our ways. So yes, we are living in changing times. But those changes are to be embraced."

"I hear what you are saying. I know that change is natural. We read on Sukkot from Ecclesiastes, "There

is a time for every season under heaven: A time to plant and a time to harvest, a time to keep and a time to let go." We understand that the world is in constant motion and that the only permanent thing is change. Still, change is hard."

"No doubt. But with thoughtful planning, we can turn challenges into opportunities. We have a strong foundation and a rich tradition on which to build into the future."

"Rabbi Olitzky, I couldn't agree more. We have great lay leaders who are helping us navigate these waters. Steve Sanderson, our acting interim executive director is incredibly dedicated, talented and committed."

"Yup, and we are lucky to have volunteers like his wife Penny who are working practically full-time on behalf the community."

"We are heading in the right direction. We have engaged a new accounting firm, are making strong efforts in development, have a strategic plan in process, and are working together to plan for the future."

"Listen Rabbi Davis, don't misunderstand me. We are not about to institute sweeping changes in the shul. That is not my point."

"No, I get what you are saying. Beth El must remain a place of stability in a world of fast paced changes. Jewish tradition offers an anchor at time of uncertainty."

"Exactly. Remember, shanah is not only like shinui (change) it is also like shinun (repeat). In most ways, this will be a year like many that have come before it. But as we work through transitions and make necessary changes, we do so with hopefulness and confidence."

"It is really a message for all of us as we look to the coming year. In the words of Rabbi Jonathan Sacks: "Change is not threatening, so long as we keep firm hold of the values by and for which we live. We can travel with confidence so long as we have a map. We can jump with safety knowing that there is someone to catch us as we fall."

"Shana Tova!"

Legacy

By Cantor Audrey Abrams



Have you ever sat at a funeral and wondered what people would say about you when the time comes? I sense this question in the back of my mind at every funeral. What will they say about me? What will I be remembered for?

God willing, my eulogy will be written many years from now. But recently, I started thinking about my legacy.

This past July, I announced my retirement beginning next July, 2020. The emails, letters, voice mails, conversations that have poured in have given me a glimpse into my legacy at Beth El. We all hope to make a difference and I'm learning, with deep humility, that I have. My heart is full, warmed, grateful and a bit relieved. I can leave knowing I did something.

Let me reiterate. I am healthy, thank God. I love Beth El and cherish my own "growing up" within this community. I did not make this decision lightly. I am leaving because it is time. But I have a year before my retirement and things I still want to do. One of those requires your help.

When I first started as program director in 1995, one of my responsibilities was to increase the visibility and the activity of the social action committee (Gemilat Chesed). We worked hard in those first few years to restructure, educate, and recruit the congregation into more service. After a few years, we had achieved success working in the greater community. We were feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, offering shelter to the stranger, etc. Soon, however, we recognized that we needed to focus more energy on our own Beth El community. It was then that the Yad V'Lev (Hand and Heart) committee was formed. With this lay led group, we reached in to support our own congregation. We prepared meals, provided transportation, shoveled driveways, sent cards of love and support, and much more. An email would go out to our extensive list and within minutes, the ask was answered.

Time has passed and the Gemilat Chesed committee once again finds itself needing to "restructure, educate and recruit the congregation into more service." I really want this to happen – or at least to be in progress – before I retire. As Steve Sanderson, our synagogue president often says, "each of us may not need Beth El every day, but someone needs Beth El every day."

Right now, a small sub-committee is busy restructuring and reprioritizing the sacred tasks we believe we want to provide for congregants during times of stress and transition. We have also decided to change the name of "Yad V'Lev" to simply, "The Caring Chavura." Soon we will start recruiting more people to serve. That's where you come in. A little time, a lot of time, one time, many times...it's all needed. As the saying goes, "it takes a village." I truly believe that Beth El will be stronger if each of us gives to the best of our ability. We hope to be ready to "launch" after the first of the year so please heed the call when it comes. Be part of this legacy.

I look forward to celebrating my retirement with you over the course of the year at a variety of events yet to be determined. Stay tuned!

A task force, chaired by Audrey Goldfarb and John Simon, is working with Cantor Abrams, the Rabbis and Lay Leaders to plan for this important transition. Look for communication as plans develop this fall.

A Message from our President

By Steven Sanderson, Beth El President



Change and Transition are necessary components of life and are applicable to our Beth El community. Our needs may change but the essential vision of Beth El—*A vibrant home where Judaism is lived*, does not.

Many months ago, I asked Alan Yousha to lead the critical task of a Strategic Planning initiative. Below, Alan describes this exciting process for our synagogue.

Strategic Planning Statement

By Alan Yousha

Strategic Planning sets an institution free. It forms the foundation of a well-run organization, inspires generative & creative thinking, and ensures resources are used wisely in pursuit of clearly defined priorities. Smart strategic planning involves many voices, and day-to-day actions flow smoothly when strategic plans are done with the full input, open minds, and creativity of all stakeholders.

For all these reasons, Beth El is launching a strategic planning initiative.

Beth El has had strategic plans in the past. The most recent was a five-year plan released in the summer of 2007 that ran through 2012. Since that time, we have been guided by short term work plans. The 2012 plan was quite successful. It organized the congregation around program portfolios such as Kehila (Community), Torah (Education), Avodah (Spirituality), and Gemilat Chesed (Acts of Kindness). This programmatic structure continues to benefit us today.

The current planning process is designed to deliver a three-year strategic plan by the summer of 2020 which will align with a revised operating plan and financial plan. Working in concert with each other, these three plans will function as a foundation for development and the sustainable future of Beth El.

A planning committee was formed this past spring and our first meeting was in July. While only a few months in, it is evident that there is a passion and excitement about this initiative!

In addition to our Beth El clergy, the members of the planning committee include:

Alan Yousha (Chair)
Amy Shapiro
Jennifer Spiller

Laura Kaplan
Susan Klett
Steve Sanderson

Ellen Kleinbaum
Dan Weiss

Audrey Goldfarb
Allen Bernard



As the timeline suggests, we will be introducing a congregational survey this fall. We are optimistic that a meaningful majority of our community will participate. In addition, we will seek input through small group gatherings and congregational meetings.

At any time, please feel free to approach members of the committee for insight and perspective. We would love to hear from you!

Thank You!

Alan Yousha
Beth El Board, President Elect
Strategic Planning Committee, Chair

New Members

PLEASE WELCOME

Marilyn & Larry Barenbaum

Kathilyn Solomon with Sol

Elly & Michael Zweigbaum
with Jacob, Adin and Benjamin

Carol & Dan Lebovic
with Henri and Sophie

Shana & Michel Melendez
with Marco, Isa and Mia



Marilyn & Larry Barenbaum



The Melendez Family



The Solomon Family

How to Make an Easy Transition to Kindergarten



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



Without a doubt, the transition into Kindergarten is a momentous occasion for students as well as their loving adults. What can a parent do to make it as smooth and meaningful a ride as possible?

"Send your kids to Jewish day school," suggests Jonah Smith, an alumnus of both Aleph Preschool ('08) and Heilicher Minneapolis Jewish Day School ('17). "It was a long time ago, but I remember starting Kindergarten at Heilicher with several friends from Aleph school. It wasn't scary. We waltzed in with confidence and even a little Hebrew knowledge under our belts."

His mother, Wendy Lovell-Smith, Beth El member and current president of the Heilicher Board, remembers how seamless it was for Jonah and his siblings to make the transition to elementary school. "Heilicher offers the same sort of nurturing, Jewish environment that you find at Aleph Preschool. It's a place where the kids are nurtured, through lessons infused with Jewish values, to become the best versions of themselves."

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 at Heilicher. Please consider taking a private tour this fall.

For more information, please contact Louise Schoenberger, Heilicher Admissions Director at Ischoenberger@hmjds.org or 952.381.3523.

Hearing, Listening & Becoming In 5780



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



Among my favorite stories is one told by Woody Allen's main character, Alvy Singer, in the Academy Award winning film, *Annie Hall*. Just before the closing credits, Alvy says: "I thought of that old joke: This guy goes to a psychiatrist and says, 'Doc, my brother's crazy, he thinks he's a chicken.' And the doctor says, 'Well why don't you turn him in?' And the

guy says, 'I would, but I need the eggs.' Well, I guess that's pretty much how I feel about relationships. They're totally irrational and crazy and absurd, but I guess we keep going through it because most of us need the eggs."

The point of this odd, turned-poignant story is that sometimes we perpetuate recurring behaviors even though we don't know why. The High Holidays are a prime example. We come to shul every year, attend services, participate in ritual and customs, see friends, family and members of the community who are compelled to attend services, and we realize that many of us don't rationally know WHY we are here. Is it out of habit? Is it out of guilt? Is it out of some deep need to reconnect? Or could it be an expression to seek and find greater meaning in our lives? Just like Alvy's punchline, maybe we're compelled to pursue the relationship with each other, with ourselves, and with God, because "we need the eggs."

From the beginning of the month of *Elul* through the end of *Yamim Noraim*, we heard the familiar sounds of the shofar, a daily reminder to awaken our souls for the task at hand: to stand before God and prepare to recommit to a mutually beneficial, loving relationship, with ACTIONS that ultimately lead to making

ourselves and the world a better place. This surely must be the intention of the blessing that the *Ba'al Tekiah* recites on *Rosh Hashanah*. You might think that the mitzvah is to BLOW the shofar, but the actual *brakha* suggests that we are commanded *lishmoa kol shofar*, to HEAR the voice of the shofar! What does that really mean? Does it refer to the physiological process of listening to the shofar blasts? I suggest that *lishmoa kol shofar* means that in addition to hearing the sound, we are also compelled to HEED, to FOLLOW, to UNDERSTAND, or OBEY the voice of the *shofar*, and to ACTUALIZE the inner message of *teshuvah*, of return and renewal.

This is precisely how we teach our students at Talmud Torah. Of course, we don't want them simply to come and "hear" about living an intentionally Jewish life, but rather we want them to understand, to experience, and to be transformed by the sounds and the rhythms of their Jewishness. As they experience the words, the songs, the rituals, the language, and the traditions, their "hearing" becomes "doing" and "being."

Lishmoa kol shofar, to HEAR the sound of the *shofar*, is merely the catalyst for what we should do and who we are to become. Only our ACTIONS will lead to the possibility of change in our lives in the coming year. May the sound of the *shofar* that we HEAR during these *Yamim Noraim* awaken and inspire us to do the necessary WORK that will prepare us to stand in judgement before ourselves and before God, to celebrate and fulfill the promise of renewal that comes with the New Year 5780!

Shana Tovah Um'tukah, May you have a Sweet, Healthy and Fulfilling New Year,

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



Viewing change as a growing opportunity

Ethan Meisler, USY Chapter President

Each passing year allows each of us to grow. As we gain new responsibilities, face different challenges and learn more about ourselves, we prepare ourselves for the ongoing change in our lives. Encountering these experiences provides us with the key to learning and growth: choice. Each time we make a decision, we have the opportunity to control the outcome. And if it does not go our way, we have the ability to apply this new knowledge to our future decisions. From this, we are able to learn from our mistakes and grow as we face change.

This same scenario applies to all stages of life. I choose to accept added responsibilities and challenges as part of life, and forge them into my identity. Heading into high school is a rather large step in the earlier years of life. Besides having to navigate a much larger school with many more students, I had to find a new balance of school, family, Jewish life, extracurriculars and social life. Thankfully, I was able to find USY waiting for someone like me. Someone eager to take on responsibility in a Jewish setting and enjoy my time doing it as well. My interest in USY began after attending weekly lounge nights here at Beth El. I made a decision to become more committed to USY, and signed up for regional conventions. I went not knowing many people outside my small circle of friends, but as I got to know more and more people from around the Twin Cities and the Midwest, my circle grew, as did my comfort level in USY. I was able to come together with similar people from around the region to share our common passion

for EMTZA Region USY. I found myself in an accepting community that felt like home. At that moment, I knew I wanted a larger role in USY. I made the decision to take on more responsibility in Beth El USY. Stepping into a leadership role in USY, I was given the responsibility to plan and execute programs weekly. I was challenged with having to learn new skills that were not taught in school. Skills such as delegation and organization. These experiences have helped me grow as a young Jewish leader.

Looking at change and transition with a growth mindset is what allows us to not be deterred from what appears to be an obstacle. It means viewing even the most difficult challenge as an opportunity to redefine who you are, what you stand for and improve yourself as a leader. As legendary coach and basketball player John Wooden said, "You have to apply yourself each day to becoming a little better. By becoming a little better each and every day, over a period of time, you will become a lot better." By taking each task in steps, and not trying to tackle the whole thing at once, you can be more successful, find a better outcome and avoid an unnecessary amount of stress.

As my role in chapter functions grew to the point of chapter president, I learned how to accomplish each task with greater ease. I learned the system and the best route of operations. I hope for the future that others take the opportunity to grow in the USY community. My experiences in Beth El USY have allowed me to view change as a growing opportunity.

If you are interested in a leadership position in USY or getting involved, please contact Rabbi Olitzky to learn more.





Do You Believe in Angels?

By Mary Baumgarten, Education Director

I did not always believe in angels, but, my experiences at Beth El over the past 28 years have changed my mind, and I'll share with you an example.

Last year, one of our members, Sybil Rubin, met with Rabbi Davis to discuss something that was on her mind.

Sybil was well-aware that our Fiterman B'nai Mitzvah Program did an excellent job of preparing our children to become Bar or Bat Mitzvah.

Though she was aware of this, she had a concern unrelated to academics. Rather, she expressed concern that children have a variety of needs, and that each child needs a voice and someone to go to when they have an issue. With her concern, she asked what we were prepared to do to address this important aspect in the course of the students' time with us.

Sybil's concern sparked significant conversation between Rabbi Davis and Me and together we decided that building relationships and trust between teachers and their students is critical.

Additionally, we also decided that we need to be sure to provide our teachers with the tools to better work with our kids and recognize verbal and non-verbal cues they might observe in their students who could be facing any one of a variety of issues.

When we reported back to Sybil with our action plan, she responded by saying that it was important that our students are empowered and that they would not hesitate to come to one of their teachers when they were facing a problem. And like an angel, she offered to make the gift necessary to create this initiative.

Fast forward and the 2018-19 school year was the beginning of our Staff Development Series – because of Sybil Rubin. Through the course of the year, and with Sybil's generosity, nine staff development sessions were provided that spanned the following topics:

- Working with Special Needs Students
- Conflict Resolution
- Building Resilient Kids
- Self-care and meditation for Teachers
- Being a Role Model
- Dealing with Bullying
- How to be Sensitive and Empathetic
- Building LGBTQ Inclusive Classrooms

Sessions were facilitated on Shabbat mornings by a variety of expert instructors in their field.

Feedback from our staff from these opportunities was stellar and indicated an eagerness to continue learning and growing to ensure they can support our children. 'I learned how to empathize with my students and be more sensitive to them.' Was one of the many positive comments written by one of our staff. We were delighted with this feedback.

And Sybil, she's continued to put the children first by providing support for a second year, and we look forward to building off a successful year one, with her help.

Thank you, Sybil, for being our angel.



B'nai Mitzvah



October 26, 2019 / 27 Tishrei 5780
Bereshit

ISAAC THOMAS SANDERS

יצחק אברהם בן רבקה

Son of Matthew & Rebecca Sanders

Isaac adds his kindness and love of tradition to his Jewish studies. We are so proud of his accomplishments.



November 2, 2019 / 4 Cheshvan 5780
Noach

ELLIANA MIRA LONDER

חיה מרים בת יצחק ופיה צפרה

Daughter of Jason & Aryel Londer

Ellie has a passion for seeking knowledge and challenging injustices. We are excited to see the culmination of her preparations and interpretation of her parsha.



November 30, 2019 / 2 Kislev 5780
(Minchah)
Vayetzei

OLIVIA GRACE HYMANSON

רחל בת בנימין ודבורה

Daughter of Tom Hymanson & Vickie Siegel

Olivia's kindness, positive attitude and work ethic are reflected in her bat mitzvah experience. We are so excited to celebrate this milestone with her.



December 14, 2019 / 16 Kislev 5780
Vayishlach

LAUREN MARIE FRASER

ישראלה איטא בת שלומית

Daughter of Bruce Fraser & Michelle Bigelow

Lauren is a witty, sweet, creative girl with a kind heart. Words cannot express how proud we are as we watched her become committed to a love of Jewish learning and a life of Jewish living.



January 18, 2020 / 21 Tevet 5780
Shemot

GABRIEL MEYER KRISTAL

גבריאל מאיר בן אדם מיכאל ורבקה מיכל

Son of Adam & Rebecca Kristal

Gabe has worked very hard on his bar mitzvah preparation. We look forward to watching him continue to grow and learn as he becomes a Jewish adult.

Adult Bar Mitzvah



November 30, 2019 / 2 Kislev 5780
Toldot

AKLILU EDWARD DUNLAP

אריאל בן אברהם ושרה

In choosing to become Bar Mitzvah, I want to continue learning, to offer my voice to strengthen the chain of Jewry m'dor vador and to become "more" Jewish in the face of the hate that seeks to silence us.

Scientific Discovery & Exploration

By Karen Burton, Director of Aleph Preschool



When you step inside the Pre-K classrooms at Aleph Preschool on a Tuesday and Thursday afternoon, you are entering a room that immerses each child into the amazing world of Science and Discovery.

As we well know, science leads to the discovery of everything, from gravity to medicine. Science is based on curiosity and as children learn about the world around them, science holds the clues they need to better understand the world they live in.

The “Loni Stillerman Early Science Discovery Program” at Aleph Preschool, was recently named for Loni Stillerman^{2L} by her husband Allan Stillerman as a way to recognize her personality and her passion for encouraging people to explore and learn. Led by Wendy Grosser, children are engaged in hands-on, visually engaging science experiments. Beginning when children are very young, science helps shape their development. As they learn to ask questions, make predictions, observe, test, and then communicate their findings, they are developing critical science skills. Science helps children develop key life skills, including an ability to communicate, remain organized and focused, and even form their own opinions based on observation. Science also helps children develop their senses and overall awareness.

Wendy’s science topics include Outer Space, Simple Machines, Anatomy, Oceans, Nocturnal Critters, Reptiles and Amphibians, Ancient Egypt and Kitchen Chemistry to name but a few.

The format of each class begins with an objective followed by discussions on how to solve a problem with the topic at hand. Children are encouraged to brainstorm together to make predictions, find solutions, then work as a team to test out their predictions and discuss their findings. Discovering the answers together is really what makes Wendy’s class so exciting. Wendy is the first to admit, she does not know all the answers to the incredible and curious questions the children have but engaging together to find the answers is the most exciting part of teaching her classes.

Science is about teaching our children to look at the world around them, to be curious, to ask questions, to find answers and continue to be in awe of the world they live in.

We are grateful to Allan Stillerman for supporting this important program. Through it, may Loni’s memory be a blessing.



MAZAL TOV TO MEMBERS WITH UPCOMING MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES

NAME.....	DATE	YRS
Freda Kramer Confeld & Kent Confeld	October 9.....	15
Norma & Shawn Wolk.....	October 9.....	25
Sharilyn Rien & Ken Goldfarb	October 10.....	5
Judy Toback Kaplan & Larry Kaplan	October 10.....	15
Sari & Larry Rosen.....	October 12.....	45
Lisa & David Wolfe	October 14.....	30
Jennifer & Jeremy Zacks	October 17.....	15
Cari & Travis Rohe	October 18.....	10
Deborah & Philip Walstien.....	October 19.....	50
Wendy & Phil Freshman	October 20.....	40
Marcy & Michael Walder.....	October 21.....	35
Sally & Michael Abrams.....	October 21.....	40
Sue & John Ryan	October 23.....	20
Naomi Heller & Shawn Bulgatz	October 24.....	5
Jody & Howard Sigal	October 29.....	30
Hanna Bloomfield & Robert Karasov	October 31.....	15
Janet Scott & Jonathan Silverman	November 4	35
Susan & Richard Yablonsky.....	November 5	25
Ariel & Bryan Goltzman	November 8	10
Kimberly & Joseph Kivens.....	November 13	25
Andrae & Jerry Rosenzweig	November 14	45
Marucha & Brent Routman	November 15	5
Susan & Jeffrey Bemel.....	November 19	30
Rabbi Linda Brody Ettedgui & Avraham Ettedgui.....	November 26	30
Marla Harris & Mark Bass	November 27	25
Bobbi & Larry Friedman.....	December 2	30
Marnie & David Schuster	December 5	10
Linda & Michael Fiterman.....	December 7	50
Diane & Chopper Mintz.....	December 8	45
Helene & Gerald Bukstein	December 18.....	35
Barbara & Stephen Liebo.....	December 20.....	50
Harriette & Fred Burstein	December 20.....	60
Bernice & Mike Frisch.....	December 21.....	50
Ellice & Roger Landy	December 21.....	50
Gretchen & Simon Glaser	December 22.....	15
Judy & Ross Dworsky	December 27.....	55
Dori & Herbert Weisman	December 27.....	55
Phyllis & Buddy Harris	December 27.....	60
Nancy & Michael Schoenberger.....	December 29.....	45
Sandra & Brian Salita.....	December 30.....	50
Jackie & Harold Sadoff.....	January 3.....	55
Jennifer & Ben Bukstein.....	January 15.....	15
Sue & David Magy.....	January 20	40
Ellis & Nancy Olkon.....	January 27.....	55
Suzanne Fenton & Dan Lieberman	January 29.....	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...

Galina Guterman & Adam Fink on the birth of their daughter, Thea Rose born on April 5, 2019.

Adina & Jacob Konikoff on the birth of their daughter, Nava Elianna born on June 17, 2019. Mazal Tov to proud grandparents Anita & Sid Konikoff.

Jenna & Josh Goldberg on the birth of their son born July 30, 2019. Mazal Tov to proud grandparents Tobe & Arlin Goldberg.

Katharine & Michael Weiss on the birth of their son, Samuel Robert born on August 4, 2019.

Liz Traison & Ari Witkin on the birth of their son, Hadar Yonah. Mazal Tov to proud grandparents Cindy & Perry Witkin.

Condolences to...

Andrea Mueller (Ephi Eyal) on the loss of her father, Heinz Mueller

Wes (Sheryl) Schochet on the loss of his mother, Lois Schochet

Friends and Family on the loss of, F. Doris "Lorrie" Shapiro

Chris Brand on the loss of his mother, LaPatka "Pat" Anne Yarborough Brand

Norm Winer on the loss of his brother, Robert Ezrilov

Janet (Stan) Shanedling on the loss of her mother, Shirley Rosenberg

Judy (Art) Shragg on the loss of her mother, Evelyn Metchik

Stephen (Judy) Witebsky on the loss of his mother, **Judy Witebsky**

Jackie (Bill) Broze, Midge (Barry) Frailich, and Bonnie (Gary) Goldish on the loss of their mother, **Lou Ann Bongard**

Richard Bialick on the loss of his father, **Edward Bialick**

Nanette Greenfield on the loss of her husband, **James Greenfield**

Pat Lichterman on the loss of her brother, Bernie Karon

Barbara (Sherwood) Malamud on the loss of her mother, Ruth Spar

Lee Diamond, Dori (Danny) Gelfman and Jody (Tom) Moreimi "on the loss of their mother in law and grandmother," Barbara Diamond

Stan Segelbaum on the loss of his sister, Joan Segelbaum Strouse

Friends and Family on the loss of, **Sedelia Chase**

Friends and Family on the loss of, **Grace Richter**

Lisa Goldwater on the loss of her husband, **Randy Goldwater**

Marlee (Howard) Kaminsky on the loss of her mother, **Ruth Held**

Joyce Rubin, and Tony (Alli) Rubin on the loss of their son and brother, Chad Rubin

Bard Borkon (Julie Silverman) on the loss of their niece, Taylor Lieberman

Ronnie Burstein, Craig (Amy) Burstein and Susie (Rob) Ribnick on the loss of their husband and father, **Melvin Burstein**

Hadassah Bacaner and Nina Bacaner Eric Ganz on the loss of their husband and father, **Marvin Bacaner**

David (Tricia) Cofman on the loss of his aunt, Carole Resnick



There was nothing but blue skies, great music and community at the 2019 Common Sound Music Festival!



Cantor Abrams and Rabbi Davis had a great time this summer visiting our Beth El campers and teaching at Herzl Camp and Camp Ramah in Wisconsin.



The Friendship Giving Garden, cared for in partnership with Benilde St. Margarets, provides our Aleph Preschool students hand on learning opportunities combined with opportunities for Tzedakah when the summer harvest is donated to STEP.



Sylvia Fine and Cary Shaich shared the history of the Jewish presence in North Minneapolis on the Northside Walking Tour. Stops included touring the old Tifereth B'nai Jacob Synagogue (right) and the Mikro Kodesh Synagogue (left) complete with a presentation from the current owner, Pastor Paul. Watch for additional opportunities with Community Learning @ The Well.

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.

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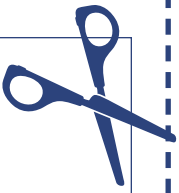
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9	Yom Kippur – Yizkor Recited
13	Lulav & Etrog sets available for pick up
14-20	Sukkot
21	Shemini Atzeret – Yizkor Recited
22	Simchat Torah
NOVEMBER	
8-9	AIPAC Shabbaton
16	Scholar In Residence – Jonathan Weinkle
28	Thanksgiving – Morning minyan at 9:00 am. NO EVENING MINYAN
DECEMBER	
23-30	Chanukah
JANUARY	
12-19	Kesher Tefillin – Scholar In Residence Project with Rabbi Noah Greenberg
WINTER LOOKING AHEAD	
Jan 1	New Year’s Day – Morning minyan at 9:00 am
Feb 1	BEMA Coffeehouse Concert featuring Josh Warshawsky

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