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NEW YEAR *New Programs*



BY RABBI GREG HARRIS, RABBI FABIÁN WERBIN, AND HAZZAN MATTHEW KLEIN

People have been commenting for weeks that the holidays are late this year, but we like to think that September came early. Rosh Hashanah has always been the first day of Tishri since Leviticus 23:24 tells us to “observe a day of complete rest, a sacred occasion commemorated with loud blasts.” Whichever calendar orients you, the new year will be exciting for the Beth El community. We continue to welcome new members into the synagogue and help them find their places within this spiritual home, from building new friendships to becoming involved in various activities. Being a welcoming community means we each can introduce ourselves to others and share a Shabbat table in our homes with new acquaintances.

Two New Initiatives

Two new initiatives at Beth El aim to deepen our connections to Israel and engage millennials in creative ways. The first is our new Israeli shaliach, Itsik Sayag (learn more on page 4). The purpose of a shaliach is to focus attention and energy on Israel's vibrant culture, history,

and land. We will look far beyond the politics of Israel and nurture *Ahavat Yisrael*, a love of Israel, within the community. Itsik has already begun connecting with our membership from preschoolers to the Senior Caucus. Look for more information about programs Itsik will do in people's homes on a variety of topics. All you have to do is invite your friends and get some snacks and he will take care of the rest. Say hello to Itsik on Shabbat or other times. This effort is being done in partnership with Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School and supported by The Jewish Federation.

The second initiative welcomes Rabbi Rami Schwartz to Montgomery County. Beth El, in partnership with nine other local Conservative synagogues and national organizations, is piloting an innovative engagement effort for Jews in their 20s and 30s. Focusing out in the community, Rami, as he prefers to be called, has been meeting with people throughout the county, hearing their Jewish stories and connecting with

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UPCOMING TIKKUN OLAM PROGRAMS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11 Manna Food Drive before Kol Nidre Services at Beth El and Walt Whitman High School. Donate nonperishable food at the Manna truck on your way into services.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30 Beth El Mitzvah Day. See pages 10-11. Email jonpolon@hotmail.com with questions.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 7:30 AM Join Beth El Team Zhava in the Candy Cane City Park 5K. This walk benefits Hope Connections for Cancer Support. Students can earn SSL hours. For more info and to register, visit hopeconnectionsforcancer.org. All are welcome. Questions? Contact Ilana Tanowitz.

For a list of updated ToBE projects and collections, visit bethelmc.org/social-action. For more info on ToBE, contact Sheryl R. Miller.



Tikkun Olam Takeaways: Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur

Each month, Hazzan Matthew Klein will share a thought on tikkun olam. This month's takeaway comes from the book *Offerings of the Heart: Money & Values in Faith Communities* by Rabbi Shawn Zevit:

The High Holy Day cycle is traditionally observed with teshuvah, tzedakah, and tefillah (repentance, sharing of wealth, and prayer). Rosh Hashanah, the new year for the earth, is perhaps a time to direct tzedakah towards artistic projects that enlarge our sense of awe and connection. For Yom Kippur, a day on which it is traditional to fast, many synagogues organize hunger-relief food drives. It's a good time to direct tzedakah toward organizations dedicated to eliminating poverty and achieving economic justice.

October B'nai Mitzvah

October 8: Maddy Greenstein and Sidy Greenstein

October 15: Sabrina Miller and Ethan Wagner

October 22: Shane Schwartz

October 23: Raphael Epstein

October 29: Jeremy Robin

Scroll Writers Needed

Do you enjoy reading the *Scroll*? We are seeking new members to join our team. Please contact us at scroll@bethelmc.org.

Atid 2 Update

Strategies for our Future

BY DALE ROSENTHAL AND DAVID TOPOL

With the Atid 2 Committee halfway to its December finish line, we are writing to update the congregation on our work to date. We will continue to seek significant input from members in the coming months as we complete our task of strategic long-term planning for Beth El.

What Have We Done?

Atid 2's first phase, now complete, was to assess Beth El's current state. We asked, What is Beth El doing well? What do members value about Beth El? Where could we do better?

We looked at data about Beth El, including membership and membership turnover, the type and quantity of programs, Preschool and Religious School enrollment trends, and Beth El's financial situation.

Most importantly, we wanted a firm understanding of the perspective of Beth El members. We sent out a congregational survey and received 657 responses. In addition, we spoke individually and in focus groups with close to 100 congregants.

What Have We Learned?

In our full Atid 2 report, we will report more detail about what we learned, including in-depth survey results. But, as we do our analysis, we want to highlight what our work has revealed so far.

Initially, it is important to emphasize that Beth El is strong.

Many members are very satisfied with the synagogue and their level of involvement. The data show that membership has remained stable over the past five years, at 1,100 family units. Young families continue to join Beth El, particularly as their children start Preschool and Religious School.

Our focus groups and conversations confirmed that Beth El has many happy and engaged members. Because of Beth El's "big tent," they are engaged in many ways, including synagogue committees, the Preschool board, Zhava, social action, the Scolnic Institute, and participation in religious services.

Significantly, both the survey and our conversations made clear that "the synagogue community" is Beth El's most valued quality, with 77% of respondents identifying that as one of the five most important benefits of belonging to Beth El. Our synagogue also has had much success in building community. Four out of every five members say they feel part of a community at Beth El, either very much (42%) or somewhat (39%).

Our evaluation of spirituality revealed that many members (64%) find Beth El's services and programs satisfy their desire for involvement. However, 20% said the services do not, and many members are interested in other activities, such as music, outdoor services, or meditation, that could enhance spiritual connections.

In the area of youth education and programming, our Preschool receives high marks. In the Religious School, 73% of families with enrolled children give the school a positive overall rating of excellent (16%) or good.

While our work has revealed much to be proud of, it also has demonstrated the need to continue to develop new programs and strategies. We found that Beth El is not working for everyone. For example, some members have not been able to feel a sense of community even though they have tried to be involved. Data on certain demographics made clear that we can do better with engagement, especially with new members, younger members, and members with no children. We should not accept that the glass is 75% full; as

our synagogue's primary mission, we should look to fill it to the brim.

Also, we learned Beth El must continue to evolve in order to thrive. The programming and activities at Beth El today are not the same as they were 15 years ago.

For example, new services (musical Kabbalat Shabbat), community building (Zhava and Jews and Brews), and increased social action work have been important additions for many members. We need to continue to add new programming and opportunities to meet our members' needs and interests.

Where Are We Going?

This fall the Atid Committee will develop strategies for how Beth El can address these issues. While we have not yet developed specific strategies, we expect our recommendations to address three areas.

First, it is critical for Beth El to continue to enhance the sense of community and to facilitate personal connections. That is the most important value for our members, and it enhances our ties to each other, the synagogue, and the Jewish community.

Second, Beth El should continue to strengthen the Religious School and youth programming. We need to ensure that education for our students is relevant, engaging, and

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New Community Pops Up for Young Seekers in MoCo

BY RABBI RAMI SCHWARTZER

My wife and I are recovering New Yorkers, having settled in Bethesda this summer after 10 years of work and study in Manhattan. Our charge: to partner with the community in rethinking the nature of Jewish identity and activity for that generation known infamously as “millennials.”

What does it mean to exist in community? As a rabbi living in the growing expanse between graduating college and having children, I know that joining a synagogue and attending its programs is no longer a given the way it was for our parents, and may never be again. While we cannot predict what American Judaism will look like in the coming decades, it cannot be assumed in our rapidly changing world that our ways of communal existence will remain static.

Our growing population of post-college, pre-family Jewish and “Jew-ish” citizens are spiritual seekers, despite not finding a home in the classic setting of a Jewish communal organization. This is more than a “millennial problem,” as many institutions refer to the phenomenon of non-affiliation. All of us are busier and lonelier than we have ever been in history, not to mention hungrier for genuine connection to one another and to something larger than ourselves.

This is why our new community here in Montgomery

County focuses on person-centered Judaism. We are not a collection of programs or a young professionals get-together. Ours is a landing space for an over-programmed generation seeking genuine person-to-person community. Our home right near Beth El is open for Shabbat and holiday meals, learning, and communal gatherings. It is a full community project, hosted at Beth El and supported by a collective of synagogues, national partners, and local family foundations.

I am proud to join a congregation that values entrepreneurship, collaboration, and the kind of strategy that propels our society forward. These ideas are necessary for the proliferation of our community and the expansion of our ideas into the next generation. Thank you for opening your doors to my family and for being a gracious host and partner in this work of developing the future of American Jewry. ■



Baruch Habah—Welcome to Our New Shaliach

BY JONATHAN SIMON

In August, Itsik Sayag arrived in Bethesda as a *shaliach* (messenger or emissary – plural *shlichim*). He comes on behalf of the Jewish Agency for Israel, helping to strengthen ties between our congregation and Israel. The Agency’s Shlichim Program sends dedicated Israelis to Jewish communities and organizations worldwide. They work to engage their host communities – especially teens and young adults – in a range of Israel-oriented cultural, educational, and social activities.

Born and raised in Tel Aviv, Itsik, 28, is the youngest of five. His parents came to Israel from Syria. In the IDF, Itsik served in the Home Front Command, directing advocacy and information materials. Since completing a film degree at Sapir College in Sderot, he has lived in Jerusalem, directing and producing various media projects. With support from The Jewish Fed-



ITSIK WITH RABBI HARRIS

eration of Greater Washington, he’ll spend the next year or two connecting with Beth El and with the Charles E. Smith

Jewish Day School. We spoke with Itsik about his new role.

Scroll: How did you come to be a Shaliach through the Jewish Agency?

Itsik Sayag: Recently, I have been exploring my heritage, getting to know different Jewish communities coexisting in Israel and reconnecting with my Jewish identity. This mission is a natural step on my journey. I consider the Jews of the diaspora part of my extended

family and wish to renew our ancient bond. I’m not here to teach. I’m here to share my experiences and hopefully get people to fully understand and appreciate what Israel is really about.

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Lev Shalem — A New Siddur for the Whole Community

BY DONNA VOGEL

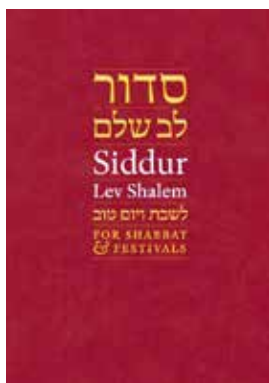
In the June *Scroll*, Hazzan Matthew Klein introduced the new siddur, *Lev Shalem*. Here, we follow up with some questions that have arisen about the siddur, now that we have begun using it in our services.

Scroll: You said in June “This is the first [siddur] that I think every Conservative Jew should own.” What makes you say that?

Hazzan Klein: It is the first Conservative siddur that teaches you how to pray. The editors have mined Jewish tradition through time and space to find a wide variety of authentic expressions of Jewish spirituality and prayer. It is theologically current and liturgically flexible. And it is a work of immense scholarship – a siddur that you can study with as well as pray with.

Scroll: Let’s talk about the commentary. Do you have any favorites from the content in the margins?

Hazzan Klein: There is a long tradition of siddurim with commentary. On the right column of *Lev Shalem* you can find the *pshtat* – explanations of the prayer text. On the left you find *drash* – interpretation, poetry, philosophy, and even liturgy. On page 30, there is a new prayer in place of the Mourner’s Kaddish for when there is not a minyan.



Scroll: So a mourner has a community, is not alone, when otherwise there would be, say, eight people davenning separately.

Hazzan Klein: Exactly. And consciously. Another favorite of mine comes during *P’sukei D’zimrah* on page 133. A teaching from the *Baal Shem Tov* describes beautifully how praising God can grow from words, to music to dance.

Scroll: But if the commentaries are so interesting, how do they not become a distraction from one’s prayers?

Hazzan Klein: This is the conflict and the opportunity of this siddur. If your practice is to stay with the traditional davenning, your experience will be much the same as ever. (There are a few liturgical word choices that will require more discussion.) If, though, you find that you

often lose focus, the commentary becomes a springboard for you to go back to the text with new insight.

Within the text itself, the English translation is the best I have ever seen – lyrical, emotional, and evocative – both through the rhythm and choice of words. There is also much more transliteration to encourage participation, for many of

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Learning from Sukkot

BY RABBI MARK LEVINE

Sukkot is, hands down, my favorite festival. After the intense spiritual introspection of the *aseret y’mai teshuvah* (the ten days of turning inward), it feels wonderful to be outdoors in the sukkah, celebrating with my family (and the inevitable bee or two) in the crisp fall air. Waving the lulav and etrog, the primary ritual of Sukkot, enlivens my connection to nature and to the Jewish people. What has made this mitzvah even more meaningful to me is an insight I learned from my teacher, Rabbi Arthur Waskow. When you look at someone directly opposite you who is holding the lulav and etrog, God’s holy, ineffable name (*yud, hay, vav, hay*) is spelled out by the four species. The etrog in their left hand, resembles the *yud* of the Tetragrammaton. The lulav, which is held in their right hand, consists of two willows, a palm branch, and

three myrtles. As you look at them, the curving myrtles resemble the letter *hay*, the palm branch stands tall and represents the *vav*, and the willows look like the final *hay* in God’s name.

The ethical lesson for us is to recognize that each human being, regardless of race, nationality, or ethnic background, is made *b’tzelem Elohim* (in the image of God) and, therefore, deserves our love and respect. ■



Torah Fund Campaign 5777



To ensure our legacy to future generations, Torah Fund provides scholarships for students at the Jewish Theological Seminary and other Conservative educational institutions in New York, Los Angeles, Argentina, Jerusalem, and Potsdam.

P'ri Yadehah (the fruit of her hands) is the theme of this year's beautiful Torah Fund pin/pendant, celebrating the 75th year of our Torah Fund Campaign. *P'ri Yadehah* is a phrase from the traditional *Eishet Chayil* prayer from the Book of Proverbs (31:31).

We celebrate women's achievements and creativity – the fruit of our hands – in the family, in the workplace, in the home, in the synagogue, and in the community.

The wheat branch on this year's pin/pendant signifies the sustenance we wish for our family and friends. The olive branch signifies our prayers for peace.

You will receive the pin for a gift of \$180 or more.

This year Torah Fund is offering several newly designed greeting cards. Purchase yours at the Beth El office and at Sisterhood events.

Contact Ina Young at inayoung@verizon.net or 301-907-7706 for more information and to order your pin. Wear it proudly during the holidays and into the future. ■

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evolving.

Third, our congregation values stimulating programming. We need to continue to look at ways to enrich options for religious services and other programming so they remain relevant and engaging.

At the same time, as Beth El evolves in these and other areas, we need to ensure that we do not change what is working well for many members. We expect many of our proposals will not replace current programs but instead add additional new services, activities, and programming. We will also propose resources to meet Beth El's future needs.

We look forward to speaking with as many members as possible in the coming weeks as we work to turn these important objectives into concrete strategies. Please do not hesitate to contact us or any member of our committee with thoughts you have about Beth El's long-term plans. ■

The Atid 2 Committee includes Chairs Dale Rosenthal and David Topol, as well as Amy Goott, Jonathan Gross, Richard Klein, Jeff Snyder, Jerry Sorkin, Larisa Trainor, Abby Weiner, the clergy, and Sheila Bellack, executive director. In addition, four sub-groups, each with five to 10 Beth El members, play an integral role.

Beth El Women's Shabbat Retreat

Sponsored by Sisterhood

December 9-11

Bolger Center in Potomac

Scholar-in-Residence Rabbi Mindy Portnoy

Space is limited, so please register early

Join women of all ages for a weekend of Shabbat services, creative programming, learning, and leisure.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Best phone number: _____

Participants are encouraged to join Sisterhood/Zhava if they are not members.

My \$36.00 tax-deductible dues are enclosed.

Room choice:

Single occupancy room @ \$450 for members or \$460 for non-members

Double occupancy room (two queen beds) @ \$370 for members or \$380 for non-members

Price includes six meals, use of the facilities, and all program costs

I would like to room with _____

(If you do not indicate a roommate, one will be assigned)

Make checks payable to Congregation Beth El. Mail to 8215 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, MD 20814.

You may also register online at www.bethelmc.org/womensretreat.

Cancellation deadline is November 1. No refund after this date unless someone can take your place.

Questions? Contact Holly Stein, Suzanne Bronheim, and Pat Danoff at womensretreat@bethelmc.org.

Men's Club

UPCOMING MEN'S CLUB EVENTS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 10:00 AM Erwin Groner, a long-time member of Beth El, will discuss "The History of Jews in Finland."

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 8:30 PM Hearing Men's Voices

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 10:00 AM Open mic: A forum for discussion of what 5777 may bring for Jews everywhere.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 10:00 AM Elliot Wilner will discuss "A Message from Kohelet for 5777."

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23 No program, Hoshanah Rabbah

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30 No program, Mitzvah Day

Sisterhood

Torah Fund Honoree Has Deep Beth El Roots

BY LINDA FASSBERG

My family moved to Bethesda in 1961 and joined Beth El when the sanctuary was still not yet completed. I can recall as a youngster sitting in services in the hallway on the second floor, where there was an open banister to the social hall below. I've watched as Beth El has gone through several major renovations since that time. I became a bat mitzvah on the first bimah, was married on the second one, and my son and daughter became bar and bat mitzvah on the third. I like to joke that evidence of how long I've been at Beth El is that my confirmation picture, hanging with all the others, is one of the early ones in black and white!

Beth El has always been an extremely warm and welcoming congregation, and my parents made many friends among their fellow congregants. My parents were regular Shabbat service attendees and my mother served as Religious School chairman for several years. My four siblings and I all attended Beth El's Hebrew School so my mother was constantly carpooling to the synagogue.

Although Beth El was not the geographically closest synagogue, my husband, Larry Fluger, and I decided to join when our son was born. We sent our children to the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School and found many other Beth El families there. We toured Israel with Beth El in 1998, and we've remained very friendly with many of the families from that trip. It was after that experience that my husband and I became more active at Beth El.

I briefly served as treasurer of the Judaica Shop before becoming treasurer of Sisterhood, a position I've held since 2006. I've probably held the position for so long because I've really enjoyed working with all of the Sisterhood presidents – they've all made me feel very appreciated. As treasurer you interact with many of the Sisterhood members, and I've also



really enjoyed that aspect of the position. I'm a frugal person by nature, so the opportunity to apply fiscal conservatism to our Sisterhood operation is in keeping with my natural instincts. My undergraduate degree was in accounting, and

I owe much of my work experience in accounting to beloved Beth El congregant David Brooks z"l.

In 2005, Larry and I co-chaired the Beth El Gala that celebrated the synagogue's most recent major renovation. I've also served on the board of the Beth El Support Foundation. Larry was the chairman of the Beth El Israel Bonds drive for two years. Larry played on the Beth El softball team for several years, and our daughter was active with USY. For many years we have enjoyed being part of the Beth El contingent that attends the annual AIPAC Policy Conference, together with our Beth El rabbis. I am especially honored to have been chosen as the recipient of the Torah Fund Award, and I look forward to continued involvement with both Sisterhood and the larger Beth El community. ■

UPCOMING SISTERHOOD/ZHAVA EVENTS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 9:30 AM Board Meeting

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 7:30 PM Evening in the Sukkah (Zahler if rain). RSVP: Margi Kramer and Wynne Sitron at Sisterhoodevent@bethelmc.org

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 7:15 PM Zhava Shabbat Family Dinner

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30 Mitzvah Day

Please Join Us for the Annual
**Sisterhood/Zhava
Membership Dinner**
Sunday, November 20, 6:30 pm

*The Torah Fund Award for Service to Sisterhood
will be presented to Linda Fassberg*

**The cost of dinner is \$18, open only to Sisterhood and
Zhava members**

Please bring toiletries to be donated to Bethesda Cares
and tzedakah for the Torah Fund.

Please RSVP by Thursday, November 10

Name of member(s) _____

Phone _____ Number of members _____

Amount of check (\$18 each) payable to Beth El Sisterhood
\$ _____

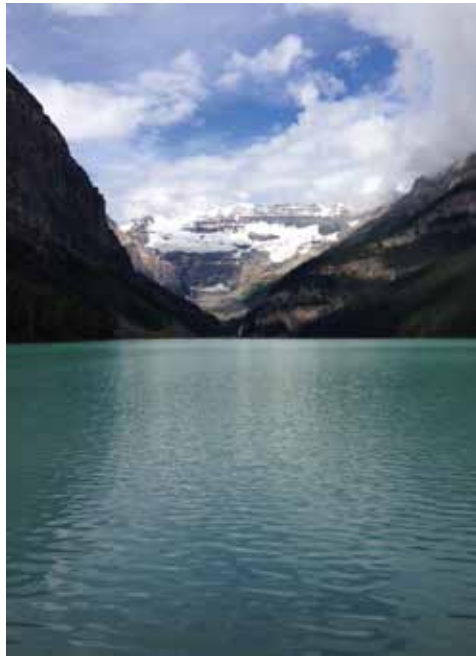
Contact Sharon Zissman with any questions.

Mail checks and form to Beth El Sisterhood,
8215 Old Georgetown Rd., Bethesda, MD 20814

An Inspiring Ride

BY RABBI BILL RUDOLPH

I officially retired, as you might recall, in the summer of 2015. There was a heartwarming tribute evening, at which time I was given very nice gifts from the congregation including a bike ride wherever I wanted it to be, within reason, of course. It took me a while to decide what and where, but I hit upon a Back-roads ride in the Canadian Rockies which promised to provide beautiful scenery and challenging hills. It more than delivered on the promise. I rode the second week of August, and it was terrific, and you deserve to have a brief report.



LAKE LOUISE, BANFF NATIONAL PARK, ALBERTA, CANADA

So, first, thank you. It was a wonderful gift that I will always cherish.

Second, the biking was wonderful. A bit chilly, 40 degrees each morning while you were sweltering in the August heat wave. A few too many hills, although the downhills were pretty steep and much more worrisome. A bit too much

rain. But the knees held up and I rode the most miles of any of the 15 riders – not the fastest but the most.

Third, the ride inspired me in several ways. One was the landscape, some of our Maker's best handiwork. Another was my new hero, an 86-year-old attorney who still goes to work every day and rode up almost all the hills slowly but surely. His wife did the electric bike; he did not. Another was the panoply of humanity, within our group and those we met on our travels, each different, each capable of disproving our assumptions about them, each illustrating both our littleness compared to the



A TYPICAL ROAD ALONG THE ROUTE

mountains and our greatness compared to anything else in creation.

I have so many good memories of the ride and of you who got me there and who I knew would expect me to push up the hills and not quit. So, I didn't quit, and I realized at the top that I didn't need to, I could do more than I thought I could. The ribbon on your gift. ■

GALA 2016

**Saturday, November 12
8:00 pm**

**Reservations required.
Invitations were mailed in
early September.**

**Sign up online at
www.bethelmc.org/gala2016**

**Beth El Presents
The Capitol Steps**

**Followed by Dancing
and Dessert Reception**



Not the Usual High Holiday Reading

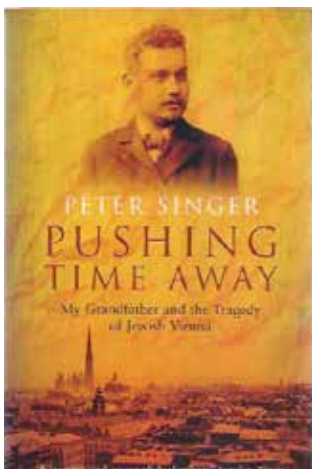
By MINNA JACOBSON

It's once again the season of apples and honey and soul searching. For some unconventional High Holiday reading, take a look at the work of Peter Singer, a renowned ethicist and professor at Princeton University, whom *The New Yorker* calls the “world's most influential living philosopher.”

Singer first stirred controversy in 1972 with an essay entitled *Famine, Affluence, and Morality* in which he declared: “[T]he whole way we look at moral issues. . .needs to be altered, and with it, the way of life that has come to be taken for granted in our society.” It is not enough, Singer believes, to take care of our families and to assist members of our community. We are also morally obligated to make substantial donations to help people facing life-threatening poverty in the developing world. Singer elaborates on this idea in his book, *The Life You Can Save*, discussed below. In many ways, Singer's “radical” thinking about helping the needy echoes the Jewish concept of *tzedakah* (“justice”), because *tzedakah* is obligatory, rather than an optional act of generosity.

Singer has said in interviews that his sensitivity to ethical issues likely stems from his family's tragic history. His parents and grandparents were Viennese Jews whose lives were upended when Nazi Germany annexed Austria in 1938. Singer's parents escaped to Australia, but his four grandparents were deported to concentration camps. Only his maternal grandmother survived. In his most personal book, *Pushing Time Away: My Grandfather and the Tragedy of Jewish Vienna*, Singer writes about his maternal grandfather, a scholar like Singer himself.

Pushing Time Away



Like many Holocaust stories, *Pushing Time Away* is a story broken in two: before the Nazis and after. Singer's grandfather, David Oppenheim, was an eminent classicist who became deeply interested in human psychology. For a time, Oppenheim was a member of the Vienna Psychoanalytical Society, the elite group that met weekly in Sigmund Freud's home. Oppenheim later broke

with Freud over Freud's dispute with his former disciple, Alfred Adler.

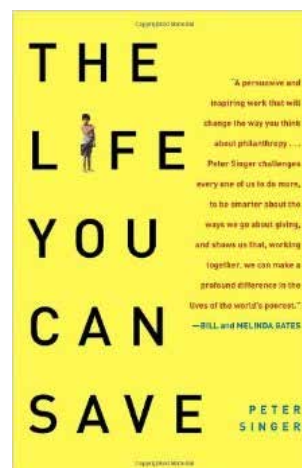
After the Nazi invasion, the tone of the story changes; Oppenheim's intellectual musings are replaced by a taut narrative of telegrams and denied transit visas as the Oppenheims try, but fail, to escape Vienna. The grim irony is that Oppenheim, a man who dedicated his life to studying human nature, failed to recognize in time the danger posed by the Nazis. Through Oppenheim's story, we see that the Nazis not only destroyed European Jewish civilization, but also extinguished the humanistic culture that thrived in the academies, theaters, museums, and coffee houses of Vienna.

The Life You Can Save

In making his case that we in the developed world are obligated to help the world's most needy, Singer is provocative; he contends that most dollars we spend – on comfortable homes, dinners out, new clothes, even donations to local art museums – should have been donated to international aid organizations. To Singer, failing to make life-saving contributions, when we could easily do so, is as morally wrong as ignoring a toddler drowning in a shallow pool in front of us.

Although the book can be unsettling, it is also uplifting. Deaths from poverty are decreasing, and we have the power to decrease them still further. *The Life You Can Save* delivers a good, solid shove towards a more ethical life – especially appropriate at the High Holidays. ■

Minna Jacobson, daughter of regular Library Corner columnist Robin Jacobson, is a 2015 college graduate currently living in Israel.



Beth El Book Chat

Sunday, November 20, 10:00 am



Join us for the Beth El book launch of congregant Michelle Brafman's new book, *Bertrand Court*. For more information, contact Margery London at margerylondon@gmail.com or Robin Jacobson at robinandjim83@gmail.com.

CONGREGATION BETH EL MITZVAH DAY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

Join us for Mitzvah Day 2016! Help us help those in need in our community and beyond! Donate requested items and sign up for a project by contacting the captain of the project of your choice. For other info, contact chairs: Jon Polon at jonpolon@hotmail.com or 917-543-0118 or Donna Shimshi at dhshim001@yahoo.com or 240-731-1731. All projects qualify for SSL hours. Pizza will be sold at Beth El from 11:45 am–1:30 pm. Proceeds will benefit the Friends of the Israel Defense Forces. Beth El's Mitzvah Day is underwritten by our Sondra Bender Community Service Fund.

ONSITE PROJECTS

PROJECT	TIME	LOCATION	CAPTAIN(S)
Blood drive through INOVA mobile unit	8:00 am–1:00 pm	Beth El parking lot and lobby	Jack Ventura 301-593-1872 jack.ventura@verizon.net
Prepare meals for area homeless shelters	9:30-11:30 am or bring meals prepared at home by 11:30. Deliver to area shelters in afternoon	Beth El main kitchen	Barbara Klein 301-951-8835 Barbaraklein52@gmail.com Volunteer to cook or deliver
Knitting and crocheting hats for NICU babies	11:30 am – 1:30 pm	Beth El Bender Social Hall B	Contact: Heather Janssen heathergjanssen@gmail.com 202-364-8585
Lemonade stand to benefit the Feline Foundation of Greater Washington	11:00 am – 2:00 pm	Beth El lobby	Contact: Jason Shimshi jshimshi@gmail.com or Donna Shimshi 240-731-1731
Pizza sale to benefit the Friends of the Israel Defense Forces	11:45 am – 1:30 pm Sponsored by the Beth El Men's Club	Beth El lobby	
Bone Marrow Registry with Delete Blood Cancer	9:00 am – 1:00 pm	Beth El Library	Contact: Jennifer Goldberg jengoldberg@hotmail.com
Gently used clothing for the Interfaith Clothing Center and Strive DC	Sort clothing 9:00-noon Deliver at 12:30 pm Sponsored by the Beth El Sisterhood	Beth El Bender Social Hall A	Contacts: Alana Aronin 248-914-1708 abaronin@gmail.com; Marsha Liss lissmjs@gmail.com
Children's Hospital National Medical Center: Make get well cards	12:30-2:30 pm Sponsored by Zhava	Beth El Family Room	Contact: Ilana Tanowitz ilananowitz@yahoo.com
Capital Area Food Bank "Kids' Café" pack snack bags	12:15-1:30 pm	Zahler Social Hall	Contact: Daniel Nestel danielnestel@hotmail.com 301-564-3045
Beth El Religious School Projects	All projects take place during Religious School	Religious School	Contact: Elisha Frumkin efrumkin@bethelmc.org
Weller Road Elementary School: Food Pantry for Hungry Youth – packing items collected	9:15-11:15 am	Zahler Social Hall	Contact: Marissa Gould marissagould@gmail.com
Yoga Class to Support Families with Infertility: All levels welcome. Bring a yoga mat if you have one. Accepting donations to Hasidah	2:00-3:15 pm	Zahler Social Hall	Contact: Amy Forseter amy@theredstone.org

OFFSITE PROJECTS

PROJECT	TIME	LOCATION	CAPTAIN(S)
Beth El Youth Group Projects	TBD	TBD	Contact: Adam Zeren azeren@bethelmc.org
Flora Singer Elementary School Cleanup Park named after Beth El member and Holocaust survivor	10:00 am-noon Sponsored by Minyan Chaverim	2600 Hayden Dr., Wheaton, Md.	Contact: Melanie Bachrach 301-332-2314
Gleaning: pick fruits and vegetables to distribute to low-income families	1:00 pm-4:00 pm	TBD	Contact: Jen Powers powersjams4@gmail.com or 301-656-1789
Hillmead Park cleanup: invasive weed species eradication	1:00 pm – ? Bring gloves and gardening tools	Hillmead Park	Contact: Harriet Kuhn adamandharriet@yahoo.com or 301-469-8705

Mitzvah Day Donation Requests

For complete information on donation items needed and Mitzvah Day projects, visit www.bethelmc.org.

A Wider Circle: Donations for Low-Income Families in DC Metropolitan Area			
A Wider Circle truck will collect kitchen, household items, food, baby items	9:30–11:30 am	Beth El parking lot	Contact: Jennifer Odintz 202-486-0349 or jenodintz@gmail.com
Support the Girls: Bras and Tampons for Homeless Women			
Drop off new and used bras and individually wrapped or unopened boxes of tampons and maxi pads	9:00 am–1:00 pm		Contacts: Erika Dickstein edickstein@hotmail.com and Hillary Berman hillary.berman@alum.syracuse.edu
Bikes for the World: Bicycle & Sewing Machine Donations to Benefit People in Developing Countries			
Drop off donations. Need 3–4 volunteers to partially break down bikes for shipping. No experience required.	10:00 am–2:00 pm	Beth El parking lot	Contact: Richard Lieberman 301-530-8123 rliebermanconsultant@gmail.com
Electronics Recycling			
Drop off old electronics, cables, and chargers	8:45 am–noon	Beth El Family Room	Elisa Rapaport elisarap@comcast.net 301-263-2802
Weller Road Elementary School: Food Pantry for Hungry Youth			
Drop off donations of healthy, non-perishable food	Throughout October	Beth El Preschool Wing Sponsored by Beth El Preschool	Contact: Marissa Gould marissagould@gmail.com
Wanted: tuna, mayonnaise, condiments, juice boxes, peanut butter, bags of rice, cleaning products, vegetable oil, canned goods			
Donations for Capital Area Food Bank's "Kids' Café"			
Donate pretzels, raisins, and other healthy individually packaged snacks	See page 8 for more information		Contact: Daniel Nestel danielnestel@hotmail.com 301-564-3045
Gently Used Clothing for the Interfaith Clothing Center and Strive D.C.			
Donate and/or help sort clothing for men, women, and children.	Drop off 8:30–11:30 am. Sort from 9:00 am–noon. Deliver at 12:30 pm. Sponsored by Sisterhood	Beth El Bender Social Hall A. Need drivers to transport clothing.	Contacts: Alana Aronin 248-914-1708 abaroin@gmail.com Marsha Liss lissmjs@gmail.com
Children's Hospital National Medical Center: Small toys and games for children with cancer			
Drop off new Lego sets and new small toys or games for children 12 and under	12:30–2:00 pm Sponsored by Zhava	Beth El Family Room	Contact: Ilana Tanowitz ilanatanowitz@yahoo.com
Level the Playing Field: Sports Equipment for Children in Need			
Donate any type of new or gently used sports equipment	(Mitzvah project, Alec Friedman)	Drop off donations in the Beth El lobby	Contact: Michele Friedman mkfriedman11@verizon.net or 240-793-7412

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PROJECT	TIME	LOCATION	CAPTAIN(S)
Walk to benefit Shepherd's Table	11:00 am–noon Sponsored by Beth El Men's Club \$20 suggested donation	Whitman HS Track	Contact: Jonathan Epstein jonathan.epstein@hklaw.com
Music program by Marak Hayom	1:30 pm	Revitz House, 6111 Montrose Rd., Rockville, Md.	Contact: Samantha Redlich redlichsamantha@gmail.com
Music program by The Swinging Kleztones	2:30 pm	Hebrew Home Wasserman Building, 6121 Montrose Rd., Rockville, Md.	Contact: Jerry Danoff 301-365-1180
Music program by Julie Mack Sings	3:00 pm	Ring House, 1801 East Jefferson St., Rockville, Md.	Contact: Julie Mack info@juliemacksings.com

Youth Activities

Exciting New Beginnings

BY ADAM ZEREN

I'm thrilled to write about new beginnings for this month's *Scroll*. That's because we've got two new youth advisors I know your kids will love.

Let's start with our new Machar advisor. Machar is for our third to fifth graders. Aliza Silverman is a college student at the University of Maryland, where she is minoring in Jewish Studies. She simply LOVES working with Jewish kids. Aliza has been a counselor at two New Jersey Jewish summer camps. She was a very active member in her USY chapter and even served on the Regional General Board overseeing membership. When she's not studying or working, you will likely find her doing Israeli dancing. Aliza is so excited to meet your kids.



ALIZA SILVERMAN

We also are welcoming Cantor Rebecca Pohl to our

youth staff. Rebecca will be our Kadima advisor. Kadima is for sixth and seventh graders at Beth El. Rebecca is heavily involved in the D.C. area's Jewish life. In addition to being our Kadima advisor, she coordinates teen programs and leads services for a havurah in Washington. She has been a religious school teacher at Agudas Achim and has tutored b'nai mitzvah students at B'nai Israel. Her father is a long-time rabbi in the area. Rebecca will infuse your middle schoolers with excitement for Judaism.



REBECCA POHL

What I'm most excited about when it comes to Rebecca and Aliza is their ideas for fresh, innovative programming for our youth groups. Having two advisors new to Beth El promises to make this year's Machar and Kadima events better than ever! ■

ISRAEL NEEDS US WE NEED ISRAEL

October marks our observance of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. It also is the month preceding our national, state, and local elections. It should be a time both to reflect on our Jewish beliefs and values and to focus on policies affecting the U.S.-Israel relationship.

ENGAGE in the political process by learning candidates' positions on issues affecting Israel's well-being. Then advocate for the positions you believe they should adopt. Candidates pay the closest attention to what their prospective constituents say immediately before an election.

EXPRESS your views about Israel-related issues through op-eds, letters to the editor, blogs, and podcasts. Print and electronic media frame political debate. Your voices can have an impact.

EDUCATE your children of all ages, and especially those between the ages of 12 and 22, about the 3,000-year-old link between the Jewish people and the land of Israel. Their understanding of these religious and historical ties will be invaluable in dealing successfully with anti-Zionist and anti-Semitic challenges they may face on college campuses.

Walk Humbly with Your God: Jewish Wisdom in Song

A John Leopold and Martha Dellheim Concert

Sunday, December 4, 3:00 pm

Har Shalom Congregation, Potomac



This major cantorial concert, co-sponsored by Har Shalom, Beth El, and the Jewish Theological Seminary, highlights Beth El's 2017 theme of Jewish Wisdom, Jewish Values.

The program will explore how Jewish songwriters express our values through their music, from Jewish rock to cantorial recitative. The values highlighted in this concert include justice, kindness, humility, and spirituality.

Performances will be from cantors Matthew Klein, Henrique Ozur Bass, and Nancy Abramson, along with three of our Beth El cantorial interns: Sarah Levine, Josh Kowitz, and our current intern, Gil Ezring. The concert will also feature a world premiere of two pieces of mystical hazzanut by world-renowned classical composer, Jonathan Leshnoff, commissioned by the John Leopold and Martha Dellheim Foundation. The concert is free and open to the public.





EVERY YEAR BETH EL'S OWN BOY SCOUT TROOP 1800 HEADS TO FORT LITTLETON, PA., TO SPEND A WONDERFUL WEEK CANOEING, PLAYING SPORTS AND GAMES, MAKING NEW FRIENDS, GREETING OLD FRIENDS, EARNING MERIT BADGES, LEARNING NEW SKILLS, BUT MOST OF ALL, HAVING A LOT OF FUN. PHOTOS BY LEE SHEKTER



MORE THAN 200 BETH EL MEMBERS AND PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS ATTENDED THE ANNUAL BACK TO SHUL BBQ ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11. PHOTO BY MITCHELL SOLKOWITZ

High Holidays

Rosh Hashanah begins Sunday evening, October 2, and continues through Tuesday evening, October 4. Yom Kippur begins with Kol Nidre on Tuesday evening, October 11, and continues through Wednesday evening, October 12. High Holiday tickets were mailed September 20. Please be sure to bring your tickets with you to High Holiday services, as ushers and/or security may ask to see them. Thank you for your assistance and in helping to make the High Holidays enjoyable for everyone.

Come Tour BEPS!

Beth El Preschool is now enrolling students for the 2017-2018 school year. We welcome prospective families to visit our school, meet our teachers, and learn more about our fantastic program. Open houses and tours for the upcoming school year will be on the following dates:

Thursday, October 20, 9:30 am
Thursday, November 10, 7:30 pm
Tuesday, November 15, 9:30 am
Monday, December 5, 9:30 am

RSVP to Lynn Pikovsky at LPikovsky@bethelmc.org.

New Year, New Simpler Composting

BY EVELYN CARSON

The Green Tikkun Committee is pleased to announce that we have simplified the process of cleanup after some of the food events in the social halls. If you attended the Back to Shul BBQ or the August Roundtable with the Rabbi, you may have already seen the new system in action.

On occasions when it is not practical to use our washable plates, cups, and metal flat-ware and we need to use disposables, only cost-effective alternatives to petroleum-based plastics will be used. All

of the cups, cutlery, plates, and bowls – even the little kid-dish cups and serving gloves that appear to be plastic – are products created from renewable plant fibers. In commercial composting facilities, they all degrade into useful, non-toxic growth medium that can be used in farms and home gardens to grow more food.

Look for the new clear cold beverage glasses with green stripes and for the cream-colored forks, knives, and spoons



with raised letters saying “compostable.” The new white cups for hot beverages are double lined, eliminating the need for protective sleeves or using two cups for comfort.

No more guessing what goes where. The bins with the



green compostable liners are for all food waste and disposable food service items. As a result, when we have food in the social halls, the only bins you see will be for compost. Regular trash cans will be needed only in the food preparation area.

Our goal is to make all events as trash-free as possible. Please do not bring in any ordinary plastic food service items because it will be difficult to find a place to throw them away. If you have accidentally brought in an item with packaging that must go into the trash or blue recycle bin, please ask the staff where to find one or pretend you are in a national park and pack it out. Tikkun olam begins with each of us doing our part to conserve and reuse earth’s resources. ■

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them in meaningful ways. People have been gathering at his and his wife Adina’s home next to Beth El for Shabbat or holiday experiences. While Rami’s work is focused on the wider MoCo Jewish community, he and Adina have become regulars at Beth El on Shabbat, so please introduce yourselves.

There are many more efforts we are excited about at Beth El – ToBE (Tikkun Olam @ Beth El) projects are expanding, new on-line ‘lunch and learns’ have been a success and we continue to partner with you to create new on-ramps for getting involved. The Atid 2 strategic planning report, coming out this winter, incorporates many directions you have articulated. As busy as the clergy are with programs, though, we are most interested in strengthening our relationships with you. Being a rabbi or hazzan is most fulfilling when we get to connect with you in celebratory times or difficult moments. Invite us to coffee or set a time to come say hello. Together, let’s make 5777 a wonderful year and pray for peace at home, in Israel, and around the globe.

Shana Tova U’metuka. ■

Jews in Space: The Importance of Space and Place in Rabbinic Judaism and Beyond

Thursday, November 3, at 7:30 pm



Dr. David Kraemer, professor of Talmud and Rabbinics at the Jewish Theological Seminary, and also its librarian, was Beth El’s scholar-in-residence in February 2015.

Jewish history following the destruction of the Second Temple by Rome has been represented as a history of wandering and homelessness, in which place could not matter because the sacred Jewish place had been left behind. Besides, as Abraham Joshua Heschel argued, Jews build sanctuaries in time, not in space. However, building upon his new book, *Rabbinic Judaism: Space and Place*, Dr. Kraemer argues that space and place remained central to Judaism even during its “exile.” He demonstrates that the “homes” of Judaism were central to Jewish practice throughout the centuries, even before Zionism returned the focus of Judaism to its ancient home. This lecture is cosponsored by the Foundation for Jewish Studies.



WHO ARE THE Ushpizin?

Ushpizin is an Aramaic word that means “guests.” According to the Zohar, seven heavenly guests visit us in the sukkah, one for each day of Sukkot.



In our egalitarian practice, we also welcome Sarah, Rachel, Rebecca, Leah, Miriam, Abigail, and Esther.



While it may be hard to fit all Jews into one sukkah, we do our part by inviting as many as we can – including symbolically inviting the seven “founding fathers” of the Jewish people: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, Aaron, Joseph, and David.



Hachnasat orechim (hospitality to guests) has always been an important part of Jewish tradition since Abraham sat outside his tent waiting for the opportunity to invite dusty wayfarers into the shade.



This is an especially integral part of Sukkot, as the Talmud commands “it is fitting that all Jews should sit in one sukkah” (Sukkah 27b).

Sources: Chabad.org, myjewishlearning.com

NEW SHALIACH CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4

Scroll: How do you see your role here?

Itsik: I see myself less as an emissary than as a “voice” for Israel – someone who has experienced a wide spectrum of what life is like in the Jewish State. I am eager to hear and understand the many perspectives that diaspora Jews have about Israel. Some of my direct knowledge and personal perspectives about life in Israel might not be what people imagine.

Scroll: Do you think Jews in this area already know a lot about Israel?

Itsik: Israel is constantly changing. Although diaspora Jews may have good general knowledge about Israel, some current perceptions may be inaccurate. Recently, someone who

had never been there told me they saw Israel as a safe shelter for many Jews who had escaped the Holocaust, where people live solemn lives that preclude “having fun.” Sometimes journalists and artists canceled trips because they feared it was unsafe. Yet statistically, Israel is safer than major American cities. It’s strictly perception not based on fact.

Scroll: Are there any special activities or places you’re looking forward to?

Itsik: I already had a lot of fun at a Washington Nationals game. Aside from revisiting the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, I would love to go to some of the others, such as the new National Museum of African American History and Culture. ■

Second Day Sukkot Deli Lunch

Tuesday, October 18, following
the 9:30 am morning service.



Our now-traditional deli lunch continues this year, thanks to the ongoing generosity of David and Jackie Levine.

Erev Simchat Torah

Monday, October 24, 7:30 pm



The two most fun nights on the Jewish calendar are Simchat Torah and Purim. Join us for our annual Simchat Torah celebration, including singing and dancing, Torahs for everyone, Hershey bars, and the Beth El Band.

Lulav and Etrog Order Form

I would like to order the following
lulav and etrog set:

Standard \$55 Quality \$68

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Please make your check payable to Congregation Beth El and send it with this form to the office.

Orders must be placed by Wednesday, October 5.

Orders may be picked up on Friday, October 14, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, or Sunday, October 16, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm.

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Donations made from July 21 to August 30

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In appreciation of Beth El honoring my 85th birthday with an aliyah by Richard Pollen

Maayan Harris's bat mitzvah by Howard and Susan D. Feibus

Rebecca Bender's bat mitzvah by Sheryl, Lee, Lindsey, and Amanda Miller

The 25th anniversary of our beloved children, Sheryl and Lee Miller, by Martin and Anne Rosensky

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Fannie Feld by Sherry and Dennis Askwith

Simos Music Fund

IN HONOR OF:

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Transportation Fund

IN HONOR OF:

Esther Isralow on her 101st birthday by Irene and Ricardo Munster and Rachel and Sidney Strauss

Lucy Ozarin on her 102nd birthday by Irene and Ricardo

Munster, Irwin and Rita Kopin, and Rachel and Sidney Strauss

Ricardo Munster for his dedication to the senior members of our congregation by Susan Cohen

IN MEMORY OF:

Carolyn Chinn, beloved niece, by Sarah Kalser

Ben Kalser by Sarah Kalser

Eva LeVine, my dear sister, by Mary Dubrow

Frances Lesser by Howard Lesser

Gil Rosenberg, longtime member of Beth El and our friend, by Irwin and Rita Kopin

Louis A. Cohen by Susan Cohen

Marianne Lubasch, mother of Irene Munster, by Jonathan and

Sandy Simon and Rachel and Sidney Strauss

Nancy Laning by Susan Cohen

World Jewry-Kostroma

BY: Robert Koenig

IN MEMORY OF:

Meyer Levine by Kenneth Levine and Diana Huffman

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Mazal Tov to

Sandy and Norton Elson on the birth of their granddaughter, **Naomi Sofia Levene**, daughter of **Franny and Jonathan Levine** and sister of **Ahava**.

Judy Scolnic on the bar mitzvah of her youngest grandchild, **Myles Ilan Gregor**. Parents are **Donna and Robert Gregor**.

Condolences to

Tina Charnoff on the death of her husband, **William Lawrenz Sue and Bill Kanter** on the death of Sue's mother, **Charlotte Preskill**

Robert Landsman and **David and Sandy Landsman** on the death of Robert's wife and David's mother, **Zelda Landsman Susan and Jack Yanovski** on the death of Susan's mother, **Laikee Zelitch**

Noteworthy

Senior Caucus Meeting, Wednesday, October 5, 1:00 pm.

These active retirees join to hear about the ongoing programs and plan new activities. Be one of them.

Roundtable with the Rabbi: Due to Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, and Sukkot, there will be no Roundtable with the Rabbi in October.

Dor L'Dor Resumes, Thursday, October 6, noon. The Beth El Preschool (BEPS) 4s Class and a group of Beth El seniors blend together to form Dor L'Dor. To participate and share pizza with the preschoolers, RSVP to Ricardo Munster at 301-652-2606, ext. 316, or rmunster@bethelmc.org

Senior Caucus, Thursdays, October 13 and 27, noon.

Brown Bag lunch. Come and socialize with your friends and enjoy refreshments and dessert.

Senior Caucus-Vatikkim Luncheon Program, October 20.

Starts with lunch at noon. Following lunch, our friends and Beth El members, Dotty Wolf and Sid Stahl, will present "Jewish India." Dotty and Sid will speak and show photos of their recent Jewish-themed trip to India, where only about 4,000 Jews still reside. Cost of lunch is \$10. To RSVP for lunch, contact Ricardo Munster at 301-652-2606, ext. 316, or rmunster@bethelmc.org, by Friday, October 14. The program itself is free and begins after lunch around 1:00 pm.

Bridge – the greatest game ever! Join us every Monday (except October, 3, 17, and 24, due to the Jewish holidays) and Thursday (except October 20), from 12:30 to 3:00 pm. Drop in and join a game; no partner necessary. For information or transportation, contact Ricardo Munster at 301-652-2606, ext. 316, or rmunster@bethelmc.org.



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