

DAY SCHOOL FAMILY NEWS

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*The purpose of this **once a month** listserv is to keep the JDS and JPDS families up to date with what's happening within the Beth El community in hopes that all the day school families will increase their connectivity to your spiritual home.*

For More Information On Any Program at Beth El, Please Email, Day School Liaison, Adam Zeren at azeren@bethelmc.org

This is a list of upcoming events and services at Beth El For September

MAZAL TOV TO THE CHARLES E. SMITH JEWISH DAY SCHOOL CLASS OF 2015***

Mazal Tov to the Beth El students who are graduating on Sunday, February 8, from the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School. Join us this Saturday, February 7, during the main Shabbat service, as we honor the graduates: Robert Belson, Eitan Dunn, Joel Halpern, Aaron Handelman, Jeremy Kaplan, Evan Kravitz, Matthew Litman, Adina Pollak, Gabriel Roark, Jacob Stillman, Miranda Escobar, and Isabella Zissman with an aliyah.

SATURDAY SHABBAT YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES

- Saturday, March 7th, 10am, Library, JUNIOR CONGREGATION (5th Grade-7th Grade)
- Saturday, March 7th, 10:30am, Multi-Purpose Room, GAN SHABBAT (K-2nd Grade)
- Saturday, March 14th, 10am, Library, JUNIOR CONGREGATION (5th Grade-7th Grade)
- Saturday, March 14th, 10:30am, Zahler Social Hall, SHITUFIM (3rd & 4th Grades)
- Saturday, March 14th, 10:30am, NITZANIM, Multi-Purpose Room, (Birth to Kindergarten)
- Saturday, March 21st, 10am, Library, JUNIOR CONGREGATION (5th Grade-7th Grade)
- Saturday, March 21st, 10:30am, Multi-Purpose Room, GAN SHABBAT (K-2nd Grade)
- Saturday, March 28th, 10:30am, NITZANIM, Multi-Purpose Room, (Birth to Kindergarten)

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Don't fall for the myth that these services are only for Beth El religious school students. They are for ALL Beth El kids. Come support the services and show off those day school skills!

ANNUAL DAY SCHOOL FAMILY/JFGH PURIM PARTY, SUNDAY, MARCH 8 5:30PM-7PM

It's the annual Purim Party for Beth El Day School Families and the residents of the Jewish Foundation for Group Homes.

\$25 for the entire family includes dinner, hamantashen, and a DJ for dancing and games. Please send your name and the number of people along with a check payable to Beth El to: Stacey Topol, 5926 Anniston Road, Bethesda, MD 20816

Become a sponsor of the party. There are \$18, \$36, \$54, \$72, and \$100+ levels.

7th-12th Graders can earn community service hours by volunteering and helping out at the party. Please contact Stacey Topol at stopol@verizon.net

UPCOMING RABBI CANDIDATE VISIT

Rabbi Daniel Victor will visit Beth El **this weekend, March 6 - 8.**

Rabbi Daniel Victor is currently the rabbi at Congregation Rodeph Shalom, a 420-family Conservative synagogue in Bridgeport, Connecticut. Rabbi Victor graduated from Brandeis University (*cum laude*) in 2001 with a BA in Sociology and Near Eastern and Judaic Studies. He has an MA in Jewish Education from the Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS) in New York City and received his rabbinic ordination from JTS in 2009. After graduating from JTS, he served for two years as the associate rabbi at Temple Adath Yeshurun in Syracuse, New York, before coming to Rodeph Shalom in 2011. Rabbi Victor has been involved in developing curricula and teaching classes on a wide range of Jewish topics over the past fifteen years.

Schedule for the weekend of **March 6 - 8:**

- **Friday, 6:30 pm:** Friday night service. Candidate will attend the service but does not lead it or speak.
- **Shabbat morning:** Candidate will deliver the sermon following the Torah service in the 9:30 am main sanctuary service
- **Shabbat following Kiddush (approximately 12:45 pm):** Candidate will lead a teaching session
- **Sunday morning, 9:00 am:** Candidate will lead the morning minyan.

In addition, Rabbi Victor will meet with religious school students, board members, the clergy, and the search committee. Please make every effort to introduce yourself and welcome him to Beth El.

The Search Committee welcomes your feedback. A survey for Rabbi Victor will be available on the Beth El website (www.bethelmc.org) beginning Sunday morning, March 8, through 5:00 pm on Thursday, March 12. Paper copies are available at the security guard desk through March 12 as well.

**ZHAVA PRESENTS PREPPING FOR PASSOVER, SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2-4pm
HOME OF ALISON PORTNOY, 5418 ROOSEVELT STREET**

Make the Pesach preparations meaningful not maddening as Rebekkah Harris leads a conversation about getting ready for Passover.

Coffee and great conversation provided all for FREE!

RSVP to Rachel Pomerance Berl at rpomerance@gmail.com

PASSOVER COOKING DEMONSTRATION WITH PAULA SHOYER

Don't miss **Paula Shoyer**, the author of *"The Kosher Baker," "The Holiday Baker,"* and *"The New Passover Menu,"* when she brings a cooking demonstration to Beth El on **Thursday, March 12, at 7:00 pm**. Questions? Want to volunteer to help with this event? Contact Geryl Baer at gbaer@bethelmc.org or 301-652-8569, ext. 352. Cost is \$36 per person, and includes a copy of Paula Shoyer's newest book *"The New Passover Menu."*

AGE & STAGE PARENTING SERIES ABOUT DRUGS & ALCOHOL ABUSE WITH HEIDI COHEN

Tuesday, March 17th, 7:30-9pm, Beth El

Learn how to talk to your children about drugs and alcohol in this next Age & Stage workshop. Discussion will be lead by Heidi Cohen, JSSA social worker. Please RSVP to Geryl Baer, gbaer@bethelmc.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE ANNUAL DAY SCHOOL SHABBAT AND DINNER,

FRIDAY, MAY 1st, 2015

Start thinking about what parts your family would like to lead during the service.

GOT AN IDEA?

Got an idea for a Day School Family program? Maybe a wine tasting, a pool party, a Beth El Day School Wizards or Caps game? Or be creative. It's a great way for the Beth El Day School Community to come together and meet. Let Adam know at azeren@bethelmc.org



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