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CONGREGATION BETH EL

AN EGALITARIAN CONSERVATIVE JEWISH CONGREGATION

Beth El E-News

October 12 - 20, 2017 / 22 - 30 Tishri 5778

**SHEMINI ATZERET
SIMCHAT TORAH
SHABBAT BERESHIT**

BAT MITZVAH OF ISABEL PRENTICE

MAZEL TOV TO...

Sloane & David Feldman on the B'nai Mitzvah of their sons,
Ethan & Justin

Betty & Alan Feldman on the engagement of their daughter,
Emily, to Mikey Pffeifer

Ellen & Michael Goldman on the birth of their grandson, Jason
Isaac Goldman

Nancy & Scott Prentice on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter,
Isabel

CONDOLENCES TO...

Peter Burnim on the loss of his aunt, Irene Golan

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Thursday, October 12 - Shemini Atzeret

10:00 AM Services in the sanctuary
Yizkor approximately 11:15 AM

Erev Simchat Torah

6:00 PM Hakafot, Dancing with the Torahs, Flags
Pinata, Ice Cream
6:59 PM Candle Lighting



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Simchat Torah



Thursday Evening, October 12th

6:00 PM

Festivities will include hakafot, lots of dancing with the Torah's, Flags,
Refreshments, Piñata & Ice Cream Sundaes! Fun for all ages!!

Friday Morning, October 13th

10:00 AM

Simchat Torah Services in the sanctuary

10:30 AM

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

Led by Cindy Wupnitsky

Join the Congregation in the sanctuary for a procession with the
Torahs and flags. Then join Cindy at 11:00 AM and make an edible Torah,
sing holiday songs, listen to a holiday story. We gather with the
Congregation again at the end of services for Adon Olam.

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

KIDDUSH LUNCH FOLLOWING SERVICES FOR EVERYONE!

1200 Fairfield Woods Road, Fairfield, CT 06425 • congbethel.net

Friday, October 13 - Simchat Torah

10:00 AM Services in the sanctuary
Family Service - Procession in sanctuary at 10:30 AM
Program with Cindy Wapnitsky at 11:00 AM

6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service
5:58 PM Candle Lighting

Saturday, October 14

10:00 AM Shabbat Services
Bat Mitzvah of Isabel Prentice

Sunday, October 15

8:30 AM Morning Minyan

Monday, October 16

7:30 AM Morning Minyan

Tuesday, October 17

7:30 AM Morning Minyan

Wednesday, October 18

7:30 AM Morning Minyan

Thursday, October 19

7:30 AM Morning Minyan

Friday, October 20 - ROSH CHODESH

7:15 AM Morning Minyan (note earlier start time)

D'var Torah: Fred Leder

Hot Breakfast will be served

5:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Services
(note earlier start time)

March of the Stuffed Animals

5:47 PM Candle Lighting



**Men's
Club will be
taking down Beth
El's Sukkah
on Sunday
morning, October**

**15th at 8:00 AM. All volunteers are
welcome to help - no experience
necessary. Any questions, contact
Mark Sudikoff at mensclub@congbethel.net.**

GIFT SHOP WILL BE OPEN OCTOBER 15 & 22

CONGREGATION BETH EL INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR

Children's Shabbat Services

Children's Services will take place
throughout the year each
Saturday morning in the Music Room
at Congregation Beth El.

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Join us for Kiddush immediately
following services.



Join Peri Cook as she leads the Children's
Services each Shabbat with special activities
and stories based on the weekly parsha.

Peri pulls ideas from the torah readings each week and applies them to a craft, group activity or
story telling to help the children connect to the parsha and their Judaism.

Peri has designed Saturday morning Services to be all about Shabbat - using books and a Shabbat-
friendly craft and circle time, creating a wonderful sense of community. If the weather permits,
there is outdoor play time too.

Come join us!

Free of Charge & Open to Everyone!

Please call the synagogue with any questions: 203-374-5544



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Torah Readers Appreciation Celebration

*A joyous celebration honoring our
past, present and future Torah readers*

Sunday, October 15th

11:00 am to 1:00 pm

A brief appreciation ceremony to honor and thank
the more than 75 congregants (Wow!) who read
in the 2016/17 Torah cycle

Mini-workshops for Torah readers of all levels

A Simchat Torah celebration with our Religious School

A bountiful lunch prepared by our Men's Club
and Sisterhood

Reading Torah is a wonderful way to honor a loved
one, celebrate a simcha or mark a life event (like the
anniversary of your bar/bat mitzvah). Come with a
date that is meaningful to you and we will help you
find a reading.

Please help us plan and RSVP by calling the synagogue
office at 203-374-5544.

Brought to you by the Spiritual Life and Education Committees of Congregation Beth El.

from 9:00 AM -12:00 PM each day for all your holiday needs.

CONGREGATION BETH EL FAIRFIELD *Sisterhood*

Open at your convenience. We are just a call or text away!

For All Your Graduation, Wedding & Hostess Gifts – Remember the Beth El Gift Shop!

Platters
Serving Pieces
Mezuzah
Candles
Books
and More!

Questions?

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Esther Dansky GIFT SHOP



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March of the Stuffed Animals



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20TH

Services, story & parade
starting at 5:30 pm
Dinner at 6:15 pm

Children are invited to bring their favorite stuffed animals to services and join the parade as Rabbi Korman tells the story of Noah.

Cost for Dinner: Adults \$15 / Children \$7 (under 3 years old free)

Please sign up in advance. Reservations must be made no later than Tuesday, October 17th and accompanied by a check.

Yes, we will attend the Family Dinner on Friday, October 20th

Name _____ Phone _____

No. of Adults @ \$15 _____ No. of Children @ \$7 _____ No. of Vegetarian Meals _____

No. of Children under 3 Yrs (no charge) _____ Total Enclosed \$ _____

Allergies? Please list here _____



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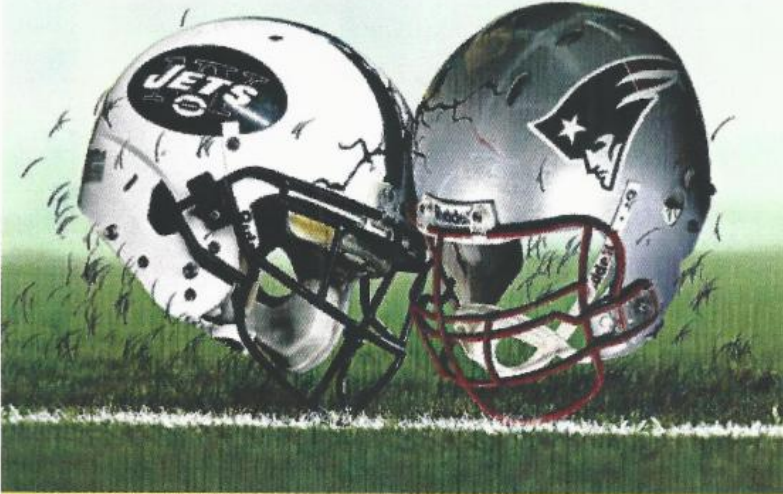


[Click here to view and print
March of the Stuffed Animals
Flyer](#)

[Click here to RSVP
congbethel@aol.com](mailto:congbethel@aol.com)



BEER, BURGERS AND (FOOT)BALL



Join us on Sunday, October 15th at 1:00PM to see a battle for AFC East Domination--the New England Patriots vs. the NY Jets.

Game is at MetLife Stadium but why make the trip down there and deal with all that traffic when you can watch it on the BIG SCREEN in the Kiddush Room at Congregation Beth El? We'll be grilling up some burgers and hot dogs and will have beer, scotch, etc.

If you're a Men's Club member, cost is \$18 (non member \$23) Also, children are welcome for \$8/ea.

Pay in advance to avoid paying \$25 at the door.

If you're not a Men's Club Member, you can sign up when you register.

Sign up at <http://conta.cc/2fozCxW>

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FILM FESTIVAL PRESENTS

DENIAL



When university professor Deborah E. Lipstadt includes World War II historian David Irving in a book about Holocaust deniers, Irving accuses her of libel and sparks a legal battle for historical truth. With the burden of proof placed on the accused, Lipstadt and her legal team fight to prove the essential truth that the Holocaust occurred. Based on the book "History on Trial: My Day in Court with a Holocaust Denier."

Wednesday,
October 25th
7:30 PM

1200 FAIRFIELD WOODS ROAD, FAIRFIELD • 203-374-5544

THIS PROGRAM IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED.

SPONSORED BY THE ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF CONGREGATION BETH EL

SAVE THE DATE!



ATTENTION! Parents of College Students...

Don't Let Your Student Be Left Out!

Beth El wants to stay in touch with your son or daughter. Please call the office at 203-374-

5544 or e-mail to office@bethelfairfield.org

the following information:

Name of

Student _____

College/University _____

CONGREGATION BETH EL FAIRFIELD



maccabeats
PREMIER IN CAPELLA

sunday, november 5, 2017

congregation beth el • 1200 fairfield woods road, fairfield

doors open at 12 noon • concert begins at 1:00 PM

\$5 for kids (under 13) • \$10 for adults

includes lunch buffet starting at noon • pay at the door

Originally formed in 2007 as Yeshiva University's student vocal group, the Maccabeats have recently emerged as both Jewish music and a cappella phenomenon, with a large fanbase, more than 20 million views on YouTube, numerous TV appearances, and proven success with four albums. Though the Maccabeats aren't your grandfather's synagogue choir, their shofar and identity play an important part in what they do. Strongly committed to the philosophy of Torah + Mitzvah, the integration of traditional and secular wisdom, the Maccabeats perform an eclectic array of Jewish, American, and Israeli songs. Perhaps it is these dual goals, this merging of exciting mediums and genres, that have led most appealing about the group. The Maccabeats' unique offering has caught the eyes of numerous organizations and individuals throughout the world. They've played and will show to thousands of KOLs, synagogues, clubs, Chabad, Mikvah, jazz clubs, bar/bat mitzvahs, conventions, and dozens across the continent and over thirty states and provinces. They've been invited to join reggae superstar Matisyahu and Jewish music superstar Yehonatan Shoshana on stage. Over the course of time, their adventures and opportunities imparted upon the Maccabeats an important lesson: with great a cappella comes great responsibility. It is with much humility and gratitude that the group takes up the mission given to them, and share their music with the world.



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 address _____

Please check if this is an off campus address

Does your son &/or daughter want to receive
 Beth El's Weekly E-News?
 Does your son &/or daughter want to receive all
 congregational emails sent out?

SAVE THE DATE!

BETH EL'S ANNUAL MOST HONORED MINYAN BREAKFAST

Sunday, October 22nd
 Morning Minyan at 8:30 AM,
 Breakfast & Program at 9:00
 AM

*Join us as we honor our
 "Kitchen Krew"*

Donation: \$10 per person

**Click here for details and
 reservation info:**

**[Most Honored Minyan
 Breakfast Flyer](#)**

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 5544



INTERSECTING SPARKS: ART AND SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND IMAGINATION

Executive Producer:
 Mary Beth Leidman

Tuesday, November 14 at 7:30 PM

This narrative explores the life and activities of Michael Lazar. Half of his time is spent as a cold metal sculptor and photographer while the other half of his life is spent as a PHD Geophysicist and Professor at the University of Haifa. Dr. Lazar was the project manager on the first international expedition and exploration of the Dead Sea floor. His story is fascinating in both the scientific and the artistic spheres as he explains his motivations and activates in his own words.

Film Length: 60 Minutes

Air: 2015-2017 - WPSU-TV (PBS Affiliate), WIUP-TV Indiana, PA
 Shot on location in Israel

Awards:

Silver: The Davey Award, TV
 Featured Film Winner in the National Communications Association Film Competition.
 Screened - NCA Festival in Las Vegas

**This program is free and open to the public.
 Refreshments will be served.**

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MONTHLY MEAL PROJECT



DID YOU KNOW?

- The Operation Hope Community Kitchen serves over 40,000 meals a year.
- Congregation Beth El is responsible for providing 1,500 meals a year.
- You can help by signing up to provide a dinner for 50 people. Prepare your own meal or purchase a catered meal from your favorite market.
- You can make a donation to the new Operation Hope Fund. Your proceeds will be used towards a meal when there is a volunteer gap.



READY TO HELP?

If you would like to volunteer to prepare a meal for Operation Hope, please complete the form below and return to the Beth El office or email Jeni Cook-Mack at jenicook@hotmail.com. Meals should be brought over to 50 Nichols Street in Fairfield (around the corner from the police station) between 2:00 and 3:00 PM on your chosen day. Label all containers with your name(s) AND Congregation Beth El. Please also label each container with the contents. Thank you for your help!

You will be reminded of your date and you will be thanked!

Yes, I/we want to provide a meal to the Operation Hope Community Kitchen.
 Please contact me using the phone or email information below.

Yes, I/we would like to contribute to the fund to provide a meal when there is a volunteer gap.
 Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$ _____ (Made payable to Congregation Beth El)
 Name _____
 Street/City/State/Zip _____
 Phone _____ Email _____

Return form to Congregation Beth El, 1200 Fairfield Woods Road, Fairfield, CT 06825

**CLICK HERE TO PRINT
 Operation Hope Flyer**



CONGREGATION BETH EL

Sunrise Minyan Service



Sunday October 29th

Please join us on the beach for a beautiful, brief sunrise morning service. Come witness the beauty of the sun rising over the water and share the joy of giving thanks together for the daily miracles that surround us.

Jennings Beach in Fairfield - main pavilion near the picnic tables
Park close to the building (no permit required in October)

Early risers, come at 7:15 and see the glory of the sun rising over the water at 7:20 AM

7:15 - 7:30 AM - Coffee, tea, hot chocolate

7:30 - 8:00 AM - Joyful song-filled service

8:00 - 8:30 AM - Breakfast

Perfect for all ages! We suggest you bring a sweatshirt.

In the event of a thunderstorm or downpour, we will not hold the event.

We will finish by 8:30 so those with children will have time for the 9 AM Religious School drop-off.

Please note: For those who are interested in our more traditional Morning Minyan, that service will be held as usual at Beth El at 8:30 AM.

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CONGREGATION BETH EL FAIRFIELD



WINE TASTING FUNDRAISER

You are invited to a Wine Tasting Fundraiser and Party. Come sip, sample, and delight at what is sure to be a fun evening with your Beth El friends.

WHEN:

Saturday, November 11, 2017 • 7:00 – 11:00 PM

WHERE:

Fairfield Museum & History Center
370 Beach Road, Fairfield, CT 06824

WINE by Harry's Wine & Liquor Shop
FOOD by Skinny Pines Pizza Truck
LIVE MUSIC by Band Eleven Steps Shy.

\$75 per person in advance, \$90 at the door.

RSVP for advance reservations: office@bethfairfield.org or 203-374-5544

Please click on the link below to register or
RSVP.

<https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07eejfkdg6ece1d18&oseq=&c=5f5596b0-1d2c-11e6-abcfd4ae527599c4&ch=5fa76030-1d2c-11e6-abcfd4ae527599c4>

or call 203-374-5544

IF YOU HAVE AN EVENT TO COMMEMORATE,
PLEASE CONSIDER SPONSORING A
KIDDUSH. THERE ARE MANY OPTIONS AVAILABLE.
CONTACT THE SYNAGOGUE OFFICE AT 203-374-
5544.

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Sponsor A Kiddush

<p>BASIC SPONSORED KIDDUSH \$250 feeds approximately 75 people</p> <p>This kiddush will include bagels and cream cheese, egg salad, tuna fish, herring (both wine sauce and cream sauce if available), crudite with hummus or guacamole, sliced cheese, one fruit in season, challah, pastries/cookies, coffee and tea, seltzer and juice, ceremonial wine, paper goods, paid custodial and kitchen help.</p>	<p>EXPANDED SPONSORED KIDDUSH \$360 feeds approximately 75 people</p> <p>This kiddush will include bagels and cream cheese, egg salad, tuna fish, whitefish salad, herring (both wine sauce and cream sauce if available), 4 1/2 lbs. lox, sliced tomatoes and onions, fruit salad or sliced fruit as available, sliced cheese, crudite with hummus and guacamole, pastries/cookies, challah, ceremonial wine, coffee and tea, seltzer and juice, paper goods, paid custodial and kitchen help.</p>
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In order to offer enough food for your additional guests beyond 75, there will be an additional cost of \$3.50 per person for the Basic Kiddush and \$5 per person for the Expanded Kiddush.

OPTIONAL ENHANCEMENTS

With enough notice we may be able to add menu items at additional cost such as tuna pasta salad, quiche, poached or roasted salmon, whitefish filet, blintzes, French toast, kugel, salads, cheese spreads, mozzarella, tomato and basil platters, yogurt parfaits, grain dishes, "kid" friendly food such as mac & cheese or pizza bagels, and additional beverages. These items will be prepped at Beth El by volunteers limiting your cost to product only.

Options to sponsor kiddush for a Bar/Bat Mitzvah, by preparing your own food in our kitchen or by bringing in a caterer must be discussed in advance with Susan Mittag.

Please help us maintain our commitment to our Kiddush tradition by sponsoring for an anniversary, a birthday, retirement, yahrzeit, baby naming, another milestone or just because! Ask friends and family to sponsor with you. Partial sponsorships are welcome. Call us with questions.

Susan Mittag: 203-374-5544 congbethel@aol.com or Fran Glucraft: 203-373-1759 fglucraft@gmail.com

Yes, I would like to sponsor a kiddush.

Basic Kiddush Expanded Kiddush Enhancements (you will be contacted to discuss menu choices)

I/we want to prepare our own food or bring in a caterer

Occasion for sponsoring _____ Estimated # of guests beyond 75 _____

Name _____

Phone _____ Email address _____

Please return this form to: Congregation Beth El, 1200 Fairfield Woods Road, Fairfield, CT 06825

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Food Pantry is
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Coats, hats, scarves, gloves and
mittens for adults and children
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Navy, Target, Kohl's, etc.)

Donations can be dropped off
Monday - Friday between 9 am - 4 pm
at Schoke JFS, 733 Summer Street, 6th
Floor, Stamford

For additional information, please
contact Rebekah Kanefsky
at 203-921-4161 or
rkanefsky@ctjfs.org

Contact Info:

Susan Mittag,
Executive Director

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As a member of Beth El, which is an affiliate
congregation of United Synagogue of Conservative
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synagogue when you participate in one of the following:

- Plant Trees in Israel in honor of friends or loved ones.
- Make a donation to any of JNF's many projects in Israel.
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It's easy, quick and doesn't cost you anything extra! Buy or donate through the JNF/USCJ button on our synagogue website and 20% will go back to Beth El. Another 5% will go to United Synagogue to support congregational Israel programs. Help Israel through the work of JNF.

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Spread the word to your friends and family! All orders and donations must originate from the JNF/United Synagogue button on our synagogue's website to be credited to this program. You can also call 1-800-542-TREE (8733) and mention our congregation.

Go to our website, www.congbethel.net and click on the box (sample below) located on our home page, under the photo of our building. Just follow the instructions to plant your trees or make a donation to JNF. And while you are there, take a look at our website as well!



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Share your love for reading
Develop a meaningful one-on-one relationship with a child

Spend one hour a week during the school year reading with children on a one-to-one basis at Blackham Elementary School, Bridgeport. The goal of the program is to encourage young children to value reading and become confident and competent readers.



For further information, please contact Anita Chagar or Lauren Zirn bookbuddies@jewishphilanthropyct.org or visit our website at books2connect.org | Phone: (203) 659-3602

Reading opens the door to unlimited language and knowledge...
*The more that you read, the more things you will know.
The more that you learn, the more places you'll go. ~ Dr. Seuss*

*Book Buddies is open to students and volunteers of all faiths.
It is sponsored by Books2Connect, a program of the Federation for Jewish Philanthropy of Upper Fairfield County.*



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www.congbethel.net

For your convenience, sign-up forms for current events are available on the website.