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CONGREGATION BETH EL

AN EGALITARIAN CONSERVATIVE JEWISH CONGREGATION

Beth El E-News

June 16 - 23, 2017 / 22 - 29 Sivan 5777

Shabbat Shelach

MAZEL TOV TO:

Deborah & Wallace Zuckerman on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter,
Shira Cooperman

Susan & Benjamin Geller on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson,
Jack Rubin

NEW MEMORIAL PLAQUES TO BE DEDICATED ON YOM KIPPUR

NEW MEMORIAL PLAQUES are dedicated prior to Yizkor services on Yom Kippur.

If you are thinking of ordering a bronze plaque for your loved ones, please return the application attached.

The deadline for placing orders is July 7th to guarantee that we receive the plaques by Yom Kippur.

Are you receiving Yahrzeit notices for your loved ones?

Is the information we've been sending you correct?

If you have any doubts or questions, please call the synagogue office.

**CLICK HERE FOR
[MEMORIAL PLAQUE ORDER
FORM](#)**

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Friday, June 16

7:30 AM Morning Minyan

6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Services (at
Jennings Beach)

8:10 PM Candle Lighting

Saturday, June 17

9:00 AM Shabbat Services

Children's Services at 10:00 AM

Sunday, June 18

8:30 Morning Minyan

Monday, June 19

7:30 AM Morning Minyan

Tuesday, June 20

7:30 AM Morning Minyan

Wednesday, June 21
7:30 AM Morning Minyan

Thursday, June 22
7:30 AM Morning Minyan

Friday, June 23
7:30 AM Morning Minyan
Rosh Chodesh D'var Torah: Rick Slavin
6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Services (at
Jennings Beach)
8:11 PM Candle Lighting

Children's Services ~ This Week's Project:

This week we will eat grapes, pomegranate, and figs, all in relation to this week's parsha, Shelach. We will then make grape (red and green) fruit kabobs and decorate them with figs too! Fun eating Shabbat morning.

CONGREGATION BETH EL INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR

Children's Shabbat Services

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

10:00 - 10:45 AM

Join us for Kiddush immediately following services.

Join **Peri Cook** as she leads the Children's Services each Shabbat throughout the summer 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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INVITES YOU TO

FRIDAY NIGHT Beach Services



at Jennings Beach

Every Friday Night
Beginning May 26, 2017
at 6:30 pm

Join us at Jennings Beach each Friday evening (weather permitting) for musical Kabbalat Shabbat Services.

Come early! Bring friends, dinner, snacks, chairs and blankets. Everyone is welcome!

We will be located at the East end of Jennings Beach, by the marina.
Please use the Turney Road entrance to the beach.

Parking permits are required and available in the office.
Call if you need directions to Jennings Beach and the Services location.

Note: Services will take place rain or shine. In the event of rain, Services will be held at the synagogue.
If the weather is questionable, call 203-374-5544 or watch for updates via email.

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CONGREGATION BETH EL FAIRFIELD

HOLY SUPERHEROES

Exploring faith, morals & spirituality in the recent successful superhero movies

When Superhero comics debuted with "Superman" in 1938 it was described as a uniquely American phenomenon. More than a few scholars & authors believed that the superhero creators subconsciously infused their creations with their own cultural experience & values. The Superhero movies which followed besides being very entertaining & fun to watch explore & express important values & longings as well. In this presentation we hope to present & discuss some of them.

Guest Speaker Rabbi Chagie Rubin
Wednesday, June 21
7:30PM
Congregation Beth El



Rabbi Chagie Rubin received his semicha from the Yeshiva Geochah of Montreal, Canada, where he studied from 1973 to 1979. Thereafter, Rabbi Rubin joined the Kollel Yod Sha'ul of Johannesburg, South Africa, and in 1984, Rabbi Rubin was appointed principal of the Shaarei Torah Primary School in Johannesburg. He served there for sixteen years and also founded the Shaarei Torah High School in 1993. Upon returning to the United States, Rabbi Rubin was appointed principal of the Cincinnati Hebrew Day School, where he served for two years, and then he was invited to serve as principal of Hillel Academy of Denver, Colorado, a position he held for six years. In 2008, Rabbi Rubin was offered the position of Executive Director and Head of Outreach of the Yeshiva Gedolah of Bridgeport, Connecticut, a newly founded yeshiva community, and then, in 2009, he became rabbi of The Young Israel of New Haven. This year, he and his family have moved to West Hartford, where he has assumed the role of Rabbi of Congregation Agudas Achaim. Previously, Rabbi Rubin taught at the Merkaz Jewish High School Program in Bridgeport and the Makom Hebrew High School program in New Haven. He also served as a member of the Vaad Hachinut of Connecticut (VHFC). Rabbi Rubin's wife Deena, hails from Mansey, NY. Rabbi and Mrs. Rubin have seven boys, four girls, and nineteen grandchildren.

This program is free and open to all.

Brought to you by the Adult Education Committee of Congregation Beth El Fairfield
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CONGREGATION BETH EL

Annual Raffle

THREE PRIZES TO BE AWARDED!



- 1st Prize* — \$750 Macy's Gift Certificate
- 2nd Prize* — \$500 Macy's Gift Certificate
- 3rd Prize* — \$250 Macy's Gift Certificate

Tickets \$36 Each

Drawing will be held at Congregation Beth El on **Sunday, June 25, 2017 at 9:30 AM sharp.**

Send or drop off your tickets with payment anytime before the drawing.

Winners do not need to be present to win

Prizes are good at all Macy's locations and online.

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MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2017

ROCKRIMMON COUNTRY CLUB

2949 LONG RIDGE ROAD, STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

[Click here to register online](#)

TZEDAKAH PROJECT CHARITY OF THE MONTH:

MAY/JUNE 2017



Hope Lodge®

Facing cancer is hard. Having to travel out of town for treatment can make it even harder. Yet the American Cancer Society has a place where cancer patients and their caregivers can find help and hope when home is far away — an American Cancer Society Hope Lodge.

WHAT IS HOPE LODGE?

Each Hope Lodge offers cancer patients and their caregivers a free place to stay when their best hope for effective treatment may be in another city. Not having to worry about where to stay or how to pay for lodging allows guests to focus on getting better. Hope Lodge provides a nurturing, home-like environment where guests can retreat to private rooms or connect with others.

THE GOAL FOR THIS PROJECT IS TO USE THE TZEDAKAH FUNDS TO PURCHASE ITEMS ON THEIR WISH LIST.

Amy Gershberg & Fran Glucraft
Chairwomen of the Tzedakah Project

"How Often is More Important than How Much"

It's time for our annual

Sisterhood Summer Sing Down

Thursday, July 13

7:30 pm

at the home of

Debbie Lerison

27 Kerere Lane, Trumbull

Join us for an evening of camp-like fun including **adult bug juice** and show off your knowledge of **old and new songs**.

What's a Sing Down?

Each team gets the same word (such as love, blue, sunshine, etc) and in a limited amount of time your team must think of as many songs as they can that include that word, then sing the part of the song with that word. Duplicate songs are tossed so the more obscure the song, the more likely your team will take home the top prize, as well as bragging rights!

This will be a fun night for ladies of all ages!

And it's on rain or shine.

Of course snacks will be served with the adult bug juice.

Please note: you DON'T need a singing voice to enjoy this **fun and free summer evening!**

RSVP by Monday, July 10th at:
<http://conta.cc/2sFERhg>



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FOR ALL YOUR GROCERY NEEDS, PLEASE BUY GIFT CARDS AT BETH EL FOR STOP & SHOP and SHOPRITE

For every card purchased, these stores donate 5% or more to Congregation Beth El.

YOU GET THE FULL VALUE FOR THE CARDS SO IT DOES NOT COST YOU ANYTHING! And there are no expiration dates!

Questions? Please call 203-374-5544 or email bethelfairfield@gmail.com.

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 Glucroft: 203-373-1759 fglucroft@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 _____

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PLANT TREES IN ISRAEL & SUPPORT BETH EL

As a member of Beth El, which is an affiliate congregation of United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, we have an opportunity to earn money for our 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.
- Purchase anything from the JNF store.

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.

[CLICK HERE TO GO TO THE BETH EL WEBSITE](#)

Spread the word to your friends and family! All orders and donations must originate from the

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Join us this summer at Camp Ramah in New England for
Prospective Family Day
from 10:30 am to 2:00 pm on Sunday, July 16th
OR Sunday, July 30th.

Come see for yourself where all of the Ramah magic happens! Check out our beautiful lake, refurbished tennis courts and sports fields, newly designed arts and crafts and woodworking studios, our thrilling ropes and adventure course and so much more. Tour our spacious bunks and see where our campers eat, pray and play! Learn about the unique Jewish education program which enables our campers to learn Hebrew and study their Jewish heritage in an informal setting. Meet the Director, Assistant Director and other key staff who will be there to answer questions and tell you about the extraordinary opportunities that await your child at Camp Ramah. Camp Ramah offers two-week sessions for children currently in grades 2-3 and four or eight-week sessions for children in grades 3-10. To learn more or to RSVP, contact Lori Fish Bard at lorib@campramahne.org.

CHECK OUT BETH EL'S WEBSITE!

www.congbethel.net

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

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!



Please note that all donations will be charged in U.S. dollars by JNF-US. All donors will receive an immediate electronic receipt from JNF-US.

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Executive Director

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