



Shabbat Shalom

4 Cheshvan 5776
October 17, 2015

Parashat Noach

This Week at Beth El Synagogue

Saturday, October 17:

Havdalah—7:18 pm

Shabbat Mishnah Study	8:45 am
Orthodox Kehillah Services	9:00 am
B'nai Mitzvah Peer Tutoring	9:00 am
Main Sanctuary Services (Bat Mitzvah of Jasmina Galanter)	9:30 am
Healing Yoga	10:00 am
Shiur with Rabbi Hayim Herring and Rabbi Sager	1:30 pm

Sunday, October 18:

Weekly Sunday Minyan-	9:30 am
Talmud Torah	9:30 am
Simchat Tot	9:45 am
Hebrew Level I	10:00 am
Knitting Chevra	10:00 am
Hebrew Level II	11:00 am
Alephbet Harvest Festival	12:30 pm
Yiddish Songfest	3:00 pm

Monday, October 19:

Midrash with Rabbi Sager	7:00 pm
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Tuesday, October 20:

Va'ad Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
Ritual Committee Meeting	7:30 pm

Wednesday, October 21:

Weekly Wednesday Minyan followed by shiur	8:00 am
Talmud Torah	4:15 pm
Sisterhood Board Meeting	7:00 pm

Thursday, October 22:

Bearman Thursday Minyan	7:30 am
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Friday, October 23:

Candle Lighting—6:11 pm

Kitah Zayin Meets	5:00 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat Services Bat Mitzvah of Jasmina Galanter	6:00 pm

Upcoming Events:

- ✧ Sat. 10/24 Shabbat Mishnah Study
- ✧ Sat. 10/17 Orthodox Kehillah Shabbat Morning Services
- ✧ Sat. 10/17 B'nai Mitzvah Peer Tutoring
- ✧ Sat. 10/17 Shabbat Morning Services
- ✧ Sun. 10/25 Sunday Minyan
- ✧ Sun. 10/25 Talmud Torah (PreK-7)
- ✧ Sun. 10/25 Hebrew Level I and Hebrew Level II
- ✧ Sun. 10/25 Walking with Mitzvot #1
- ✧ Sun. 10/25 3rd Annual MoB Brunch
- ✧ Sun. 10/25 Cookie Creation Competition
- ✧ Sun. 10/25 6th Grade B'nai Mitzvah Parents Only Hopes and Dreams Program
- ✧ Sun. 10/25 Monthly Durham Community Café Dinner
- ✧ Mon. 10/26 Midrash with Rabbi Sager
- ✧ Wed. 10/28 Weekly Wednesday Minyan followed by Shiur
- ✧ Wed. 10/28 Talmud Torah (2-6)
- ✧ Thur. 10/29 Lunch and Lean with Rabbi Greyber
- ✧ Thurs. 10/29 Social Action Committee Meeting
- ✧ Fri. 10/30 Kabbalat Shabbat Services (Bat Mitzvah of Leah Samuel-Devaney)

Gabbai Schedule

Contact the scheduled gabbai if you'd like to request an *aliyah*, other honor, or to volunteer to lead a service in the Main Sanctuary. Gabbaim will try to accommodate requests made on Shabbat morning (by 10:15am, before the Torah service) but we ask for your understanding if all honors have been previously claimed during the week.



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11/7 Hayyei Sarah Isaac Price isaac@isaacprice.org	919-886-5453

This weekend's Kiddush lunch is sponsored by:
*Eve & Marc Galanter in honor of their granddaughter,
Jasmina Zemira, becoming a Bat Mitzvah.*

Beth El is a welcoming community of members with diverse backgrounds, ideas, levels of knowledge, and observance. We are an egalitarian Conservative congregation, and a member of the Southeast Seaboard district of United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism (USCJ), and the Orthodox Union.

Parashat Noach

Adapted from <http://www.uscj.org/>

Noah, God's last hope for humanity, is commanded to build an ark in which to carry his family and two of every animal on earth. Forty days of rain ensue, with Noah and crew safely on board. Noah later sends a raven and then a dove to find signs of the reappearance of land. Once the Ark has run aground, God displays a rainbow as a sign of the covenant, promising that the world will not be destroyed by flooding again. God then reveals several basic rules for all of humanity to follow.

In later years, Noah plants a vineyard, and one day becomes intoxicated and strips out of his clothing. His son Ham discovers this and tells his brothers Shem and Yafet; the latter two cover up their father. When Noah awakens and finds out what happened, he curses Ham and his descendants while blessing his other sons and their families.

Later, a group of people attempt to build a tower to reach the sky, in an effort to stay together. God foils this attempt by giving each person a different language to speak, thus confounding the project. Ten more generations come and go, culminating in our introduction to Abram.

Theme #1: The Four Seasons

The Lord smelled the pleasing odor, and the Lord said to Himself: "Never again will I doom the earth because of man, since the devisings of man's mind are evil from his youth; nor will I ever again destroy every living being, as I have done. So long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night shall not cease." (Genesis 8:21-22)

God promises that the flood would be a one-time occurrence -- yet potentially opens the door for other forms of destruction in the future. The generation of the Flood lived in idleness. They had no physical labor to do. According to the Midrash they needed to sow their fields only once to obtain crops for the next 40 harvests. Besides, they did not have the Torah to occupy their minds. Hence they became corrupt and wanton. Lack of work and cares, they drifted into sin and had to be destroyed. But now God accepted the sweet savor of Noah's sacrifice and regretted the evil He had decreed. --Kametz HaMinah

"Man and beast you save, Lord" (Psalms 36:7) -- You save man in merit of the animal, O Lord! ... This verse refers to Noah. The Holy One said: All the kindness I did for Noah in the ark was not for him but for the great mountains. ... When I remembered him it was not he that I remembered alone, but ... "God remembered Noah and all the beasts and all the livestock" (Genesis 8:1). -- Genesis Rabbah

The Lord, who has never said that mankind, even by inclusion in the goodness of creation, was good, repeats even at this moment that "the devisings of man's mind are evil from his youth"; that is, mankind is born evil, incorrigible. And were it not for the pleasing odor of the burnt offering, what would the outcome have been? The Lord has not planned every step of the flood in advance. His anger, and the violence that arose from it, was an interpersonal outburst of temper; it was a morose reaction without any clear consciousness of just what that human evil consisted of. His promise to refrain from further catastrophic violence is altogether unpremeditated and still lacks any stipulation of what he wants mankind to do or refrain from doing. -- Jack Miles, God: A Biography

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BE Remembered

Beth El Synagogue extends condolences to Sharon and Ed Lunk and their family on the death of Sharon's father - Harry Rosenberg- who passed away on September 24th in Florida. Funeral services and shiva were held in Florida.

Refuah Shleymah רפואה שלמה

Aharon ben David u'Miriam (Alan Goldman)	M'cor Eyshel bat Esther Tzvia	Sonia Berman
Aliza Chana bat Leah	Miryam bat Rivkah (May Segal)	Anne Boyd
Baruch ben Shalom v'Raisel (Bernard Leibel)	Ovadya ben Elinor (Ovadya Fleishman)	Cynthia Brown
Baracha bat Sarah	Reuven ben Chanoch v'Dinah (Robert Feurst)	Anna Crollman
Ben-Zion ben Sarah	Rifka bat Idel v'Elka	Lydia Cowan Davis
Chana bat Malkah	Rut bat Sarah (Suzanne Furst)	Elinor Fleishman
Daronit Esther bat Tuvia v'Leah (Jennifer Greyber)	Sara bat Hinda (Sylvia Dante)	Ilene Jacobson
David ben Avraham v'Sarah (David Weaver)	Sarah Gittel bat Rut (Sue Perlo)	Jennifer Krunkosky
David ben Sarah (David Leitner)	Shira Batya bat Meirav	Inez McFarling
Dovid ben Shayna Etta (David Riceman)	Shmuel Ariyeh ben Karit	Ezra Rapport
Eliezer David ben Feigel (Larry Berger)	Shmuel ben Shoshana	Jack Reich
Eliyahu Chanan ben Sarah (Ed Gagnon)	Sprinya Simcha bat Yehudah v'Chana (Susan Rosefielde)	Michael Rockman
Gershon Yonah ben Teyva haKohen v'Chanah Leah haLevi	Tuvia ben Shmuel v'Tziporah (Tovia Lebovich)	Pearl Rohde
Hannah Leah bat Sarah (Anna Crollman)	Yehudit bat Rachel	Richard Roth
	Lee Ballen	Lauren Schiro
	Lucretia Bell	Susan Tolchin
		Christine Walters
		Sharon Welensky
		Orrie Wilner
		Amy Wolf

Please contact the synagogue office with any additions or changes to this list.

Yahrzeits יארצייט

Katherine Asbury	Helen Reiner Portnoy
Herman Bachenheimer	Abe Rosenzweig
Sara bas Yaakov	Joseph George Shimm
Alfred Carson	Kassel Siegel
Norman Gross	Polly Keyserling Sinnreich
Alice Rosenberg Kline	Edward R. Svetkey
Herman Krebs	

BE B'nai Mitzvah

Mazel tov to Jasmina Galanter on becoming a bat mitzvah!

BE Babies

Mazal tov to Michaela Davidai on the birth of her newest grandson, Alon Davidai, who was born October 5th in Maryland!

BE at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue welcomes Boris and Zina Astrkhan to the community!