



Shabbat Shalom

20 Tishrei 5776
October 3, 2015

Sukkot

This Week at Beth El Synagogue

Saturday, October 3:

Havdalah—7:38 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 Gavi Fischer)	9:30 am
Children's Services	10:30 am

Sunday, October 4:

Weekly Sunday Minyan- Hoshanah Rabbah	9:30 am
Talmud Torah	9:30 am
Hebrew Level I	10:00 am
Kitah Zayin Family Beit Midrash T'fillin Workshop with Jared Resnick	10:30 am
Hebrew Level II	11:00 am
Pizza in the Hut	12:30 pm

Monday, October 5:

Shemini Atzeret Services with Yizkor	9:00 am
Orthodox Kehillah Shmini Atzeret with Yizkor	9:00 am
Simchat Torah Services	6:30 pm

Tuesday, October 6:

Simchat Torah Services	9:00 am
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Wednesday, October 7:

Weekly Wednesday Minyan followed by shiur	8:00 am
Talmud Torah	4:15 pm

Thursday, October 8:

Friday, October 9:

<i>Candle Lighting—6:29 pm</i>	
Kabbalat Shabbat Services Bat Mitzvah of Lala Bomze	6:00 pm

This weekend's Kiddush lunch is sponsored by:
*Bernie, Shari, Rabbi Frank & Pat Fischer in honor of
their daughter/granddaughter
Gavi 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.

Upcoming Events:

- ✧ Sat. 10/10 Orthodox Kehillah Shabbat Morning Services
- ✧ Sat. 10/10 B'nai Mitzvah Peer Tutoring
- ✧ Sat. 10/10 Shabbat Morning Services
- ✧ Sun. 10/11 Sunday Minyan
- ✧ Sun. 10/11 Talmud Torah (PreK-7)
- ✧ Sun. 10/11 Hebrew Level I and Hebrew Level II
- ✧ Sun. 10/11 Knitting Chevra
- ✧ Sun. 10/11 Kitah Zayin Field Trip to Funeral Home
- ✧ Sun. 10/11 Sisterhood Brunch
- ✧ Sun. 10/11 PreKadima Kick Off (Bowling)
- ✧ Mon. 10/12 Midrash with Rabbi Sager
- ✧ Wed. 10/14 Weekly Wednesday Minyan followed by Shiur
- ✧ Wed. 10/14 Talmud Torah (2-6)
- ✧ Fri. 10/17 Kabbalat Shabbat Services (Bat Mitzvah of Jasmina Galanter)
- ✧ Fri. 10/17 Youth Faculty Shabbat Dinner

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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Sukkot

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"After the ingathering from your threshing floor and your vat, you shall hold the Feast of Booths for seven days. You shall rejoice in your festival... for the Lord your God will bless all your crops and all your undertakings, and you shall have nothing but joy." (Deuteronomy 16:13-15)

Sukkot is indeed a happy holiday. In Hebrew it is called z'man simhateinu -- the season of our joy. Also called the Harvest Festival, it is a time to celebrate the fall season and all that the summer harvest has brought us. Historically, it reminds us of the journey through the desert after the Exodus from Egypt. Sukkot is also a time for thanksgiving to God, the Source of the earth's bounty. In ancient times, our people brought the first portion of their harvest to the Temple in Jerusalem. Today, we celebrate by thanking God for the harvest of food available to us. At the same time, we are mindful of those in need.

Throughout the ages, we have celebrated the holiday by building sukkot (booths). The sukkah represents the temporary dwellings used by our ancestors as they wandered through the desert. It also served as a dwelling in the fields at harvest time. Finally, the sukkah represents the fragility of our lives and our dependence on nature. The roof of the sukkah has branches and greenery across it, yet it is purposely left with openings.

The Sukkot holiday is rich in symbolism that connects us to our history while providing joy, meaning and beauty to our lives today.

The Torah commands us to gather four species during Sukkot: We are asked to take the etrog (a citron), the lulav (branches of palm trees), hadas (myrtle) and aravah (willow) and rejoice with them for seven days. Except for the Sabbath, these four symbols are held together during portions of the morning worship service throughout the seven days of Sukkot. They are waved in all directions in acknowledgment of God's sovereignty over all of nature. That the four plants are to be held in the way they grow -- upward, not downward -- has been understood as a hint that the Torah does not wish to thwart human growth, but to encourage us to reach our full potential.

We are taught that the tent of Abraham and Sarah had an opening on each side so that wayfarers -- from whichever direction they came -- would feel welcome to partake of their hospitality. Haknasat Orhim, welcoming guests, is a time-honored tradition among Jews. The invitation to "all who are hungry" in the Passover Haggadah is well known. Less familiar is the ceremony known as "ushpizin," in which we extend to our ancestors an invitation to join us in our sukkot. Each day of the holiday, a different guest is featured. The origin of the ushpizin ceremony is found in the Zohar -- a primary source of Jewish mystical traditions. It is our hope that accompanying these guests will be the Shekhinah, God's spirit, which shelters and protects us.

The eighth and ninth days of the fall festival (as celebrated in the Diaspora -- in Israel they are combined on the eighth day) are called Sh'mini Atzeret (The Eighth Day of Assembly) and Simhat Torah (Rejoicing of the Torah). On Sh'mini Atzeret, we introduce the seasonal prayer for rain, thus marking the beginning of the rainy season in Israel. On Simhat Torah, we mark the end of the annual cycle of the reading of the Torah, finishing the book of Deuteronomy and immediately beginning to read from Genesis. Both in the evening (this year, Saturday night, October 21) and the morning, there is prolonged dancing and singing while carrying the Torah Scrolls around the synagogue in a joyous procession.

The first two days of the holiday and the last two days are considered festival days, yamim tovim, with restrictions similar to those observed on the Sabbath.

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Refuah Shleymah רפואה שלמה

Aharon ben David u'Miriam (Alan Goldman)	M'cor Eyshel bat Esther Tzvia	Anna Crollman Lydia Cowan Davis
Aliza Chana bat Leah	Miryam bat Rivkah (May Segal)	Elinor Fleishman
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David ben Avraham v'Sarah (David Weaver)	Sarah Gittel bat Rut (Sue Perlo)	Pearl Rohde Richard Roth
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	Anne Boyd	
	Cynthia Brown	

Yahrzeits יארצייט

Abram Henry Bernstein	Kurt Schreiber
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Rose Gutman	Jack Toppell
Hanna Rachel Koren	John Ullman
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Cecille R. Lipton	

BE B'nai Mitzvah

Mazel tov to Gavi Fischer on becoming a bat mitzvah!