



Shabbat Shalom

4 Cheshvan 5777
November 5, 2016

Parashat Noach

This Week at Beth El Synagogue

Saturday, November 5:

Shabbat Mishnah Study	8:45 am
B'nai Mitzvah Peer Tutoring	9:00 am
Orthodox Kehillah Services	9:00 am
Main Sanctuary Services	9:30 am
Parasha Study with Rabbi Grayber	9:30 am
Havdalah	6:28 pm

Sunday, November 6:

Talmud Torah (Pre-K-7th grade)	9:30 am
Weekly Sunday Minyan	9:30 am
Aleph-Bet Movie and Pizza Lunch	12:30 pm
USY Chopped (Judea Reform)	2:00 pm
"What Not to Like?" 7th Annual Yiddish Songfest	3:00 pm

Wednesday, November 9:

Weekly Wednesday Minyan	8:00 am
Talmud Torah (2nd-6th grade)	4:40 pm

Thursday, November 10:

Kli Yakar (at the JCC)	11:30 am
Great Challah Bake (at the JCC)	7:00 pm
Rabbi Greyber's Siddur Class	7:30 pm

Friday, November 11:

Candle Lighting	4:22 pm
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Upcoming Events:

- ✧ Sat. 11/12 Shabbat Mishnah Study
- ✧ Sat. 11/12 B'nei Mitzvah Peer Tutoring
- ✧ Sat. 11/12 Shabbat Morning Orthodox Kehillah Services
- ✧ Sat. 11/12 Shabbat Morning Services
- ✧ Sat. 11/12 Healing Yoga
- ✧ Sat. 11/12 Lifelong Learning: "Politics and Religion"
- ✧ Sun. 11/13 Talmud Torah (Pre-K-7th grade)
- ✧ Sun. 11/13 Weekly Sunday Minyan
- ✧ Sun. 11/13 Simchat Tot!
- ✧ Sun. 11/13 Knitting Chevra
- ✧ Sun. 11/13 Kitah Zayin Family Beit Midrash (Kashrut)
- ✧ Sun. 11/13 5th grade B'nai Mitzvah Date Selection Meeting
- ✧ Sun. 11/13 Kadima Kitchen Competition
- ✧ Mon. 11/14 Sisterhood Board Meeting
- ✧ Tue. 11/15 Va'ad HaChinuch Meeting
- ✧ Tue. 11/15 Finance Committee Meeting
- ✧ Wed. 11/16 BE Board Meeting
- ✧ Thu. 11/17 Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Greyber
- ✧ Thu. 11/17 Kli Yakar with Rabbi Bach and Greyber

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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This weekend's Kiddush lunch is sponsored by:

Cynia Shimm, Laura & Harold Strauss, Brenda & Brian Ginsberg, Carrie Muh & David Goldman, Florence & Edward Goldblatt, and Diane Meglin & Bruce Korn!

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.jtsa.edu/jts-torah-online>

I am a farmer, I love my wife,
My sons are many and strong, my land is green.

—from “Flood” by Irving Feldman (*Collected Poems 1954-2004*)

With these words, the narrator of Feldman’s poem characterizes himself as a hardworking family man—not perfect, but not a sinner. Of Noah he says, “Just like the drunk, the fool, that slut- / Chaser to think of no one else.”

By imagining this character—a farmer and Noah’s neighbor—to tell the story of the Flood, Feldman puts a face on those who perished, adding another dimension to the opening verse of this week’s Torah reading: “This is the line of Noah—Noah was a righteous man; he was blameless in his age; Noah walked with God” (Gen. 6:9).

What does the phrase “in his generation” add? A midrash records a rabbinic disagreement. Some argue that the competition for the “blameless” crown was not really stiff in Noah’s time. Others note that when all about you are losing their moral compasses and you follow yours, you deserve credit (Genesis Rabbah 30:9).

Feldman pushes us to think about the story from the perspective of those killed by the Flood. Surely there were righteous among them. Noah, secure in God’s promise that he and his family will survive, does not challenge God’s plan. As the text repeats four times, Noah did everything that God commanded him. Perhaps his post-Flood fall from grace can be traced to his unquestioning obedience and his inability to see the humanity of others.

As human beings, we all suffer from global warming, we all are possibly victims of nuclear warfare, we are all potential refugees. We ought not stand idly by, secure in our individual, communal, or even national arks while permitting others to suffer.

Refuah Shleymah רפואה שלמה

Avigal bat David haLevi (Alice Gold)	Miriam bat Rivka v’Natan (Miriam Sharp)	v’Tziporah (Tovia Lebovich)
Avram Moshe ben Esther (Alan Mandel)	Miriam Shifra bat Issur (Margaret Sachs)	Tziporah bat Esther Yakov ben Sarah (Jacob Schonberg)
Baracha bat Sarah	Mordechai ben Mathilda (Morty Berkowitz)	Ya’akov Roni ben Margalit
Batya bat Shprintza (Barbara Roberman)	Ovadya ben Esther Malkah (Ovadya Fleishman)	Alvin Jacobson
Chana bat Malka	Rachmiel Daniel ben Nachama u’Pinchas (Roger Perilstein)	Sidney Barker Anne Boyd Cynthia Brown
David ben Sarah (David Leitner)	Reuven ben Chanoch v’Dinah (Robert Feurst)	Seymour Lubchansky Alan Marty
David Yosef ben Avraham v’Chana (Donald Goldstein)	Sarah bat Hinda (Sylvia Dante)	Ezra Rapport Jack Reich
Eliyahu Chanan ben Sarah (Ed Gagnon)	Sarah Gittel bat Rut (Sue Perlo)	Helen Rosenberg Orrie Wilner
Esther bat Yankale Sura	Shalom ben Sprintze (Stanley Ramati)	Richard Roth Lauren Schiro
Esther Malka bat Chaya Fruma (Elinor Fleishman)	Shira Batya bat Meirav	Edward Thompson-Starkey
Malka Chana bat Basha Rachel	Shmuel ben Shoshana	Christine Walters
M’cor Eyshel bat Esther Tzvia	Shrage ben Devorah Leah (Phillip Samuel Ramati)	Please contact the synagogue office with any additions or changes to this list.
Mishulamit bat Maryam (Marcia Hogan)	Shraga Feivel ben Leib (Philip Skoletsky)	
	Tuvia ben Shmuel	

Yahrzeits יארצייט

May their memory be a blessing

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

Mazel Tov

Mazel Tov to Rachel Galanter on the birth of her grandchild, Xiomara Raquel, on October 25 to her daughter, Diana Enriquez and son-in-law Jorge Galeana.

Mazel Tov Lori Bernstein and Doug Merrill on the marriage of their son,

Be Remembered

Beth El Synagogue extends condolences to Anthony Weston, Amy Halberstadt and family on the passing of Anthony’s father, Marcus Weston, who passed away on Tuesday, October 24.

Beth El Synagogue extends condolences to Theo Luebke and family on the passing of Theo’s father, North Carolina State Representative Paul Luebke, who passed away on Saturday, October 29.

May the Ever Present One comfort them among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

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