



Shabbat Shalom

7 Elul 5776
September 10, 2016

Parashat Shoftim

This Week at Beth El Synagogue

Saturday, September 10:

Havdalah—8:10 pm

Shabbat Mishnah Study Resumes	8:45 am
B'nai Mitzvah Peer Tutoring Resumes	9:00am
Orthodox Kehillah Services	9:00 am
Main Sanctuary Services	9:30 am
Bat Mitzvah of Avi Hirsch	
Healing Yoga	10:00 am

Sunday, September 11:

First Day of Talmud Torah	9:30 am
Weekly Sunday Minyan Resumes	9:30 am
Social Action Meeting	10:30 am
YOM BETH EL	12:30 pm

Monday, September 12:

Sisterhood Board Meeting	7:00 pm
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Tuesday, September 13:

Wednesday, September 14:

Weekly Wednesday Minyan	8:30 am
Talmud Torah	4:40 pm
BE Board Meeting	7:30 pm

Thursday, September 15:

Rabbi Greyber's Siddur Class	7:00 pm
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Friday, September 16:

Candle Lighting—6:43 pm

Got Shabbat? (Little River Regional Park)	6:00 pm
Orthodox Kehillah Shabbaton for the Deaf	7:00 pm

Upcoming Events:

- ✧ Sat. 9/17 Shabbat Mishnah Study
- ✧ Sat. 9/17 Shabbat Morning Orthodox Kehillah Services
- ✧ Sat. 9/17 B'nei Mitzvah Peer Tutoring
- ✧ Sat. 9/17 Parasha Study
- ✧ Sat. 9/17 Children's Services
- ✧ Sat. 9/17 Marc Brettler: The Biblical Roots of Forgiveness
- ✧ Sun. 9/18 Talmud Torah
- ✧ Sun. 9/18 Weekly Sunday Minyan
- ✧ Sun. 9/18 MoB Kickoff Brunch with Alon Tal
- ✧ Sun. 9/18 Sisterhood Welcome Brunch
- ✧ Sun. 9/18 USY Leadership Training Institute
- ✧ Mon. 9/19 USY Leadership Training Institute
- ✧ Tue. 9/20 Va'ad HaChinuch Meeting
- ✧ Tue. 9/20 Finance Committee Meeting
- ✧ Tue. 9/20 Ritual Committee Meeting
- ✧ Wed. 9/21 Weekly Wednesday Minyan followed by Shiur
- ✧ Wed. 9/21 Talmud Torah
- ✧ Wed. 9/21 Interfaith Outreach Meeting

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.



9/10 Shoftim		
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This weekend's Kiddush lunch is hosted by:
Hirsch Family

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

Parashat Shofetim

Adapted from <http://www.jtsa.edu/jts-torah-online>

In the first verses of this week's parashah, the children of Israel are instructed to pursue justice and are warned against taking bribes and making biased legal judgments. These directions are closely followed by an injunction to limit the wealth, spouses, and possessions of a hypothetical future Israelite king. These admonitions constitute an explicit acknowledgment that, however idyllic the dream of an independent and sovereign political community might seem, it must by definition be run by humans, even the most noble of whom are vulnerable to the temptations of power.

The Israeli band Hadag Nahash touches on this same theme in the quote above from their song "Only Here," which reflects frustration with corruption in the Israeli government—referring specifically to the investigation of three Israeli prime ministers on suspicion of corruption (at least two more Israeli prime ministers have faced allegations of corruption or bribery since this song was released in 2004). The Zionist movement, along with other national movements, has had to face the post-independence challenges of providing transparent government and equal opportunity for all citizens, and not just for the wealthy or those affiliated with political factions that spearheaded independence.

By warning against bribe-taking, partiality in public institutions, and self-aggrandizement by political leaders, Shofetim, like Hadag Nahash, reminds us that national sovereignty is not an end in itself, but rather a means to creating a just and fair society for the people who constitute the nation.

Refuah Shleymah רפואה שלמה

Avigal bat David haLevi (Alice Gold)	Mishulamit bat Maryam (Marcia Hogan)	Yakov ben Sarah (Jacob Schonberg)
Avram Moshe ben Esther (Alan Mandel)	Miriam bat Rivka v'Natan (Miriam Sharp)	Ya'akov Roni ben Margalit Yehuda ben David (Jerry Robins)
Baracha bat Sarah	Miriam Shifra bat Issur (Margaret Sachs)	Anne Boyd Cynthia Brown Alan Marty Lorraine Morley Ezra Rapport Jack Reich Helen Rosenberg Richard Roth Lauren Schiro Edward Thompson-Starkey Christine Walters
Batya bat Shprintza (Barbara Roberman)	Mordechai ben Mathilda (Morty Berkowitz)	
Chana bat Malka	Ovadya ben Esther Malkah (Ovadya Fleishman)	
Chana Leah bat Sarah (Anna Crollman)	Reuven ben Chanoch v'Dinah (Robert Feurst)	
David ben Sarah (David Leitner)	Sarah bat Hinda (Sylvia Dante)	
David Yosef ben Avraham v'Chana (Donald Goldstein)	Sarah Gittel bat Rut (Sue Perlo)	
Eliyahu Chanan ben Sarah (Ed Gagnon)	Shira Batya bat Meirav Shmuel ben Shoshana Shraga Feivel ben Leib (Philip Skoletsky)	
Esther bat Yankale Sura	Tuvia ben Shmuel v'Tziporah (Tovia Lebovich)	
Esther Malka bat Chaya Fruma (Elinor Fleishman)	Tziporah bat Esther	
Malka bat Leah (Meg Anderson)	Ty-Esther Tobi bat Tzeryl (Mindy Shapiro)	Please contact the synagogue office with any additions or changes to
Malka Chana bat Basha Rachel		
M'cor Eyshel bat Esther Tzvia		

Yahrzeits יארצייט

May their memory be a blessing

Harriett Borman	Pearl Siegel
Philip Joffe	Lucille Anderson
Marcia Kudler	Shirley Kresses
Ida Snyderman	Rebekah Resnick
Harry Brown	Florence Satinsky
Eve Feldman	
Frank Malin	

BE Remembered

Beth El Synagogue extends condolences to Steve and Shula Bernard and their family on the death of Steve's mother -- Zelda Bernard - Zelda bat Shmuel v'Chaia-- who passed away Thursday afternoon. The funeral was held on Friday. Shiva minyanim will begin in Greensboro with more information to follow regarding minyanim at the Bernard home.

Beth El Synagogue extends condolences to Judith and Steve Herman and their family on the death of Judith's mother -- Beatrice Kurtz - Breindel bat Shmuel v'Beila -- who passed away on Sunday, September 4, in Chapel Hill. Funeral services and burial took place on Thursday, September 8, in New Jersey. Shiva minyanim will also be held in New Jersey.

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