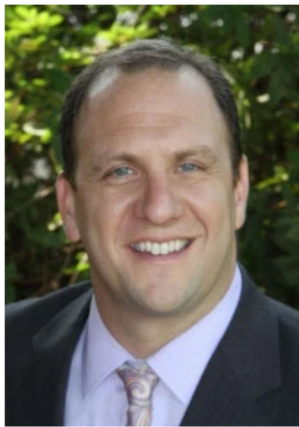


Message from Rabbi Greyber:



Re-Opening Wisely

The pandemic began quite suddenly. It was only a little more than one year ago, but the memories are already hazy. I remember basketball games being cancelled. I remember the strange feeling of looking out the window on a weekday – a day I would normally be at the synagogue – and realizing I’d need to figure out

how to be a rabbi from our living room (and kitchen and dining room). I remember feeling fearful of what was lurking in the air outside and a sense of being closed in.

I remember the awkwardness of wearing a mask to Harris Teeter for the first time, and the exhaustion from shopping after walking the aisles in fear and suspicion of everyone around me. I remember, before we switched to Zoom, the first several Shabbatot walking up to shul to daven and teach alone from the sanctuary, trying like a Temple priest to tend the fire in our holy space and keep prayers and Torah alive in our communal home. It happened all-of-a-sudden.

The pandemic will end quite differently. New virus strains make it unclear whether the pandemic is ending at all. Different people are being vaccinated at different times. Some states and cities and businesses are open; others remain closed. Too many people are not wearing masks. Nothing would make me happier than if we could all return triumphantly to the Beth El Sanctuary, to harmonize and collectively recite *birkat hagomel*, the blessing for having survived a dangerous situation. I would love for us to wrap our arms around each other, close our eyes and sing *שְׂהֵחֵינּוּ* / *shebechiyannu* in thanksgiving for being together again. But that is not how we will return. We will not gather back together the way we stopped gathering together more than a year ago – quite suddenly.

A cautious, gradual reopening of in-person activities (we, of course, never closed!) is the right way. We will begin with groups of 25, outdoors, and then, gradually, cautiously, only when our COVID-19 taskforce tells us it is safe to do so, move indoors and increase our numbers. At these first services, we will not linger to eat and schmooze over Kiddush, but rather head back to our cars to return home. We will not hug; we will elbow bump and continue to keep our distance until closeness again can be safely risked. A gradual reopening of in-person activities – of Beth El and of our society – is what we’ll do and is the right way to proceed, but it too contains risks.

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JOIN US!

Annual Meeting

Sunday, May 23, 2021

10:00 am

Virtual

All members are invited and encouraged to attend.

- Review the proposed budget for 2021-2022
- Approve the 2021-2022 Slate of Officers
- Honor the 2020-2021 Volunteer of the Year

Members will receive an email with the Annual Meeting materials, if you haven’t already, including information on how to access the meeting.

These materials will also be available on the Beth El website.

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I'm not thinking primarily of the health risks; we risk not acknowledging how we've changed. At a funeral, we recite *Barukh Dayan HaEmet*; we acknowledge God as a Judge of Truth. Jewish tradition wisely forces us to confront the awful truth of death. Each mourner must place earth on the grave because, as our hearts break when the dirt hits the coffin, only then can the healing begin. We are haunted by the pain we ignore or try to skip and avoid.

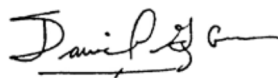
Noah builds the ark, rides out the flood; God gives us the rainbow as a sign He/She will never again destroy the world, and when it is all over, "Noah began to be a farmer and planted a vineyard. He drank of the wine, and became drunk and was uncovered in his tent." What happens next is not the stuff of Hebrew school classrooms; suffice it to say it is not a great beginning to the next chapter of the history of humanity. What was at the core of Noah's mistake? Rabbi Yehudah Aryeh Leib Alter, the Sefat Emet, notices that the Torah says Noah drank "the" wine – with the definite article – the *hey hayediab*. Wouldn't it be more natural to say, "He drank wine," or "He drank some wine"? The Sefat Emet asks, "What do we learn from the 'the'?" He answers, "Noah drank the same amount of wine after the flood as he did before." The point is not that Noah lost his tolerance and got drunk. The Sefat Emet explains, "the root of Noah's sin was that he behaved the same way after the flood as he did before, and forgot (or ignored?) that, in the meantime, things had changed in the world and in himself."

As the world, gradually, re-opens and we return to travel and our families and sporting events and, God willing, in-person services and activities, I invite you to think with me about what rituals we need to mark this moment in our Jewish community, in our families, and in our individual lives. Rituals help us avoid gliding from moment to moment, sliding unthinkingly back into old habits; they force us to stop and think and reflect and realize (to quote Elphaba from the musical *Wicked*) "Something has changed within, something is not the same."

Let me conclude with two suggestions from Jewish tradition. First, at each moment of renewal and reunion, take a moment to say a blessing. For example, many of us know the blessing – *ברוך אתה ה' מחיה המתים* / *Barukh Atah Adonai Mehayei HaMeytim* from the opening blessings of the Amidah. In that context, we describe God as One who "resurrects the dead" as an acknowledgement of God's power beyond that of any human being or modern medicine. But in the Talmud (Berakhot 58b) Rabbi Yehoshua ben Levi suggests another context for reciting that blessing. "One who sees a friend after 30 days says [the blessing] *shebechiyanu* and one who sees a friend after 12 months says: Blessed are You who gives life to the dead." Seeing one's friend after not being in touch for an entire year is an opportunity to bless God for raising the dead because death is not only what happens at the end of life. Resurrection is not a supernatural phenomenon hoped for at the end of days; it happens in this world when trees blossom again in spring, when people heal after a serious illness and in our relationships too. In an article about this blessing, Rabbi Elie Kaunfer explains, "You can be "dead to someone" you simply lose touch with. A relationship, once frozen, begins again with a reconnection after 12 months."

Second, tell the story of the struggles of the past year. On Passover, the rabbis tell us to see ourselves coming out of Egypt, personally, and "even if we were all...knowledgeable about the Torah, it would still be a commandment upon us to tell the story of the exodus from Egypt, and that anyone who spends extra time telling the story of the exodus from Egypt, that one is praiseworthy." Why? One reason may be that telling the story can heal us. By sharing our struggles with isolation and sickness and depression and fear, not only do we tell others that they are not alone in their suffering, we help ourselves by surfacing the pain buried within us.

I am grateful to God for having survived the pandemic. I am grateful to be part of such an extraordinary community that supported one another and provided much light and goodness to our surrounding communities of Durham and Chapel Hill. I am grateful our society is beginning to open itself again to connection and closeness. May God grant us the wisdom not only to rejoice, but to mark our losses and, in mourning well, to heal.





*A Note from
Executive Director
Alan Friedman*

What a long, strange year it has been. I am sitting in my office writing this exactly two weeks after my second Pfizer vaccine and a day before we dip our toe back in the water of in-person Shabbat services. While these services will be outside, limited in number, socially distanced and masked, they are our first step back to some sense of normalcy.

This past year feels like a blur, but it is pretty amazing what our Beth El community did to stay connected.

None of this happened by accident. Through very intentional planning starting the day we closed the front doors, our staff and countless volunteers created special moments throughout the year that connected, supported, celebrated and continued to nurture our warm and welcoming community from a distance and mostly virtually.

I always say it takes a village to make all of this happen. Our staff has gone above and beyond during the pandemic, and I want recognize the hard work, the relentless drive, boundless energy and sheer passion for excellence they continue to bring to Beth El each and every day. Our professional staff might be small, but they are mighty. They continue to amaze me as we program from a distance – never missing a beat and always putting the congregation’s needs before their own.

Please join me in thanking the people who work behind the scenes each and every day: Rachel Albert (B’nei Mitzvah Coordinator), Alexandra Bicks (Education and Youth Director), Zosia DeWitt (Director of Teen Engagement), Sandy Fangmeier (Kitchen Manager), Rachel Greene (Communications and Marketing Associate), Sheri Hoffman (Congregational Services Coordinator), Jenna Hyland (Programming and Membership Coordinator), Zachary Marshall (Facilities Manager), Laura Oestreicher-Ricon (Pre-Kadima Programming Coordinator), and Rabbi Greyber.

We are very excited about what the future holds and we continue to move forward. I look forward to seeing you as we continue to do more and more in-person events at Beth El.

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*From the Desk of Board President
Leslie Winner*



Chevre,

During the dreary winter COVID19 days of sheltering-in-place, and encouraged by a friend and mentor, I decided to take a deep look into each of the psalms that we recite in P'sukei D'Zimra. What was the Psalmist wanting to say, given the circumstances of the times? What do these words mean to me now? Is there a verse or two that particularly resonates with me? Surprisingly to me, for every psalm, the answer to that last question was "yes."

Sometimes I re-wrote the psalms in words not as poetic as the originals, but that were easier for me to relate to. So for this column, instead of talking about Beth El business, I thought I'd share one of my re-writes with you. In it, I tried to describe what inspires me to awe.

Now it is spring and many of us are vaccinated. Hopefully COVID19 will continue to wane, and we will safely be able to see each other's faces more often. Still, it's not too late to delve into some Psalms. If you decide to re-write one, I hope you will send it to me.

Wishing you only good,

Leslie

Psalm 150 reimagined

March 2021

Hallelujah! Praise God!
Wherever God is present, Praise God

In the sanctuaries of synagogues and churches and mosques, Praise God

On the ridges of high mountains, Praise God
Where the waves curl onto the shore, Praise God

Find a song of God's praise in the tumbling of streams
Find a song of God's praise in the melody of breezes

Praise God for the grandeur of sunsets followed by sunrise
Praise God for green parsley and purple crocuses

Praise God when people see into each other's eyes
Praise God when people hear harmony in their voices

When justice and mercy prevail, praise God

Let the souls of all people praise God
Hallelujah!



Talmud Torah

Shalom, Y'all!

As I write this, we are approaching the spring and the end of the Talmud Torah year. It has been a surprising, exhilarating, and ultimately successful year in the life of our Hebrew school and our youth department. Our teachers have been working incredibly hard to provide creative and fulfilling educational activities over Zoom. Whether they are discussing Jewish values such as Tzedakah and Tikkun Olam, practicing their Hebrew letters and vowels, or picking apart the finer points of some of the stories in the Torah, students are engaged and drawn in by their teachers' energy, enthusiasm, and commitment to teaching. We maintain some of the important longstanding elements of our program, like doing Havdalah all together every Sunday morning and singing the same prayers that we would sing every week in person. Rabbi Greyber and our songleader Spencer Garfield also still lead grades 2-6 in a Mincha/Maariv service on Wednesday afternoons – even though we are online, there is still an abundance of *ruach*, of dancing during the Aleinu and eager beavers excited to lead the Barchu or the Ashrei. The combination of continuity of some of our most well-established rituals and some innovative new programming has allowed us to adapt as much as we can to the strange reality of this year, hopefully continuing to foster an ongoing connection to Jewish life and community that we hope will sustain them for years to come.

Our electives this year, a new addition to the schedule, have also been a huge hit! Students and families together have had so much fun making macarons in Sandy's cooking class, listening to Jacob Schonberg read Jewish folktales, or having ethical debates in Andrew's Pirkei Avot class. We are so thankful to all of our elective teachers this year for helping us pioneer this new format. We are also incredibly grateful to our new youth department staff, Laura and Zosia, for planning and executing some truly awesome events this year! From old favorites like the Chocolate Seder and a Purim carnival "extravaganza" on Zoom, to some new events like an interfaith dialogue for our older teens and a pajama party for our younger kids, our youth staff have thrown themselves into the challenge of virtual youth programming this year and succeeded with flying colors. I personally have loved working with them, and I am looking forward to planning more awesome events coming up!

Looking ahead to the summer, I am starting to feel just a little bit hopeful that we will be able to resume a semblance of normalcy next fall – that we will be able to enter those classrooms, gather together, perhaps in smaller groups, in the sanctuary, and be in each other's company again. After my wedding in May, I myself will be spending the summer mapping out what the next Talmud Torah year looks like, thinking about what we have achieved this past year that we may be able to carry with us and make part of our future curriculum and school structure. I am so grateful for the support of the community over this past year, and I am looking forward to seeing you all in person *bimbeira b'yameinu* (really, really soon!)

A handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "Alexandra Bicks".

Alexandra Bicks
Education & Youth Director

Mazel Tov on your upcoming B'nei Mitzvah!!

Joel Doriocourt
May 21-22, 2021

Melanie Koweek
June 11-12, 2021

Eva Kornbluth
August 20-21, 2021

Teen Engagement



Happy spring, Beth El!

What a busy and eventful couple of months we have had together! I truly cannot believe that we have nearly reached the end of this unique and challenging school year. I know I speak for all of us when I say that, despite all of its challenges, this past year has been filled with opportunities for learning, growth, and surprisingly enough, has bonded our community closer than ever.

Since August, I have had the privilege of watching our teens challenge the notion that this pandemic was going to break us apart. Our teens have found new ways to stay connected to Judaism and one another, whether that means using their resources to grow as students, taking roles of leadership and encouraging their peers, and making the most of the time we have gotten together.

This past couple of months, we have done so much together. We took a (virtual) trip to the NC Teen Shabbaton, which was planned and led by our very own teens, and got the chance to spend a weekend connecting with other Jewish teenagers from around the state! We shared an evening of discussion with First Baptist Church of Chapel Hill, learned more about the Black Lives Matter movement, and had the chance to hear from their students about some of their traditions and experiences. Our teens put their Purim knowledge to the test when they crafted their own hilarious Purim spiels, while we ate our very own delicious homemade hamantaschen that we cooked (together but apart, in our home kitchens), and last but not least, we stuffed ourselves with chocolate and celebrated Passover together at our Zoom Chocolate Seder.

As some parts of our world start to look familiar again, I am getting so excited about being able to share space with our teens! Being in this position, something that I notice every single day is that our teens do not give up. They consistently bring energy, enthusiasm, and passion to every single event and opportunity, whether we are discussing challenging and serious topics, or goofing off during a hilarious Purim skit. We have a one of a kind group of teens at Beth El, and I can't wait to see the incredible things we can do together once life reaches a new normal.

Thank you all for the persistence, patience, and kindness this past year. I look forward to all the incredible things we will do together in the future, and I hope everyone has a safe and happy rest of this school year.

Sending peace and positivity your way,

Zosia DeWitt
Director of Teen Engagement



PreKadima



Shalom Chaverim,

PreKadima has had an excellent year despite the challenges that COVID-19 has placed in our paths. It has been a privilege to experience the childrens' excitement and active participation as they navigated truly difficult circumstances. I'm in awe of how well they adapted and by their absolute joie de vivre!

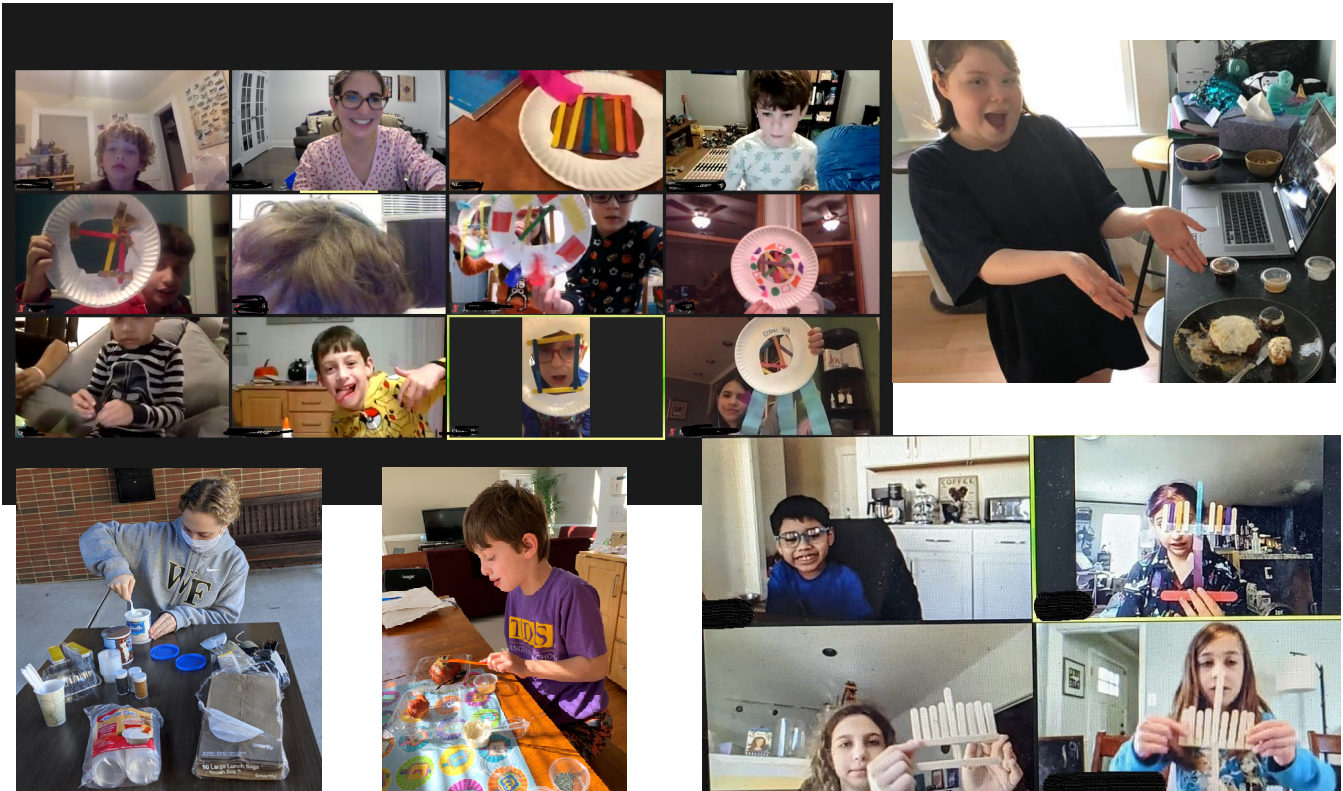
During the second half of this year, we started utilizing pickup kits to accompany the virtual events. Including craft supplies and food items that the children could enjoy individually but together really helped support the community spirit that PreKadima strives for.

In December, we teamed up with Kadima and had a sufganyiot decorating party to celebrate Chanukah. January brought us PJ Undernights in which we made delicious s'mores over a virtual campfire, played hilarious games, and made dream catchers. We concluded the incredible Purim Extravaganza with a hamantaschen making workshop and experimented with different fillings such as marshmallows, frosting, and gummy bears. In March, we enjoyed our Seder chocolate style and ate perhaps a bit too much! Our stomachs and our hearts were full after all of these awesome events!

As we wrap up the year, I'm grateful that technology allowed us to engage with one another and I'm eagerly anticipating being able to offer exciting and fun programs in person next year.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

Laura Oestreicher Ricon
PreKadima Programming Coordinator



Valerie and Matthew Glassman Forge a Strong Bond with Beth El



Valerie, Matthew, and Rafi Glassman

When Valerie moved to North Carolina in 2005, she thought it would only be for a few years while she worked as the Director of Statewide Programs at NC Hillel. But as the saying goes, "We make plans, and G-d laughs." She met Matthew at a Shabbat dinner in April 2006, and the rest is history. Valerie left Hillel in 2007; they married in 2011 and bounced around from shul to shul until Rafi was born in 2013. The Glassmans were excited by Beth El's Sunday Simchat Tot series, during which Hinda Lind and the education director would sing songs, do crafts, and tell stories. Rafi loved the guitar playing by "Miss Hinda" and enjoyed hanging out at the Freedman Center. He also adored Saturday mornings at Tot Shabbat and parading around with the stuffed Torah. These days while we are not in the building, Valerie and Matthew get to watch Rafi interact with his Kitah Bet classmates on Zoom twice a week as they learn to read Hebrew, play Jewish Jeopardy, discuss Jewish values, and engage in tikkun olam. It has been a thrill to see Talmud Torah in action, especially to watch the patience of his teachers Lindsay and Spencer!

In addition to the youth activities, Valerie and Matthew became involved in Beth El's SULAM program with Rabbi Greyber and Tal Wittle, which taught Jewish leadership. Back in the "old days," the Glassmans enjoyed Shabbat programs and kiddush luncheons as well. Valerie's parents moved to Durham in 2017 and also became members of Beth El. One of Rafi's favorite things was to eat lunch with his Zayde on Saturdays and he can't wait to start up again. Valerie joined the Board, first as the congregation's financial secretary and now as a chair of the Annual Fund. They give to the Annual Fund each year, because they know that the dollar amount raised from membership dues does not cover the cost of operations for the shul.

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But perhaps most importantly, Valerie and Matthew named Beth El as a beneficiary of their estate in their wills for the Life & Legacy Society. They know that their promise of a gift today will help to sustain Beth El for future generations to come. As Valerie has expressed so many times to her colleagues on the Board of Trustees—*“It’s important for us that Rafi (and his children) are able to find a Jewish home in Durham as welcoming, diverse, pluralistic, and generous as the one we have found at Beth El. The three generations of my family feel so lucky to be together in one beautiful congregation.”*

We are grateful to Valerie and Matthew Glassman for making a legacy gift to support the Gladys and Earl Siegel Endowment. By supporting legacy giving, you, too, can help to ensure the long-term financial sustainability of our congregation. A legacy gift—such as naming Beth El in your will or as a beneficiary of a retirement plan account, life insurance policy or bank account—allows you to make plans for supporting the future of our synagogue while allowing you the flexibility to amend those plans as needs arise.

All legacy gifts, regardless of size, make a meaningful difference. For more information about Beth El’s Life & Legacy Society, please contact Norma Gindes at normagindes@gmail.com.

A Gift You Plan Now and Make Later

Many of us have been moved by the urgent community needs that have come about due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Beth El members have stepped up to meet these broader community needs while also diligently providing the membership dues and additional Annual Fund support that makes our synagogue’s outstanding services and programs possible. As we make these investments in our congregation’s present, we must also consider how we can plan for an enduring future for Beth El.

Gifts to the Beth El endowment are critical to ensuring the long-term sustainability of our congregation. Still, you may wonder how you can give away assets now if you don’t know whether you or your family will need them later. A legacy gift – such as naming Beth El in your will or as beneficiary of a retirement plan account, life insurance policy, or bank account – allow you to make plans for supporting the future of our synagogue while allowing you the flexibility to amend those plans as needs arise.

Ease and Flexibility of a Legacy Gift

- Just one sentence in your will or trust, or completing a beneficiary form for your retirement plan or insurance policy, is all that is needed to formalize your legacy gift intentions.
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For more information about Beth El’s Life & Legacy initiative, please contact Norma Gindes at normagindes@gmail.com.

Thank you to our Life and Legacy donors!

Beth El Synagogue recognizes and thanks those members who have committed to sustain our Jewish community with a gift in their wills, trusts, retirement accounts, or life insurance policies. We are grateful for their support during the past three years of our Life & Legacy initiative. Also, we acknowledge those members who had the foresight to generously support the creation of the Gladys and Earl Siegel Endowment and initiate the legacy campaign 18 years ago.

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*נפול - *Of blessed memory*

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Social Action

“Let all who are hungry come and eat,” is one of the most familiar phrases of the Seder and reflects one of the priorities of the Social Action Committee. We often associate Pesach with spring and new beginnings. This time of year is energizing, and the Social Action Committee will soon begin a process of identifying one or two critical needs in the community and developing a process to address those needs. We recognize that by keeping projects manageable, we can keep them going!

Hunger is a need that we have been able to respond to throughout the COVID pandemic, a need that has only increased. With the help of the Beth El members, Social Action has contributed to efforts to alleviate hunger in the community. The food drive held during the High Holidays raised \$8,000, which we donated to local food banks that are then able to purchase what is needed most. The Mitzvah Fund contributed \$1,000 to help sustain the monthly meals provided to Urban Ministries under the leadership of Judea Reform Congregation’s Social Action Committee. Several Beth El Social Action Committee members also contribute food to the monthly meals. This is a successful and beneficial partnership! Bob Weschler has worked tirelessly leading efforts for Beth El’s involvement with the Walltown food distribution. The raffle held before Purim generated funds that were donated to the Public School Foundations, which are addressing hunger and digital equity in the community.

In 2019, the Beth El Board voted for Beth El to join the HIAS Welcome Campaign. We recently had a speaker from HIAS who talked about the important work that HIAS has done with refugees and how essential it is to welcome the stranger in our communities. This doesn’t necessarily require massive undertakings; it can be helping an immigrant family furnish an apartment or learn about grocery shopping. In the next few months the Social Action Committee will be identifying an opportunity and developing specific manageable steps we can take to engage in a meaningful way.

If you would like to join us as we plan for the next year, please contact Rachel Bearman at rsbearman@gmail.com or Evelina Moulder at eviemoulder@gmail.com. A donation to the Mitzvah Fund is always welcome and allows us to respond to community needs, which often require a financial contribution.

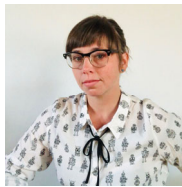
L’shalom,

Rachel and Evelina



Lifelong Learning

This year’s Virtual Jewish Authors Book Festival was a success thanks to Jewish For Good, with over 40 people buying tickets for the entire series. Thank you to everyone who participated!



As you are well aware, Dear Reader, in our Beth El community, we have innumerable expert, talented and interesting folks. I talk to some of them and share their stories through *Bethelians* -- the podcast for and about those beautiful beings from Planet Beth El, where, in each episode, we get to know a community member. But there are so many more stories to tell! What's yours?

I want to know what you are passionate about. Tell me some of your Beth El story by completing a short form at tinyurl.com/bethelians. Answering a few short questions is the simple first step to scheduling an interview and being on the show.

No need to be intimidated about the technology, **the logistics of recording are actually pretty simple.** The only equipment you need is a pair of headphones with a microphone dongle (like any standard pair of smartphone earbuds), and a phone/computer for a Zoom connection. For a final cut interview of 20-30 minutes long, we'll book a 45 minute recording window. That's it!

For the those of you interested in what happens behind the scenes, let's talk about the Bethelians Production Assistant position. The part-time internship is unpaid, but I will work with your school or institution to certify credit hours. The hours are flexible and the content is thrilling. Some of the duties you will support or take for your own include:

- recruiting and preparing guests
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Jenna Hyland
Program and Membership Coordinator



Glenda Bea Wolff 1945-2020

We had hoped we would have the opportunity to honor Glenda's memory at Beth El, where our family were members for many years. Glenda's father, Nathan Wolff, was a prominent member of the Durham Jewish community and of Beth El Synagogue, making the current building a reality. His name is listed on the wall of the synagogue's entrance hall. The pandemic has made it impossible to do a yahrzeit or any memorial at Beth El. Glenda passed away due to cancer on

April 9, 2020 in Ft. Worth, Texas. She was buried in the Ft. Worth, Texas Jewish cemetery. She had lived in the area since she was in her 20's. Glenda's sisters are Fabianne Gershon of New York City and Karen Wiktorowicz of Carlsbad, California. Her niece is Claire Wolff Trapp and three nephews are Nathan, Franklin and Syfert Trapp, who live in Park City, Utah.

Fabianne Gershon

The Quiet Charity of Dr. Robert Rosenstein

I was sorry to learn of the death Dr. Robert Rosenstein, lifetime Beth El member. I did not know him well. Over the roughly 40 years that I have been a member of the synagogue, we only had two substantive conversations that I can recall. The first was about whether or not New York Medical College, where I serve as chancellor and CEO, should open a school of optometry. Robert's great grandfather had opened one of the first optometry practices in North Carolina at the turn of the last century. He was followed in practice by Robert's father and Robert. Robert's son makes the fourth generation of Rosensteins practicing optometry in our community.



The second conversation would be of more interest to the Beth El membership. It concerns the rimonim or Torah scroll finials and the Torah crowns. In Jewish history, the finials evolved from knobs at the upper end of the staves (*ezei hayyim*) on which the Torah scroll is wound. Since the shape of a spherical finial recalled the shape of a fruit, it is called a *tappu'ah*, "apple," among the Sephardim and a *rimmon*, "pomegranate," by the Ashkenazim (plural "rimonim"). At Beth El, the Torah scrolls are all decorated with silver finials. Torah crowns are used in almost all Jewish communities (the exceptions are Morocco and Yemen). We have written evidence of their existence as early as the 11th century. Their design is influenced in each locality by local tradition. Like the rimonim, at Beth El the crowns are also silver.

When I became president of the Orthodox Kehillah at Beth El in the 1980s, Leon Dworsky, of blessed memory, explained my duties to me. He told me that about 1 to 2 weeks before Rosh Hashanah every year, I should expect the rimonim to disappear. Then they would reappear shortly before the onset of the holiday. Leon told me that Robert always took them home to polish them for the holidays, as had his father and grandfather before him. It was considered a synagogue tradition and it was not to be publicly acknowledged by me in any remarks to the minyan. "It's what the Rosensteins do." Leon explained. True to Leon's word, every year the rimonim disappeared and then reappeared in the Ark, polished for the New Year. I never saw Robert come and go. I never thanked him publicly. I followed Leon's instructions.

A year and a half ago, Robert called me in New York. Perhaps, he wondered, since I was connected with elements of the Jewish community in New York, I might locate a skilled silversmith who could repair damage to the Beth El Torah crowns? Robert considered their upkeep his responsibility in addition to the yearly polishing of the rimonim. After a few inquiries, I found a silversmith to make the repairs. Robert had the repairs done and, as far as I recall, simply paid for it out of his pocket with no fuss or discussion. At the same time, he had some restorative work done on the finials. "It's what the Rosensteins do."

Maimonides ranked levels of charity. Among the highest levels of charity is when the recipient does not know from whom the charity comes. Charity of this type is done with no expectation of thanks. In Robert's memory I think it is appropriate to inform the Beth El congregation of his yearly dignified and silent act of community building and charity. These were tasks to which he was committed with no expectation of thanks, as were his father and grandfather before him.

May his memory be for a blessing.

Dr. Ed Halperin

Member Spotlight

Meet Molly Zimmerman and Ashley Lauber



Molly is a lover of all things plant and dirt. Molly currently works part-time at One Soil Farm (a Jewish community farm near Durham) and part-time making nut butter at Big Spoon Roasters. When Molly's not playing in the dirt or covered in nut butter, she likes to cook, knit, and eat French fries. One day she hopes to visit the world's first French fry museum in Belgium.

Ashley is a baking queen! When she's not baking, she's teaching third graders at a local independent school. Some fun facts about Ashley are that she can speak 3 languages (English, Polish, and Spanish), and her first concert was the Backstreet Boys when she was 18 years old.

We met in the summer of 2013 in Falls Village, CT while working at the Isabella Freedman Jewish Retreat Center. We bonded over our love of podcasts, pickles, pizza, plants, coffee, cooking, laughing, and going to sleep really really early.

We were recruited to move to Durham by Rikki SaNogueira and Meredith Cohen. Rikki introduced us to some folks from Beth El on her porch and we knew we had to join this warm and welcoming community! Feel free to reach out anytime. We would love to connect with more folks in the community. Molly's email is mollyw.zimmerman@gmail.com and Ashley's email is aflauber@gmail.com.



Left: Rabbi Greyber celebrating Passover!

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