

### *Message from Rabbi Greyber:*



#### *Lessons from the River*

“A dog can never tell you what she knows from the smells of the world, but you know, watching her, that you know almost nothing.” - Mary Oliver

I took a fly fishing lesson with Rivergirl (<https://rivergirlfishing.com/>) in Todd, North Carolina. I learned about the line (backing, fly line, leader). She showed me knots so I could tie the leader to the fly line and then a fly to the leader. I tried casting in an open field. Then we walked over to a shady stream near the shop. She told me trout are smart and lazy; they hide under rocks from

birds overhead and wait in calm water next to the current which, to them, is a conveyor belt of food bringing tasty morsels of organic material from upstream. Something floats by; they swim towards it, grab it, and go back into hiding. I tried floating my dry flies (that float on the surface) and wet flies (that sink below the surface) by the rocks several times. There were strikes on the line, but we got “skunked” – no fish caught – and my lesson was over.

I was disappointed, but not surprised that we got skunked. I consider myself clumsy when it comes to such things. I’m not great with knots and tools, but I felt my ignorance not so much when she reviewed our equipment (although there is a whole world of fly fishing “stuff” that boggles the mind) as when she tried to explain flies. Rivergirl tried to teach me about flies and bugs and larvae; she told me things at the picnic table and picked up rocks in the stream where I thought there was just mud. She showed me tiny bugs and the homes they built to survive as larvae in the water for many months. Rivergirl tried to teach me what she knows about the flies of the world, but after my three-hour fly fishing lesson, I learned most of all that I know almost nothing.

It is humbling and inspiring to spend time with someone who sees and interacts with the natural world -- not like me as a bumbling, clumsy giant, stomping around making a mess, but as someone who knows how to think like a fish or a bird, who looks at a river and sees not a current, but an intricate web of pools and hiding places that I lack the vocabulary to name, much less understand.

I took my fly fishing lesson at the same time I was reading *Scripture, Culture, and Agriculture: An Agrarian Reading of the Bible* by Ellen Davis, Professor of Bible and Practical Theology at Duke Divinity School, in which she demonstrates how “the Bible is not a book only about ‘spirituality’ or getting to Heaven, but it is also a practical book about the good use of the land and creatures as a religious practice, and about the abuse of land and creatures as a kind of blasphemy” (Foreword, x).

Take, for example, Proverbs 31:10-31, known as *Eshet Hayil* and traditionally sung at the Shabbat dinner table. Davis argues that the poem is not merely praise for a valorous woman, but rather an assertion “in the face of imperial [Persian] power [of] the continued relevance and viability of the traditional family-based economy... The valorous woman of Proverbs represents situated knowledge...” What is situated knowledge? It’s knowledge that comes from being in relationship with the earth, knowing the earth not as distances to be conquered through asphalt and automobiles, not as something to be exploited for profit, but as something to be cultivated and cared for. Davis points out that when God places Adam into the garden “to guard and to work it,” the verb לעבדה/to work it, doesn’t mean “to exploit it” for what crops and food it might yield, but rather “to serve it,” the way a servant serves their master. Rivergirl possesses “situated knowledge” of the earth; I lack it. I live so much of my life ignorant and isolated from the land. I “visit” nature – as if one is sometimes in nature and sometimes not – and I eat frozen foods cooked and imported from hundreds of miles away.

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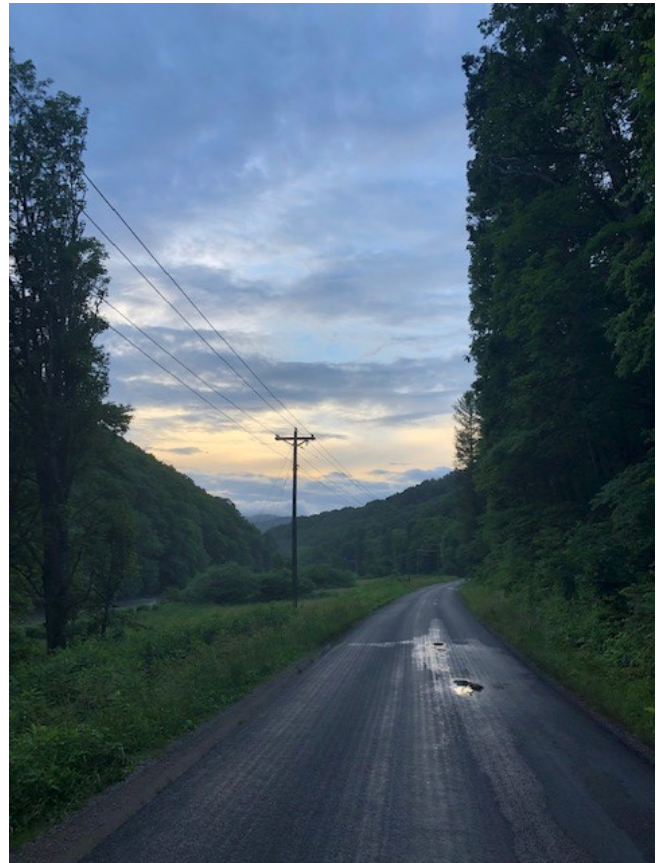
We abuse the land by making food a commodity (e.g. the storehouses of Egypt) and by hoarding more than we need (e.g. contrast how there is just the right amount of manna for each person, each day).

How does one live well in the modern world? The answer is not to flee the city to live in the countryside, but rather to live with the awareness that, in the words of the agrarian thinker, Wendell Berry, "...our works do not liberate us – they confine us. They cut off access to the wilderness of Creation where we must go to be reborn – to receive the awareness, at once humbling and exhilarating, grievous and joyful, that we are part of Creation, one with all that we live from and all that, in turn, lives from us."

Our connection with nature should not be limited to "field trips," temporary excursions from regular living, though these can be restorative. The challenge is to integrate a consciousness of our dependence upon God's world each day. Judaism gives us such tools. We bless God before we eat to remind ourselves where our food comes from – from the tree, from the ground, from the vine, from a world of which I am a part and for which I am responsible. Our thrice daily prayers attune us to the rising and setting of the sun; the liturgy calls our attention to the waxing and waning of the moon; High Holidays alert us that summer is ending and fall approaches.

I am grateful for the time I got to spend away this summer. I am grateful to return to my home "in the city" and to you and us, even though coronavirus will keep us physically further apart. Coronavirus has caused so much pain – sickness and death, isolation, economic devastation – but quarantines and stay-at-home orders have also given the earth an unprecedented rest from man-made pollution and destruction. Have you seen the breathtaking images of clean skies in New Delhi and Los Angeles? Perhaps one blessing we can wrest from this difficult time of sheltering-in-place is a return to an agrarian consciousness, to being in a deep and loving relationship with God's world of which we are a part and for which we are responsible.

*David G.*





*A Note from  
Executive Director  
Alan Friedman*

**The Jewish Commitment to  
Community Within the Pandemic,  
When So Many of our Interactions  
Have Become Virtual.**

When we are forced to be separated, the choice of “opting out” of community becomes tempting. Not seeing one another understandably suspends some of the attachment that comes with being physically present. But when temptation leads us away from strengthening the Jewish spirit, that is the exact moment we should sprint in the opposite direction.

Many parents wonder how to teach their children the value of community. They ask how children will understand what it means to be something bigger than themselves — part of a greater cause — and feel the essence of being Jewish. There is no greater way of imparting this lesson than with the following:

*Show them. Your actions pave the way for every decision they will make in the future.*

There are terms that are thrown around in an unfortunate way: opting out or taking a break. In choosing whether or not to belong to a synagogue or support nonprofit institutions, many of us are deciding to take a “year off.” Jewish professionals here at Beth El and across the world are reaching out to colleagues and peers, understanding that if enough people decide to opt out, the Jewish world will never look the same. It will not have a solid foundation to rebuild and reconstruct in the innovative, vibrant, spiritually uplifting ways we so desperately need. Every person who decides to “sit this one out” means chipping away at the Jewish homes we rely upon for comfort, solace, celebration, companionship and connection.

The COVID-19 era has devastated the world. It has taken away lives. It has left others stricken financially, mentally and emotionally, and impaired people’s health. Many cannot afford to rejoin our communities, and these are the members who must hear our support and feel our love. But for those who question the spiritual nourishment of online services, feel disconnected without in-person gathering and have the means to continue to join sacred communities, this plea is to you. Parents who show their children that the value of the Jewish community relies on whether or not religious school will be in-person or online don’t teach their children the value of being a link in the chain of thousands of years of Jewish history. Will you place your child before a screen every single day? Perhaps. But choosing to remain active at Beth El, Talmud Torah, day school, and/or in a camp community, models for our children that when a family experiences a difficult time, we choose to hold one another’s hands instead of fade away into the silence of resignation. A real community is one that upholds those who have fallen. A true community exists even when times are difficult and scary. A sincere community chooses to remain active when the world falls apart.

We question what our children will remember about this time, when faces are masked, parks are closed and friendships maneuvered within a social distance of six feet. But we have a choice as to what our children will remember about our own roles in the Jewish community. Hopefully our children will watch our actions, knowing that their families supported other Jews in need. May our children follow our examples, understanding that to be a Jew is to strengthen our community when the world feels bleak.

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*From the Desk of Board President  
Leslie Winner*



As summer draws to an end, the school year begins, and High Holy Days draw near, we find ourselves still a community without walls. We continue to protect ourselves and others by staying at home as much as we can. And I find myself worrying about how our strong and important community will maintain our sense of enhancing each other's lives during this time of physical separation.

Jerry and I have been sheltering in the NC mountains since March. I have loved watching spring unfold, growing zinnias from seed, waking up to see the clouds between the mountain peaks, and being able to walk out of my door into the lush greenness. But, honestly, I miss seeing you and giving you hugs.

Our congregation has a lot going for it. We are caring, engaged, creative, talented, compassionate, knowledgeable, capable, innovative, and committed. As fall approaches we will continue to educate our children, pray together, and support each other in times of need. I hope we will consciously go beyond that, fight Zoom fatigue, and find ways to continue to connect with each other authentically, learn together and have some collective fun. I hope you will stay in touch. Call someone you like that you haven't talked with in a month. Zoom in to an activity you don't normally attend. Share your creative ideas.

For our children, the Va'ad and our staff have worked hard to be sure that youth education continues, keeping all of them engaged even though primarily online. We'll use a newly developed online curriculum, have interesting electives to choose from, and perhaps offer some small group outdoor activities. I hope that all of you parents will help your kids stay connected with Beth El and their Beth El friends.

High Holidays are so very important to us. Under Rabbi Greyber's creative and insightful leadership, our time together this year will remain meaningful, communal and participatory. We will pray together online, with our rabbi and Eric Meyer, our marvelous cantor. Congregants will lead portions of the services and have honors from home; we will learn and reflect together in small group breakout rooms; and we will have a chance to greet each other and schmooze in our virtual lobby. We are planning to have small group, outdoor, in person, shofar blowing in various locations; and families who want it will have an opportunity to come to the sanctuary for a few private moments of reflection while "guarding" our Torahs. Take a few minutes to think about who you want to reach out to during this holiday season, and how you want to be engaged.

After the holidays, let's get creative about how we stay connected with each other and have some fun, even while we are staying safer at home. If you have ideas for interesting online or safe outdoor group activities, please let us know. Be on the lookout in your weekly announcements for activities you can enjoy together with your current and new Beth El friends.

I can't end without noting the importance of providing financial certainty to our operations this year by collecting membership renewals early. If you have not submitted your membership form and dues commitment yet, please do that today by visiting the membership page on our website. We value and need each of you!

In this new year, I wish each of you good health and peace, and, as my mother used to say, a year that is sweet and also a little spicy!



## *Talmud Torah*

**Shalom, Y'all!**

I am honored and excited to be writing to you as Beth El's full-time Education and Youth Director. It is a remarkable, unprecedented time in the life of our synagogue and in the life of our Talmud Torah. Our lively and determined students from K-7, combined with our hardworking and creative faculty, finished the year on Zoom, doing their best to end on a high note of laughter and smiles at reconnecting virtually.

As I write this in July, I have spent the summer diving into the world of online learning tools, national educators' conferences, and plenty of Zoom webinars as we design an innovative virtual Talmud Torah curriculum. While we will be online through at least the fall semester, our structure will be significantly revamped. On Sunday mornings, students will participate in a core grade level class with their regular cohort and regular teacher. These sessions will last 20-30 minutes for our youngest groups and 45 minutes-1 hour for our oldest.

Following core classes, at 11 am, students in grades 2-6 will be required to sign up for one 30-minute elective. These electives are meant to provide opportunities for different kinds of activities that supplement our core curriculum, drawing on a variety of modes and learning styles. From movement-based learning and storytime, to extra conversational Hebrew, different electives will be designed to provide an opportunity for mixed-grade learning and participation. They will rotate each semester, allowing for a variety of topics and teachers, many of whom may not be based in Durham but can take advantage of the virtual platform to reach our students.

One of the unexpected benefits of our new virtual plan – not to mention our new Beth El virtual lifestyle - is that it allows our community to grow even wider than it was before. I find myself in partnership and connection with educators and synagogues across the country, joining together as we brainstorm everything from High Holiday family activities to teen learning workshops. Learning virtually will allow anyone from longtime Talmud Torah faculty, to Beth El alumni, even new teachers from around the country, to become a part of the kehillah of learning we are cultivating here. All of our youth, from the youngest kindergarteners and hardworking B'nei Mitzvah students, to our dedicated teens, are on board for the journey, finding innovative new ways to interact, learn together, and maintain the culture and spirit that make Beth El a vital and nurturing place to be.

I look forward to seeing everything that they and we can accomplish together this year!

Alexandra Bicks  
Education & Youth Director

***We look forward to seeing you  
for the Talmud Torah Kickoff on  
Sunday, September 13!***



## **Former Beth El Member and Extraordinary Volunteer— Phyllis Dworsky’s Generosity Lives on in a Gift to Beth El**

Phyllis Dworsky was not a name I had ever heard of until last February when I read her obituary posted in the weekly Beth El newsletter. Phyllis died at the age of 94 in her home in Silver Spring, Maryland. She was buried in the Durham Hebrew Cemetery next to her beloved husband Leon, who predeceased her in 2004 at the age of 74.

I heard Phyllis’s name again when I learned that she had left a bequest in her will to benefit the Orthodox Kehillah and the Eric Pas Scholarship fund. This inspired me to learn more about Phyllis, her life in Durham and what motivated her to leave a lasting legacy to Beth El.

After reaching out to Phyllis’ daughter Joyce Dworsky-Srouer and getting the names of several Beth El members who knew her best, I began my quest. I wanted to learn about this very special woman who, along with Leon, was able to shape the Jewish community of Durham beginning in the 1950s, and whose influence still impacts our community today. Phyllis and Leon helped to establish the Orthodox Kehillah and the Lerner Jewish Community Day School, in addition to supporting many Jewish and secular nonprofits in the greater Durham community.

The words of Ed Halperin, who wrote a beautiful tribute to Phyllis in the Beth El Bulletin shortly after she passed away, describes her best:

“At Leon’s side for over half-a-century was the diminutive figure of Phyllis: Beth El religious school classroom and music teacher, tireless fundraiser for all manner of Jewish and secular causes, Sisterhood president, maintainer of a kosher home via out-of-state meat shipments by bus for decades, leader of the women’s division of the Durham Chevra Kaddisha as her mother-in-law Dinah Dworsky had been before her, and unflappable hostess of unaccountable dinner guests. She and Leon raised three religiously observant children in Durham—a testimony to the home they created.”

Phyllis and Leon were pioneers in the Durham Jewish community and welcomed new Jewish families who came to work at Duke, NCCS, UNC and the Research Triangle. The staff of Duke University knew to call Phyllis when patients from abroad or locally needed kosher meals. Phyllis became the matriarch of the community, and her actions set a standard of hospitality by welcoming Jewish travelers from near and far. As Sharon Halperin told me, “She was the consummate Yiddish homemaker.”

Phyllis never met a stranger. She was friendly, kind and interested in people, especially if she met you at Shabbat services. An invitation to a meal in her home would be extended and there was no way you could pass it up. Her culinary skill was well known and she always had home-made cakes and goodies in her freezer ready to serve her guests.

So it is not surprising that Phyllis wanted to extend her support for Beth El beyond her lifetime by creating a legacy gift. Her bequest is an expression of her deep values for community and Jewish education as exemplified in her commitment to the Chevra Kaddisha, Talmud Torah and tzedakah. We are very grateful for the life she lived – and for the legacy she leaves for us today.

Norma Gindes  
Chair, Life & Legacy Committee



Above: Phyllis and Leon Dworsky

### **Beth El Life & Legacy for the Future**

By participating in Beth El's legacy initiative, you can help build our future Jewish community--all it takes is some reflection today: What do you value and how do you want to be remembered? You can create a legacy today that defines your values, makes a statement about the importance of our synagogue in your life and ensures a vibrant Jewish community for generations to come.

We are grateful to all of the members of our synagogue who have already made a legacy gift to Beth El as part of the Life & Legacy initiative (see names on the next page).

Members of the Life & Legacy committee are ready to meet with you to discuss different gift options for after life giving and can provide information about signing a Letter of Intent for your long-term legacy plans. To learn more about Life & Legacy, or to set up a meeting, please contact Norma Gindes at [normagindes@gmail.com](mailto: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 17 years ago.

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\*צ"ל - *Of blessed memory*

Names in bold indicate that their Life & Legacy gifts have been formalized.



### *Meet Your Committee Leadership*

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*Social Action:* Rachel Bearman and Susan Kirsch

*Va'ad HaChinuch:* Michael Kornbluth



### *Social Action*

First and foremost, we hope that you are doing well and staying safe. As we all navigate through these uncertain times, it has been amazing to see and hear about how the Beth El community has been there for each other and for those in our larger community who need support during this time.

COVID-19 has laid bare the inequities that exist in our society while forcing us to physically distance from each other to protect one another and ourselves. The Social Action committee has been discussing how we can continue our work to help those in need while keeping everyone safe. If you are interested in being a part of the discussion, joining the listserv or interested in any of the ideas or opportunities listed below, please email Rachel Bearman ([rbearman@mebtel.net](mailto:rbearman@mebtel.net)) or Susan Kirsch ([susanSkirsch@gmail.com](mailto:susanSkirsch@gmail.com)), and we will add you to our Social Action Steering Committee.

Moving into the fall of 2020 the Social Action committee will:

1. Continue its commitment to HIAS and supporting immigrants and refugees in our community as a HIAS welcoming community. Many thanks to Steve Herman for his commitment to the Pew Project raising funds to support HIAS's work.
2. Maintain its High Holiday food drive. We will be collecting monetary donations to support Walltown Food Pantry, Iglesia Emanuel Food Bank, Jewish Family Services Food Bank and the Interfaith Council for Social Services in Chapel Hill. Checks can be sent to Beth El between now and the end of Sukkot on Oct. 10. Please indicate "High Holidays Food Drive" on the Memo line.
3. Share information and opportunities for engagement and advocacy through the Social Action listserv.
4. Welcome new members to a subcommittee focused on racial justice. Started in July of 2020 and open to all members who wish to participate, the committee is developing a framework and strategy for how Beth El can engage around racial justice.
5. Partner with The River Church on a Get Out the Vote Voter Registration Initiative as well as registration for mail-in ballots.

While we cannot gather together for programs or participate in community work together, there are many ways to stay engaged in helping our community. Many nonprofits and government agencies have volunteer opportunities with safety protocols to keep volunteers, staff and recipients safe. Looking for a few suggestions for at-home or family activities? See below. Have additional ideas? Share them at [rbearman@mebtel.net](mailto:rbearman@mebtel.net) and we will share with the social action listserv.

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#### COVID-19 adult and kid-friendly Social Action Activities

- Make cards or write notes for those isolated in their homes, particularly older adults. Cards and notes can be donated to local nursing homes, assisted living facilities and Meals on Wheels programs.
- Put together a backpack of school supplies to help a student prepare for the 2020-21 school year. Donations can be delivered to local elementary and middle schools or the Department of Social Services in Orange or Durham Counties.
- Organize a neighborhood food collection through PORCH. <https://chapelhill.porchcommunities.org> or <https://durham.porchcommunities.org>
- Put together an emergency food and supply box for an older adult in need in Orange County. Supply list can be found here: <https://www.mowocnc.org/emergency-food-supply-box>. Boxes can be dropped off at Meals on Wheels Orange County, 632 Laurel Hill Road, Chapel Hill. 919-942-2948.
- Help feed hungry kids by purchasing and donating needed items for TABLE. More information can be found here: [https://tablenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Food-List-2\\_2020.pdf](https://tablenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Food-List-2_2020.pdf)

Rachel Bearman and Susan Kirsch



#### **Voter Registration & Mail-In Ballot Information**

Beth El is joining with The River Church to promote voter and mail-in ballot registration. Below is a quick primer on how to register to vote and how to apply for and complete a mail-in ballot. More detailed information and all links can be found at [www.ncvoter.org](http://www.ncvoter.org)

Make sure your voter registration is up to date at <https://vt.ncsbe.gov/RegLkup/>

You can register to vote by mail, returning a form at your County Board of Elections or online.

Registration application can be found at <https://www.ncvoter.org/registering-to-vote/>

- Your registration form must be postmarked or delivered to your County Board of Elections at least 25 days before the election in which you want to vote.
- If you miss the 25-day registration deadline, you can use Same-Day Registration during Early Voting at any Early Voting site in your county. **You can NOT register and vote on the same day on Election Day.**

In March 2020, North Carolina joined 38 other states in offering online voter registration (OVR). OVR is available now through the NC DMV website. To use this service, you must have a North Carolina drivers license or DMV-issued ID card. To register online:

1. Visit [payments.ncdot.gov](http://payments.ncdot.gov)
2. Select Continue as a guest.
3. Click Submit a voter registration application.
4. Enter your North Carolina Driver License or DMV-issued ID Card number, Social Security number (SSN), and date of birth.
5. You can register to vote, update your address, or change party affiliation. Updated information ONLY applies to your voter registration, not your ID — meaning you can register to vote at your current residence and it does not need to match the address on your current ID.

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## **Vote by Mail**

NC Absentee Ballot Request Form available at <https://www.ncvoter.org/absentee-ballots/>

On June 12, 2020, House Bill 1169 was signed into law. This COVID-19-related elections bill changes how NC voters vote their absentee ballot by mail. Any North Carolina registered voter may request and receive a mail-in “absentee” ballot. No special circumstance is needed. No photo ID is required to vote by mail.

### **1. Request a Ballot**

Voters may call the North Carolina State Board of Elections or their County Board of Elections and request a blank absentee ballot request form be sent to them by mail, e-mail, or fax. Voters will be able to submit online requests for absentee ballots once the North Carolina State Board of Elections creates the online portal, which should be no later than September 1, 2020.

### **2. Return the Form**

Return the request form (in person or by email, fax, or mail) to County Board of Elections by 5:00 pm. on the Tuesday before Election Day. For the 2020 General Election, that deadline is on Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at 5:00 pm.

### **3. Receive the Ballot:**

Each County Board of Elections will mail absentee ballots to registered voters who have made a request. It cannot be picked up in person.

### **4. Mark Ballot, Fill out Certificate on the Envelope:**

Mark the ballot with your choices in the presence of one witness who is at least 18 years old and not a candidate in the election in which you are voting. The voter and witness (or notary public) must each complete and sign the certificate on the return envelope and provide their addresses.

### **5. Return the Ballot in the Envelope:**

Return the ballot in the return envelope by mail or deliver in person to your County Board of Elections. If returning by mail, the envelope must be postmarked by 5:00 pm on Election Day. If you are returning the ballot in person, take the ballot to your County Board of Elections office. Only the voter or the voter’s near relative or legal guardian may return your ballot.



## *Community of Caring*

During this extraordinary time, Beth El members have truly demonstrated what community can be and how we can support one another. Throughout the year, pandemic or not, there are a number of ways to be helpful:

- Call-unteers: calls or notes to congratulate, support, or check-in
- Virtual Visitors: a friendly face for those who are isolated, ill, or grieving
- No-Contact Deliveries: home-cooked meals or groceries brought to the doorstep
- Meal of Condolence: the meal after a funeral or prior to the first shiva minyan
- Oh Baby!: welcome new babies with a message and gift for the parents
- Refuah Shlayma List: for those who would like a prayer of healing said on their behalf

The Community of Caring is a network of volunteers who do all of these things and more as situations arise. Can you join us? Even if you can only step up once or twice a year, your time and care make Beth El stronger.

Want to help or need support yourself? Just send a note to [Caring@betheldurham.org](mailto:Caring@betheldurham.org) or call the office at 919-682-1238.

To fund our purchases, the committee gratefully accepts donations. Simply indicate "Community of Caring" on your personal check or online payment.



## *Lifelong Learning*

Join us for our upcoming virtual events!  
Check our weekly announcement emails and the Beth El calendar for details and links to join, and watch for new events to be added.

**Hebrew I and II with Donna Goldstein:** Sundays beginning September 6. Registration is required.

**Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Greyber:** Thursdays at 11:30 am (August 27, September 10, October 29, November 12, December 10, January 21, February 25)

**Shalom Hartman Course: Together and Apart: The Future of Jewish Peoplehood** taught by Rabbi Greyber with support of Levin JCC. Classes begin October 22; registration is required. Visit <https://www.shalomdch.org/adult-engagement/> for details.

We will have three **guest speakers in November in honor of Jewish Book Month**. Stay tuned for details.

**Additional guest speakers will be announced as they are confirmed!**



## *New Member Spotlight*

**Meet Elika Bergelson, Zach Kern and Aviva Bergelson-Kern!**



Elika and Zach moved to Durham in 2016, most recently from Rochester, NY. Elika is a professor in the Department of Psychology and Neuroscience at Duke, and Zach is a veterinary internist at Triangle Veterinary Referral Hospital. Their daughter Aviva was born on May 14, 2020. Their dog, Ethyl, is unimpressed with Aviva, but excited for solid foods to start (so she can help clean up).

*Mazel Tov  
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The **Sara and Mutt Evans Leadership Award** honors individuals in our community who have demonstrated long standing dedication to community service, leadership, and innovative ideas in service to the Durham-Chapel Hill Jewish Community.

For the second year in a row, a Beth El congregant has been awarded the Sara and Mutt Evans Leadership Award by the Durham/Chapel Hill JCC. Last year's recipients were Sue and David Klapper. The winner this year is our own **Carol Haynes**, who over the years has stepped up and volunteered to take responsibility for a host of diverse activities. The award will be presented to Carol on October 18 by Sue and David Klapper!

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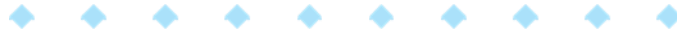
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complete a new member registration form.



# *High Holidays 5781*

## *Schedule of Events*



### **SELICHOT SERVICES**

Motzei Shabbat, September 12  
Selichot Service 8:30 pm\*

### **EREV ROSH HASHANAH**

Friday, September 18  
Services 7:00 pm\*

### **ROSH HASHANAH DAY 1**

Saturday, September 19  
Services 8:30 am\*  
Family Service 3:00-3:45 pm\*

### **ROSH HASHANAH DAY 2**

Sunday, September 20  
Services 8:30 am\*  
Family Service 3:00-3:45 pm\*  
Mobile Shofar Blowing  
Tashlich- Chapel Hill  
Tashlich- Durham

### **SHABBAT SHUVA**

Saturday, September 26  
Services 10:00 am\*  
Post-Services Speaker\*:  
Bishop Ronald Godbee

### **KEVER AVOT**

Sunday, September 27  
Sunday Minyan 9:30 am  
Durham Hebrew Cemetery Visitation 10:30 am  
Betheldurham.org/cemetery

### **KOL NIDRE**

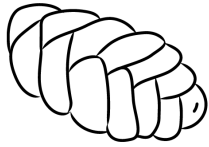
Sunday, September 27  
Family Service 4:30-5:00 pm\*  
Services 6:30 pm\*  
Candle Lighting 6:46 pm

### **YOM KIPPUR**

Monday, September 28  
Morning Services 8:30 am\*  
Reflective Walk 2:00 pm  
Family Service 3:00-3:45\*  
Study Sessions 3:30 – 5:45 pm\*  
Minchah 5:15 pm\*  
Ne'ilah 6:30 pm\*  
Havdallah 7:45 pm

\* indicates a virtual event

*The High Holiday Guide, links to  
virtual events and additional  
event details can be found at  
[betheldurham.org/high-holidays](http://betheldurham.org/high-holidays)*



## Beth El "TOGETHER" High Holiday Kit Delivery



Even though this year we will pray at a distance, we stand together as one during these extraordinary times. To help us celebrate in a meaningful way while we are apart, Beth El has prepared a thoughtful "High Holiday Kit" for every member household.

Each High Holiday kit contains some traditional holiday items to nourish your body (including round challah and honey cake) and soul (yizkor candle, Shabbat candles and more) as well as some special surprises.

We will do our best to get these Kits to your door on or before Monday, September 14.

If you will be out of town, or would like to help us by assisting with these deliveries, please contact: Sally Brown (sallybrown721@gmail.com).



## High Holiday Meals-to-Go!

ROSH HASHANAH		YOM KIPPUR	
<b>ENTREES</b>		<b>PRE-FAST DINNER</b>	<b>BREAK-THE-FAST SNACK PACK OPTIONS</b>
Apple Baked Chicken with Onion		Onion Smothered Brisket (GF)	
Baked Salmon	<b>DESSERTS</b>	Baked Salmon on Yellow Rice (GF)	
Vegetarian Baked Feta with Honey-Fried Tofu and Veggies	Cinnamon Apple Strudel (parve)	Moroccan Chickpea Stew on Basmati Rice (GF)	Bagel with Cream Cheese, Lox, Sliced Cucumber & Tomato, Fresh Berries, Cookie
** all entrees served on bed of Israeli couscous (or quinoa if gluten-free)	Chocolate Torte with Ganache (dairy/gluten-free)	<b>SIDES</b>	
	Apple Brownie (parve; GF available)	Roasted Vegetables	
<b>SIDES</b>		Sherry Sauteed Mushroom Medley	Cheese Quiche (GF) with Mini Colored Peppers & Hummus, Fresh Berries, Cookie
Roasted Broccoli and Cauliflower with Mediterranean Spices		Rosemary Roasted Red Potatoes	
Green Beans with Roasted Red Pepper		Dilled Creamers (mini Idahos)	
Apple Kugel (parve)		<b>DESSERT</b>	
Honey Roasted Carrots with Parsley	Order 2 meals for 2 nights of Rosh Hashanah!!	Rugelach Variety (parve)	Visit <a href="http://betheldurham.org/high-holidays">betheldurham.org/high-holidays</a> for pricing and ordering details
Honey Roasted Sweet Potatoes			

Rosh Hashanah orders are due by September 11 and Yom Kippur orders are due by September 18.  
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### Orthodox Kehillah, cont.

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