

Shabbat Shalom

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This Week at Beth El Synagogue		Upcoming Events:
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Saturday, April 23: Pesach I Havdalah—8:38 pm		☆ Sat. 4/30 Shabbat Mishnah Study
Shabbat Mishnah Study Orthodox Kehillah Services NO B'NEI MITZVAH PEER TUTORING Main Sanctuary Services	8:45 am	☆ Sat. 4/30 Shabbat Morning Orthodox Kehillah Services
	9:00 am	Sat. 4/30 B'nei Mitzvah Peer Tutoring
	9:30 am	Sat. 4/30 Shabbat Morning Services
		 Sat. 4/30 Chavurah Minyan
Sunday, April 24: Pesach II Havdalah—8:39 pm		 Sat. 4/30 Healing Yoga
Sunday Minyan/Passover Services	9:00 am	 Sun. 5/1 Weekly Sunday Minyan
NO TALMUD TORAH		 Sun: 5/1 Last Day of Talmud Torah (PreK-7)
Monday, April 25: Pesach III		 Sun: 5/1 Talmud Torah End of Year Siyyum and Picnic
<u> </u>		 Sun: 5/1 AlephBet Closing Program Mad Science!
Tuesday, April 26: Pesach IV	6.00	 Sun: 5/1 Yom Hashoah: Holocaust Memorial Commemoration
Hebrew Level I with Donna Goldstein Hebrew Level II with Donna Goldstein	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	 A Tue. 5/3 Hebrew Levels I/II with Donna Goldstein
		☆ Tue. 5/3 Youth Faculty End of Year Celebration
Wednesday, April 27: Pesach V	0.00	☆ Wed. 5/4 Weekly Wednesday Minyan
Weekly Wednesday Minyan NO TALMUD TORAH	8:00 am	☆ Wed. 5/4 Talmud Torah (2-6)-T'fillah Boot Camp
		☆ Thu. 5/5 Lunch and Learn at Chapel Hill Main Library
Thursday, April 28: Pesach VI		Thu. 5/5 Sulam Session #6
Candle Lighting—7:43 pm		☆ Thu. 5/5 Sicha: Belonging to the People of the Book-
Friday, April 29: Pesach VII		Belonging to the Talmud
Candle Lighting—7:43 pm OFFICE CLOSED		Image: Image: Fri. 5/6 USY Shabbat Dinner (8th graders invited) at
Passover Morning Services	9:00 am	Rabbi Greyber's
		Gabbai Schedule Contact the scheduled gabbai if you'd like to request an <i>aliyah</i> , 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
This weekend's Kiddush lunch is sponsored by: Caitlin and Geoffrey Pitt & Robert and Deborah Rosenstein		been previously claimed during the week.
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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.		
		4/29* 7-day Pesach Matt Diamond mattdiamond@mindspring.com 919-688-0377
		4/30 8-day Pesach Elise Goldwasser elise.goldwasser@duke.edu 919-956-8871
		5/7 AhareyMot-MacharChodesh Alan Mandel andelcpa@gmail.com 917-589-5673

Pesach

Adapted from http://www.uscj.org/

Counting the Omer-And Making Each Day Count Adapted from http://www.uscj.org/ Day 1 (16 Nisan) - Why do you think we count the omer after dark?

Day 2 (17 Nisan) - Long ago, Jews brought an omer of barley - about a quart - to the Temple each day as an offering to God. What kind of offering might you make today?

Day 3 (18 Nisan) - Think about the preparations that culminated in the celebration of Pesach this year. Do the rules, rituals, and restrictions associated with this holiday enhance your celebration? How?

Day 4 (19 Nisan) - Pesach brought us freedom; Shavuot brought us the Law. What does the linking of these two holidays - and concepts - teach us?

Day 5 (20 Nisan) - One name for Shavuot is Atzeret, which means a concluding festival. What does this suggest about the relationship between Pesach and Shavuot?

Day 6 (21 Nisan) - Pesach is a celebration of the Exodus, in which God demonstrates God's power by, for example, dividing the Red Sea. Do you think witnessing miracles alone can create faith in God?

Day 7 (22 Nisan) - Today is the last day of Pesach in the diaspora and we recite Yizkor in the synagogue. Why do you think it is important to recite the memorial prayer even on our most joyous holidays?

Day 8 (23 Nisan) The period during which we count the omer is called s'firah, counting. During this time many Jews limit occasions for public rejoicing, generally refraining from holding s'machot, particularly weddings. What are the reasons for this practice?

Day 9 (24 Nisan) - When God spoke directly to the Jewish people before the revelation at Sinai, the people were extremely frightened and asked Moses to serve as a gobetween. What do you think frightened them?

Day 10 (25 Nisan) - Moses remained on the top of Mount Sinai for 40 days and 40 nights receiving the Law from God. During that time, the Jewish people built the Golden Calf. Why do you think they did this?

Day 11 (26 Nisan) - Shavot is called by many names, each indicating a different aspect of the holiday. (For example, Z'man Matan Torateinu, a rabbinic name for the holiday, refers to the giving of the Torah.) What other names for Shavuot have you learned, and what does each teach you about the holiday?

Day 12 (27 Nisan) - Today is the actual date for Yom HaShoah, although community observances many vary. Consider adopting a family or personal ritual, such as lighting a yellow Holocaust candle available from the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs, to help bring the remembrance into focus.

Day 13 (28 Nisan) - Shavuot celebrates the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai. According to legend, this mountain was selected because of its small size and modesty. What can we learn from this?

Day 14 (29 Nisan) - As we begin to anticipate receiving the Ten Commandments, consider the prospect of forming a society without such rules. Could it work? Would we want to be part of such a society?

Refuah Shleymah רפואה שלמה

Ovadya ben Elinor (Ovadya Fleishman)

Reuven ben Chanoch v'Dinah (Robert Feurst)

Rut bat Sarah (Suzanne Furst)

Sara bat Hinda (Sylvia Dante)

Sarah Gittel bat Rut (Sue Perlo)

Shira Batva bat Meirav

Shmuel ben Shoshana

Tuvia ben Shmuel v'Tziporah (Tovia Lebovich)

Tziporah bat Esther

Sonia Berman

Anne Boyd

Yitzhaka Zissel bat Avram haKohen u'Malka (Jane Gabin)

Aharon ben David u'Miriam (Alan Goldman)

Baracha bat Sarah

Batya bat Shprintza (Barbra Roberman)

Bedonna Riva bat Sara

Ben-Zion ben Sarah

Chana bat Malkah

Hannah Leah bat Sarah (Anna Crollman)

Daronit Esther bat Tuvia v'Leah (Jennifer Greyber)

David ben Sarah (David Leitner)

David Yosef ben Avraham vHannah (Donald Goldstein) Eliyahu Chanan ben

Saran (Ed Gagnon)

Malkah bat Leah (Meg Anderson)

Malka Hannah bat Basha Cynthia Brown Rachel Miriam Shifra bat Issur (Margaret Sachs) Elinor Fleishman

M'cor Eyshel bat Esther Jennifer Krunkosky Tzvia

Yahrzeits יארצייט

Bessie Bergman	Sylvia Levy
Herbert Flicker	Arnold Lind
Miriam Gingold	Rose Nydick
Michael Goodrich	Roslyn Rose
Jim Guild	Albrecht Strauss
Alexander Koplowitz	

BE Mazel Tov

Mazel Tov to the following Beth El members on their birthdays! Kim Bardy, Richard Cramer, Tim Dew, Daphne Friedman, Sue Gidwitz, Sheila Goldstein, Diane Markoff, Julie Mell, Robert Rosenstein, Alex Schnitzer, Shoshana Schoham, Julian Waller, Howard Weinberg

Mazel Tov to Gladys Siegel on the marriage of her granddaughter Gal to Eden Fisher on Friday afternoon April 15, on Kibutz Be'Eri, in Israel.

Do you have a Mazel Tov to share with the Beth El community? Mazel Tovs include the birth of a child, a new job, or something special that you would like to share! Email emily@betheldurham.org with the great news!

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