

Message from Rabbi Greyber:



A Marathon Shabbat

First and foremost, thank you. With Harlan and Elise's permission, I ran a marathon in December to support the healing of their daughter, Corey, who needs a second lung transplant. The goal was to raise \$26,200 - \$1,000 for each mile. We raised more than \$27,000 for which I and the family are deeply grateful.

I decided to run a marathon to mark turning 50. I started running regularly in the spring and managed to keep up my training in Israel and Morocco over the summer, even

building some mileage during the High Holiday season. When I got to the "long run" stage in October and November, I injured my foot and needed to stop running and let it heal. I managed a 20-mile run about a month before the race, but the injury cost me some key conditioning so I wasn't as strong as I'd hoped to be. Also, race day was warm – 70 degrees. The 20-mile run I did was in 45-degree weather, much easier for running. At the start line, I knew the race would be hard, but it was harder than I expected. I went out slow and made sure to stay hydrated along the way. Jen met me at mile 13, giving me a welcome boost of inspiration. Around mile 18, I felt a little nauseous so, for the last eight miles, I did a combination of walking and running to get myself across the finish line. I was able to finish at a faster pace for the last mile or two, carried by Corey and her strength and courage to fight for breath each day, and carried by our amazing community who gave so generously.

Now, a confession, or, better, a clarification. As the marathon weekend approached, a number of you said, "Good luck Sunday!" assuming that the race was on Sunday, but it was not. It was on Shabbat. I am grateful to be the rabbi of a community where I don't feel judged or like I have to explain my decision to run a marathon on Shabbat, but as a rabbi, I want to take the opportunity to share how I wrestle with the Jewish tradition and, in doing so, hopefully to inspire you to be a fellow wrestler. So, how does a rabbi run a marathon on Shabbat? First, on a technical level, running on Shabbat is not necessarily a Shabbat violation. What is forbidden on Shabbat is **מלאכה** / *melacha*, which does not mean "work." (Ahad Ha'Am once said, "Trying to learn about Judaism in translation is like trying to kiss a bride through the veil" – it doesn't work so well! He was reminding us that Judaism "speaks Hebrew." Jewish ideas can only be expressed approximately in translation.) Rather, **מלאכה** refers to 39 categories of forbidden labor (see Mishnah Shabbat 7:2 for the list), and "running" or "running a marathon" is not on the list. To be clear, the rabbis say in many places that there is an overriding principle that should govern Shabbat decisions – **רוח שבת** – the spirit of Shabbat, and it's clear that strenuous activity (such as running so far you feel nauseous) doesn't qualify! But, as far as the 39 categories of forbidden labor, the act of running itself is not a violation.

What was involved that might have been a problem? Carrying. It is forbidden to carry objects in a public space unless one is in an *eruv*, a legal area that has combined lots of private spaces together into a private space (such as the one we built around Beth El a few years ago). However, there is a general principle that an island provides a natural *eruv*. My marathon was on Kiawah Island (knowing that actually did factor into my preferring this particular race), so perhaps the carrying of the water bottle and Gu packets was permitted. The shuttle to and from the starting line was certainly driven by a non-Jew and was going whether or not I was on it. One could argue these were all rationalizations, but these categories are all part of my regular Shabbat observance and I wanted to use them to think through my marathon Shabbat too.

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Jennifer and I made sure to be at the place we were staying before sunset. We lit candles and made Kiddush and had a nice (carbo loading) Shabbat dinner. I was able to daven before the race and you can be sure that after the race, I had a very good Shabbat afternoon nap!

Why am I sharing all these machinations with you? My point is not to prove that running a marathon is a completely permissible Shabbat activity. Sometimes I think we weaken Jewish law by trying to stretch it so much to fit the decisions we make, when it's more honest to just admit – running a marathon on Shabbat probably isn't technically permitted by Jewish law. As a rabbi, I don't ever want to represent myself as perfect. I take Jewish tradition seriously, keep the mitzvot to the best of my ability, and I fall down sometimes too.

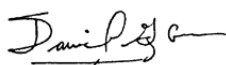
I share some of this thinking with you out of a conviction that Shabbat – and Judaism in general – is not black and white, not all or nothing. Ultimately, my decision to run a marathon on Shabbat was driven by a number of factors. One was necessity. I could have, of course, just not run a marathon, but since it was an important goal to me, finding a Sunday race that I could get to and that worked on the rabbi's calendar this fall (remember those 7 straight *bnei mitzvah*?) was not possible. Number two was a deep sense of God's love; I do not believe that God is eagerly waiting to punish each of us for each violation of Jewish law we commit. In Pirkei Avot 6:11, we are taught that God gave us a lot of mitzvot so that the Jewish people could earn merit. Rabbi Samuel of Uceda (16th century Tzefat) explains:

The author of this Mishnah wanted to give people an upbeat message concerning service of God through Torah and *mitzvot*, so that they not adopt the foolish point of view that wisdom is beyond us, that the Torah is too vast, and that there are just too many *mitzvot* for anyone to fulfill. And so he taught us in this Mishnah that God – who sanctifies us with the *mitzvot* and command us – does not command the way a mortal king commands.

A mortal king sets out commands for his servants, and when they do not fully measure up to all the demands, he punishes them for not fulfilling the king's commands. **But God works differently.** The reason that Israel was given so much Torah and so many *mitzvot* was not to establish that they must master and fulfill them all, or else they will be punished (even if they are fulfilling some – or even most – of them!). Were that the case, then the multitude of *mitzvot* would hardly be making it possible for them to earn *merit* – on the contrary, it would be a cause of *punishment* for them. Thus, I say, the truth is otherwise...The multiplicity of *mitzvot* is not to threaten punishment, but rather to make merit possible – so that every one who learns Torah and fulfills *mitzvot* will earn merit and receive reward according to his learning and ability, without limit. That's why there is much Torah and many *mitzvot*.

I don't ever want to take advantage of God's loving nature, but I also believe God is rooting for us - not waiting to punish us. I trust in God's forgiveness and that my relationship with God and Shabbat is strong enough to withstand moments that are different from the norm. Number three was a deep belief that caring for my body is itself a mitzvah. I know that I am a better version of myself when I am training, and that having a goal – like finishing a marathon for the first time – motivates me to exercise even when I don't feel like it.

Friends, we are blessed to live in a tolerant, non-judgmental community, but, if you are like me, you know well the internal voice that is far harsher than external ones. That voice tells us we are hypocrites, that we are bad Jews, that it's only "those" Jews who "really" keep the commandments. Some people might argue that my sharing this story was a bad idea, that in doing so, I've weakened Shabbat observance or publicly praised sinful behavior. Perhaps when I die, I'll meet God and find out they were right. But ultimately, as rabbi of Beth El, I don't want to hide parts of who I am or my Jewish journey. I want to share of myself and to encourage you to remember: Judaism, Shabbat, keeping kosher – these things are not "all or nothing." Take Shabbat with you by bringing candles and wine with you and by making an effort to observe within the framework of our tradition, even if every decision isn't technically perfect. Take Judaism with you, into your lives, into your homes, into your workplace, and even on the road, for 26.2 miles!





A Note from Interim Executive Director Cynthia Hogle

As I write this, I have completed my first week as Beth El's interim executive director. Phew!

When, on Sunday, December 5th, Rabbi Greyber saw me in "Alan's" chair, he remarked – "So this is how it happens. One moment Alan is in his chair, and in the next moment, you are." I said, "Yes. Alan took his box of belongings and left me with a list of priorities, an overflowing email inbox, and a stack of papers along with extensive directions on what to do." And thus, the transition began.

There are several words in Hebrew for "transition." One of the terms, *גשירה* (*geshirah*), comes from *גשר* (*gesher*), meaning "bridge." It indicates transitions as a "bridging" from one person to another or from one situation to another.

As your interim executive director, I hope to facilitate a positive transition from one executive director to the next. My role is to lead the work of building, with your support, a bridge — bridging from the past executive director to the one selected as a result of the current national search.

Transitions are always a little challenging and maybe a little scary since no one knows what is happening next. We will navigate this transition as Shabbat services, Talmud Torah, the many programs, events, classes, and committee work continue. By building a sturdy bridge, we can do this.

Throughout my career, I have been responsible for several transitions. A few positions required constant transitions between teams and staff members. I have worked on the set of the Rosanne television show, in the West Wing of the White House, and on outposts in Iraq and Afghanistan. In between, I worked with several national and international nonprofit organizations in various leadership capacities. My commitment to a vision and my perseverance are proven by the unlikely projects I brought to fruition and the initiatives I spearheaded. I hope you will find me to be highly creative, motivated, passionate, and dedicated to my work, while committed to teamwork and collaboration.

I seek to leverage my experience to benefit the Jewish community, and specifically Beth El. This increasingly earnest desire is due to the widespread rise of antisemitism in North America and worldwide.

As a life-long student, I am eager to immerse myself in Jewish learning. I grew up attending a Conservative synagogue where I was a Bat Mitzvah; therefore, Shabbat services at Beth El feel very familiar to me, and I look forward to becoming an integral part of your community.

I cannot thank the Beth El staff, Rabbi Greyber, the Board members, committee members, and the congregation members enough for the warm and supportive welcome I have received. In my multiple positions throughout my career, no one has ever sung a welcome song for me as the congregation did on Saturday, December 4th at services and again on Sunday, December 5th at Alan's farewell party. Thank you.

מודה אני לכם (*Modah Ani Lachem*) - I am grateful to you – I am grateful to be working as your interim executive director and look forward to our collaboration in building Beth El's bridge to the future.

Cynthia Hogle

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*From the Desk of Board President
Leslie Winner*



Chevre,

As we enter 2022, with COVID allowing a bit more freedom of movement, it is a good time to think about building and re-building relationships at Beth El. Who are those people in the congregation whom you think are interesting, or whom you like, but you haven't had a chance to spend time with over the last two years? What could you do to connect or reconnect with them to deepen your relationship? And, how can you form new relationships? Beth El had about 35 households join our congregation in 2021. What could you do to become friends with some of them?

Of course, some of this is individual—invite a new member or family for Shabbat dinner or arrange to have coffee with someone you don't know. If you are interested, you can get a copy of the 2021 new member list from Sheri (sheri@betheldurham.org).

In addition, once the COVID Omicron surge subsides, Beth El is planning some activities that will give you an opportunity to reengage with the people you already know and also to get to know some additional people.

First, those who attend the annual Beach Shabbaton were no doubt disappointed that we were not able to have it in December 2020 or 2021. Good news! With our children 5 and up now able to be vaccinated, we have rescheduled it, and we plan to have two Shabbatons in 2022. The first will be a spring Shabbaton at the beautiful Eastern 4-H Center in Tyrrell County on the weekend of April 1, 2022. A full weekend unplugged at a retreat center has been an extraordinary piece of Beth El's annual calendar. We are hungry to get back that kind of community time. Look out for sign up information in our weekly emails.

Second, we are planning some multi-session classes and entertainment starting in late February and into the spring. This will give you a chance for learning or entertainment while meeting a group of new people, mostly face to face, over three or four weeks. As I write this (in early January), we are thinking about a series of cooking lessons, a chance to learn to play Mah Jongg (likely in April, perhaps followed by a weekly Mah Jongg game), and a movie night series. Think of this as a way to make new friends as well as to learn more about something you are interested in. Check your weekly emails for the details. And, if you have an idea for a 3-4 session group, and you are willing to lead it, let me know at president@betheldurham.com.

Of course Beth El has other ongoing activities, such as Rabbi Sager's weekly Mishnah study, Rabbi Greyber's monthly Lunch and Learn, and Eliana Light's monthly Rosh Chodesh Circle. If you are interested, it is not too late to join any of those groups.

Beth El has wonderful members. Find an opportunity to get to know a few more of us.

Kol Tuv,



Talmud Torah

Shalom, Y'all!

As I write this, we are in the midst of Chanukah celebrations at Beth El and winding down our first full semester mostly back in person at Talmud Torah. It has been a semester full of unexpected twists and turns, as we made the decision to continue our Wednesday classes on Zoom, while pressing on with Sunday school in person.

It has been heartening to see how resilient our kids are and how wholeheartedly they have thrown themselves back into Talmud Torah routines. The Gaga pit is alive again with the bouncing of balls and the yelps of delighted ballplayers during recess. The tent in our parking lot has become a place of gathering each Sunday morning as we sing the Havdalah service, lighting our way into a new week together. Our artist-in-residence, Eliana Light, and our song leader and trop teacher, Spencer Garfield, engage our community in song and play as we explore the nuances of our *t'fillot* (prayers) and songs both new and familiar. Inside the classrooms, both physically and on Zoom, our indefatigable faculty guides students through Hebrew letters, holidays and customs, Hebrew vocabulary, and Jewish history. From our kindergarteners' Shabbat bags through our seventh graders' thoughtful explorations of Jewish identity, students continue on their journeys of learning discovery.

However, it's important to acknowledge that there are still plenty of things that are not "normal" about this year. Our students and faculty are still masked, meaning that only half of those smiling faces are visible. Our classes can only mix in larger numbers outside, meaning that our Havdalah and t'fillah gatherings are only possible outdoors or, when necessary, on Zoom. Some Talmud Torah favorite activities, like eating bagels together in the multipurpose room while we sing or sharing hamentaschen in class on Purim, simply aren't possible yet, and we don't know when they will be. While learning to teach during a pandemic has been its own journey, one thing that has been reinforced to me during this time is that it's important to be honest with children when faced with their (natural, understandable, developmentally appropriate) questions. This does not mean answering every single distracting question that is asked and losing track of the class, as any teacher will tell you! But it does mean realizing that, in the words of Stephen Sondheim z"l, "children will listen ... [they] may not obey, but children will listen /Children will look to you for which way to turn."

Our children understand a lot more than they let on, and their anger, fear, and anxiety is often expressed in complicated ways – just like their parents. When they ask questions about God, or mortality, or good and evil, they are showing us that they are grappling with a very scary world, and it is so tough to realize that there is often little we can do to shield them from its challenges. But all of the faculty and staff in the education and youth department are devoted to providing them with as safe a space as we can to ask and wrestle with these questions as they develop a sense of Jewish connection with their teachers and fellow classmates. As we look forward to more holidays and school events coming down the pike, I am excited to continue building community together with them and you all, whatever lies ahead.

Alexandra Bicks
Education & Youth Director

Mazel Tov on your upcoming B'nei Mitzvah!!

Susannah Bell
January 28-29, 2022

Ezra Davis
March 18-19, 2022



Teen Engagement

Hi, Beth El Community!

Happy New Year! What an incredible first semester we have had together after a year of being apart. Every opportunity I have gotten to spend with our fantastic teens makes me even more grateful for the incredible healthcare workers and scientists that made it possible for us to be back together again. Although the fall and beginning of winter has already sped by, we have had some incredible adventures and learning experiences together. Our goal this year specifically was to bring the teens back in person for safe, educational, and fun programming, and I am so happy to report that the past few months have been all of those things and more.

We kicked off our year in the heat with a fantastic teen kickoff, made fall crafts and painted pumpkins together outside, and showed our athletic side during USY Olympics. Many of our teens had Bar and Bat Mitzvahs, and led their services so beautifully. We took an incredible journey all the way to Pennsylvania for USY Fall Convention, where we played games, sat by the campfire, had interesting and moving conversations, danced, helped lead services, met new friends - and reunited with old. Lastly, we enjoyed Chanukah games, crafts, and of course, lots of latkes, at our Chanukah Extravaganza last month.

Once again, I cannot say enough about how lucky I feel to have such an impressive group of teens. They are passionate about their Jewish identities, connected to one another, incredibly hardworking, and always down for a fun time. I truly could not ask for a better group.

I wish all of you a new year filled with joy, good health, and peace.

Best wishes,

Zosia DeWitt

Director of Teen Engagement





Tot and PreKadima Programming

Shalom Chaverim,

What a wonderful start to the year! It has felt so good to be back in person with the amazing kids of Beth El. Even though their faces are covered with masks, I can see everyone's smiles in their eyes and it fills me with joy.

We have had two great PreKadima programs so far this year. In September we played a bunch of outdoor games such as "Would You Rather," where we ran to each side of the parking lot, and "Follow the Leader," where we guessed which PreKadima-nik was doing a silly motion. The older kids partnered with the younger ones to find all the items on our scavenger hunt and we played Gaga and basketball too! It was great to experience everyone's hilarious personalities.

In October, we got **wild** and traveled to Piedmont Wildlife Center. We went on a hike through the woods and saw some native plants and learned what the local animals eat. We also were introduced to some rescue animals, including a turtle, snake, and rabbit. We learned a lot and enjoyed having the opportunity to explore outside.

I am so grateful to also be able to do tot programming this year. I have started our new program called Baby and Me where children under 2 come and play while their grownups drink coffee and converse about the highs and lows of parenthood. It's been a wonderful and cathartic experience that I'm excited to continue!

Simchat Tot has also been a huge success! I love having storytimes and singing along with all the Beth El tots and their families.

I sincerely love planning programs for your kids and look forward to the rest of the year!

Laura Oestreicher Ricon

Tot and PreKadima Programming Coordinator



We Enjoyed Celebrating Chanukah With You!



We Wish Alan Friedman Well in His Future Endeavors!



Meet Your Committee Leadership

Art Committee: Sol Levine

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and Eliana Schonberg

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Orthodox Kehillah: Phillippe Chemla and Jesse Summers

Ritual: Jereme Albin

Sisterhood: TBD

Social Action: Rachel Bearman and Evelina Moulder

Va'ad HaChinuch: Adam Singer

Racial Justice Task Force (RJTF)

This past fall, around the High Holidays, the Racial Justice Task Force announced the yearly theme to the congregation, shared 18 readings and podcasts for learning and reflection, and distributed a survey to gauge individual congregants' thoughts on racial justice equity and the role of Beth El in learning about and responding to racial issues in our community and country.

More than 80% of Beth El members who took the survey said they are concerned about racism in the United States. Nearly 70% of respondents said the best way Beth El could respond to racial challenges is by educating members on our nation's history of racism and injustice.

Other survey findings:

- 80% of respondents think Beth El should continue becoming a congregation that works toward racial justice (fewer than 5% disagreed)
- Only 25% of respondents said they had attended an introductory training on race, although lots of people had read books/articles, listened to podcasts, and watched documentaries.

In addition to education on our nation's history of racism and injustice, the majority of respondents identified the following steps they would like to see Beth El take:

- Reach out to people of color in our Beth El congregation to find out what actions they wish our congregation would take to better meet the needs of their families.
- Reach out to people of color in our local community to find out what actions they wish Beth El would take as partners in creating racial justice
- Infuse racial equity into our youth educational and social programming
- Infuse racial equity into Beth El's lifelong learning and adult social programming
- Get involved in advocacy to address structural racism

The Racial Justice Task Force will work with Beth El's committees and staff to follow through on these congregational recommendations.

In late September, the RJTF held its first community-wide program, *How to Have Difficult Conversations*, with Billy Planer from Etgar 36. Billy's presentation focused on a particular pathway towards engagement in racial issues, that of direct personal outreach and connection.

Our second event, a level-setting educational program, on December 12, focused on looking at racism as a systemic issue requiring system-wide solutions.

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Nearly 50 Beth El members (and a handful from Judea Reform) participated in a three-hour online seminar on racial inequality in the United States. The seminar, facilitated by Greensboro's Racial Equity Institute, provided participants with evidence-based studies showing that Black Americans receive unequal treatment across every social system, including healthcare, education, law enforcement, child welfare, banking and lending. Presenters also showed, through multiple academic studies, that racial disparities persist even when socio-economic differences are taken into account. These realities point to what is often called "structural racism," the idea that systems treat races differently regardless of individual behavior or cultural tradition. Dismantling these inequities will require collaborative solutions across various systems. 90% of participants who provided feedback said they learned something new from the presentation. Many expressed appreciation for the well organized, clearly presented, carefully researched, well explained data, with opportunities for audience participation in the chat. As one participant said, "it put a whole set of researched, vetted data in my hands" so the person can "better talk about the disparities." On Thursday, December 16, Beth El members who participated in the seminar met on Zoom for a follow-up discussion and reflection on the presentation. This smaller group processed takeaways and potential next steps for Beth El and identified wanting more opportunities for discussion, to see good coordination with Beth El's committees, and to have opportunities to hear from panels of Black and biracial Jewish families.

Beyond programming, the RJTF has focused on infusing the theme throughout the congregation by engaging committees to align at least 25% of their programming, communications, and operations using a racial justice lens. We hope that, where possible, groups will exceed this bar by using a racial justice lens even when the topic isn't racial justice. Programming could include movies, discussion groups, book groups, study sessions, social action events, or visiting scholars. Communications could include messages from the rabbi, mailings, Beth El's social media, the bulletin, or the weekly d'var Torah. Operational decisions could include choices of vendors or investment strategies. Talmud Torah and youth programming is also participating and has formed its own racial justice sub-committee.

The RJTF is here to serve as a guide and resource for programming across the congregation so all Beth El members can participate in learning and discussion through their already established connections within the congregation, in the ritual setting, social action programming, men's and women's groups, etc.

This year is an opportunity for the congregation to focus learning and attention on the issue, and for the congregation to then learn and reflect together on next steps. These are complex conversations which we must approach with humility and grace. And yet, they are of great importance to our future as both a congregation and a community. We hope that, through offering a myriad of programs on different topics from varying perspectives, all Beth El members will have the opportunity and will feel comfortable to participate, learn and engage.

The Racial Justice Task Force is always open to hearing from the Beth El community and having members join the planning committee. To learn more, contact Rachel Bearman at rbearman@mebtel.net.



Social Action

The Social Action Committee, while distant during COVID, has still been actively engaging the Beth El community. We are incredibly thankful for our generous community which has enabled us to continue to support local food banks through food and monetary donations, help settle a family from Burma, and plan to help settle and integrate Afghan refugees in Durham.

As a committee of Beth El, Social Action has also committed to the year-long theme of racial justice and is educating itself around inequity in food systems. Social Action and Beth El have long been engaged with issues of food insecurity in our community, as active volunteers at local shelters and food banks, and as donors. In line with this commitment, we will investigate how race has played a role in food insecurity and its impact on food distribution and services to alleviate hunger. We look at this as a long-term goal, to better understand the role of race and how we, as a congregation engaged in combatting food insecurity, can work to help level that inequity.

We are always open to new committee members to join our planning group. Interested in learning more? Contact Rachel Bearman at rbearman@mebtel.net or Evelina Moulder at eviemoulder@gmail.com.



Join Rabbi Greyber and
Rev. Katie Crowe for a
Beth El–Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church
Interfaith Trip to Israel
June 13–23, 2022

Visit israelmaven.com/interfaith/ for details!



Lifelong Learning

Together with Jewish for Good, we will host our **Jewish Book Festival** in March 2022!

Stay tuned for registration details.

Sunday, March 20:

1pm: Cynthia Levinson, *The People's Painter*

4pm: Riva Lehrer, *Golem Girl*

7pm: Brad Aaronson, *HumanKind*

Monday, March 21:

4pm: Ruth Behar, *Letters from Cuba*

7pm: Laura Liebman, *Once We Were Slaves*

Tuesday, March 22:

4pm: Judy Cohen, *A Cry in Unison*

7pm: Menachem Kaiser, *Plunder*

Wednesday, March 23:

4pm: Rafi Berg, *Red Sea Spies*

7pm: Josh Henkin, *Morningside Heights*

Thursday, March 24:

4pm: David Biro, *This Magnificent Dappled Sea*

7pm: Helene Wecker, *Hidden Palace*

Sunday, March 27:

1pm: Paula Shoyer, *The Instant Pot Kosher Cookbook*

4pm: Marc Straus, *One-Legged Mongoose*

7pm: Joshua Greene, *Unstoppable*



DurhamISH

Shabbat by and for the young-ish, Jew-ish folk of the Durham-ish area! After a long Zoom interim, DurhamISH is back in-person for Kabbalat Shabbat and a pot-luck dinner on the first Friday of every month. We welcome many people new to the area and long-standing Durham-ites and are serious about that “-ish” part. We’re building an inclusive community, so if you’re worried about showing up to a “young-ish” event when you’re over 40 or are “Jewish curious,” no worries! You’ll find yourself at home here. With lay-led services each month, you’re sure to experience something new each time. If you’re interested in leading, learning to lead, or want to get involved, please reach out to our coordinator Alexina Haefner at alexina.haefner@gmail.com. We'd like to thank the donors who have provided us with the funds for entrées for our Shabbat dinners this year.



Torah Fund

I would like to introduce myself. I am Lois Sobel, and Mary Joan Mandel has asked me to be the new Torah Fund chair for Beth El. This is not a new experience for me, as I was Torah Fund chair at our former synagogue in Massachusetts. I believe in its mission to help students at the Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS) in New York and those around the world. Not having to worry about housing, knowing that there is support behind you, makes the task at hand much easier.

For those of you who do not know what Torah Fund is, let me explain. Many years ago, it was started to support housing for the rabbinical students at the JTS in NY. We work together to strengthen Jewish education and scholarship at Conservative seminaries around the world. The gifts you contribute go towards financial aid, programming and housing aid for all arms of the Seminary. These institutions are the training grounds not only for Conservative rabbis and *chazanim*, but also teachers, scholars and researchers. We do this not just for us, but for future generations to ensure the vitality and vibrancy of all arms of the Seminary. You do not need to be a Sisterhood member to support this noble cause.

How YOU can be a part:

- Write a check in any amount payable to Torah Fund and mail it to me at the address below.
- Become a Benefactor for \$180, which can be paid in full or in 4 installments. Each year you'll receive a beautiful Benefactors pin that you can wear with pride. You will receive a packet of 5 cards as part of being a Benefactor.
- Purchase Torah Fund cards. There are cards for every occasion. They are sold separately for \$5 each, or packets of 5 for \$20. I can also send a card on your behalf at a cost of \$5.

This year's pin is *CHESED*, meaning kindness done without reward. Biblical examples include Abraham and Sarah welcoming three strangers, Rebecca offering water to Abraham's servant, and Ruth showing loyalty and kindness to Naomi. This year's pin (it was last year's as well) shows the heart of kindness, enacted to ever-widening circles of generosity from family to the greater world. "May we build a world of kindness."

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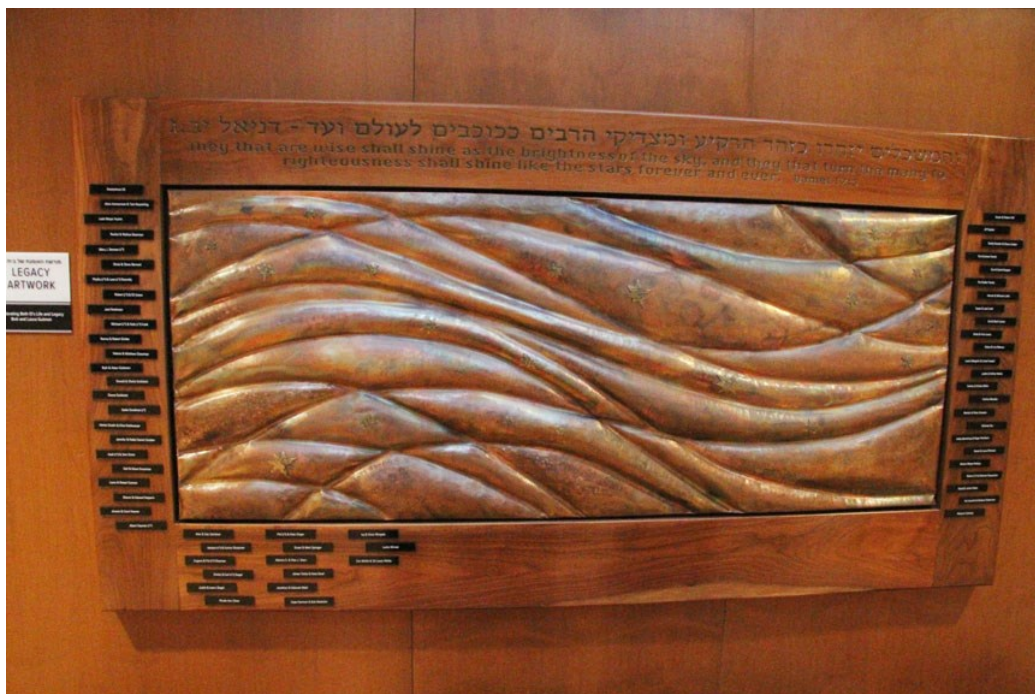
Beth El Life & Legacy Society Members Recognized on Andrew Preiss Sculpture in the Lobby

In 2014, Beth El members Hillel Koren and Robert Gutman commissioned the artist Andrew Preiss to create a sculpture for the synagogue lobby to acknowledge the establishment of the Gladys and Earl Seigel Endowment Fund, and synagogue members who made a gift to support this fund. Galia Goodman and Rabbi Greyber were also involved in early design development and crafting the Hebrew wording for the artwork.

Andrew Preiss has owned and operated ARP Design Studio in Durham, creating unique furnishings as well as large -scale, site-specific sculptural installations. A primary goal of his work has been to encourage interaction between objects and sculptural forms he creates and the user or viewer.

When Beth El completed its renovation, the sculpture was given a place of honor in the lobby of the newly renovated synagogue. In addition to the original donors to the endowment, over 65 Beth El members are acknowledged for making a plan to leave a legacy gift to the endowment to help sustain the future financial viability of our Jewish community.

To find out more about how you can become a member of the Life & Legacy Society and have your name included on this plaque, contact Norma Gindes at normagindes@gmail.com.



Thank you to our Life and Legacy donors!

Beth El Synagogue recognizes and is grateful to members who have committed to sustain our Jewish community with a gift in their will, living trust, retirement account, or life insurance policy. A legacy gift to Beth El is a simple and meaningful way to help guarantee a strong and vibrant synagogue for future generations. Also, we acknowledge those members who had the foresight to generously support the creation of the Gladys and Earl Siegel Endowment 18 years ago.

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<i>*נפ"ל - Of blessed memory</i>	Sheva Zucker and Sandy Kessler

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

The Ruth and Bernard Greenberg Educational Endowment Fund

Long-time members of Beth El Synagogue, Ruth and Bernie Greenberg, led lives guided by their two abiding faiths – Judaism and education.



To honor their parents and memorialize their values, Ruth and Bernie's three children, Stan, Frances, and Ray, have established an endowment fund at Beth El to support Jewish education.

The origins of this fund can be traced back to the earliest days of the elder Greenbergs. Both were raised in observant families, Ruth in the small Jewish community of Grand Forks, North Dakota, and Bernie in the hustle and bustle of New York City. They came of age during the Great Depression, and, like most American families at the time, both experienced significant financial hardships. Talent, scholarships, hard work, and family sacrifice allowed Ruth to graduate from the University of Minnesota and Bernie from City College of New York. Ruth continued her education in graduate school at Yale studying physiological chemistry, while Bernie joined the New York State Department of Health.

Bernie's budding career was put on hold with the outbreak of World War II. The US Army appointed him as a teacher at the Officer Candidate School. One of his colleagues there, Alex Marck, brought Bernie home to meet his youngest sister, and a romance kindled, surviving his deployment to Europe and culminating in their marriage when he was discharged in 1946. The newlyweds relocated to Raleigh, North Carolina, so that Bernie could enter graduate school in experimental statistics at what was then known as "State College." There, the young couple was supported by the GI Bill and Ruth's modest salary teaching chemistry to undergraduates, groundbreaking work at the time in a profession that was the exclusive domain of men.

Their first child, Stan, was born three years later, just before Bernie completed his doctorate. The young family moved to Chapel Hill, where Bernie was appointed as the founding chairman and sole faculty member of the Department of Biostatistics at UNC. Two years later, while Bernie was beginning to build the Department into what would become an academic powerhouse, they welcomed their second child, Frances. Ray, the last of the brood, arrived four years later.

A second home for the Greenbergs was Beth El Synagogue where the family regularly attended services and religious school. All three children celebrated their B'nei Mitzvah and confirmations there.

Bernie served as president of the congregation in the mid-60s. He was the first university faculty member to hold that position in a congregation established and historically led by members of the business community. In an inspirational Kol Nidre message that Bernie delivered to the congregation in 1965, he stated: "A man's true worth is measured by how much he does for his community and not by his bank balance." Bernie derived happiness from the knowledge that he was being of service to others. One of his many outstanding accomplishments was strengthening and promoting adult education programs and lecture series promoting Jewish education. He also served as the chair of the search that led to the hiring of Rabbi Steve Sager. Rabbi Sager's first wedding as the officiant was for Frances and her husband, Steven Klein.

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Bernie also left an enduring legacy at what is now the Gillings School of Public Health at UNC, where he served as dean for a decade. After he died at age 66 in 1985, the university named the new School of Public Health building – McGavran-Greenberg Hall – in tribute to his many contributions there. Ruth remained in Chapel Hill, and continued to be an active member and regular attendee at Beth El until 2008, when she relocated to be close to Frances. She passed away on May 7 of this year at the age of 99.

The younger Greenbergs, now all senior citizens themselves, remain committed to Beth El despite the many decades since they were regular attendees there. Stan was introduced to Israel as a teenager and, like several others of his generation at Beth El, he made Aliyah. He and wife Einat, parents of three children, live on the same kibbutz where he first visited and worked more than a half-century ago. Frances trained in dentistry, and she and husband, Steven, long-time active members of the Wilmington, Delaware Jewish community, raised two children there. After medical school, Ray followed in his father's footsteps by pursuing education in public health, later serving as the founding dean of the School of Public Health at Emory University, followed by academic leadership positions in South Carolina and Texas. He and his wife, Leah, now divide their time between winters in Sarasota, Florida and summers in Maine.

Stan, Frances, and Ray all benefitted from the wisdom, support, encouragement, and generosity of two amazing parents and Beth El synagogue that provided them with a strong Jewish foundation. As a living memorial to their parents and to help sustain the financial future and maintain the vitality of Beth El, they feel privileged to create the Ruth and Bernard Greenberg Educational Endowment Fund to support Jewish education in all of its many forms. The Greenberg children hope that this endowment gift inspires the creation of diverse educational experiences for the members of Beth El and serves as an inspiration for others to join and support this remarkable synagogue.



New Member Spotlight

Meet Billie & Corey Skolnick, Rachel (10) and Meirav (6)



Our family chose to join Beth El for its haimish atmosphere and the Talmud Torah/Bar Mitzvah program's focus on 'Functional Judaism' – we want to ensure that our children will feel comfortable participating in Jewish life at summer camp, college, and beyond as they grow into young adults. We are so glad to be a part of this warm community, and we look forward to getting to know as many members as possible!

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Sunday mornings at 9:30 am

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