

### *Message from Rabbi Greyber:*



#### **Holy Hobbies**

My uncle Michael died a year ago. I learned from him what the philosopher Kieran Setiya calls “atelic activity,” a fancy term meaning “activities whose value is not derived from a telos or ultimate aim.” What we call “hobbies.” At his and my aunt Debbie’s home in Herzliya, he would put me to work digging and planting the garden. We would drink coffee and watch NBA basketball games recorded the night before.

My uncle loved to bake bread and enjoyed cooking good food with fresh ingredients. We would spend hours working on black & white photos with an enlarger and chemical trays in their bomb-shelter-turned-darkroom. Michael sang classical music in a choir and, in the last few years of his life, started re-learning the clarinet, an instrument he’d played in his youth. A fond last memory I have is when, in late June 2021, we drove into downtown Tel Aviv and I waited in the car (there was no parking to be found) while he brought my old wooden clarinet into a small music shop to have it refurbished. When I returned to Herzliya in late July after my studies at Hartman, the clarinet had been delivered and I heard my uncle breathing deeply, practicing short pieces he was working on.

Michael made Aliyah in the late 1970s in part because he loved Israel and in part because, having come of age in the era of the Vietnam war and Richard Nixon as president, he was deeply dissatisfied with America. One thing he disliked about America is something Oliver Burkeman writes about in his book, *Four Thousand Weeks: Time Management for Mortals*.

[W]hen your relationship with time is almost entirely instrumental, the present moment starts to lose its meaning... We spend our days pursuing various accomplishments that we desire to achieve; and yet for any given accomplishment – attaining tenure at your university, say – it’s always the case either that you haven’t achieved it yet (so you’re dissatisfied, because you don’t have what you desire) or that you’ve already attained it (so you’re dissatisfied, because you no longer have it as something to strive toward)... We might seek to incorporate into our daily lives more things we do for their sake alone – to spend some of our time, that is, on activities in which the only thing we’re trying to get from them is the doing itself.

Jewish tradition has a word for doing something for its own sake: לשמה / *lishma*. One of Judaism’s highest values is *torah lishma*, studying Torah for its own sake. We often mistake Shabbat as a day merely for resting from work. For the rabbis, the restrictions from laboring on Shabbat created space not merely for sleeping but for engaging in holy hobbies: prayer, song, eating, and Torah study. To study Torah is to open oneself up to one of the many texts of the Jewish tradition and, in seeking to understand it, to embrace the possibility that those texts may contain something which you need to hear (from God?) at that particular time and place in your life. But regardless of whether one experiences an epiphany (one cannot expect epiphanies every day), *torah lishma* is an opportunity to enjoy being in the company of Jews from different times and places asking and answering questions of our tradition. To study *torah lishma* is precisely not to use time instrumentally; while we may set goals such as finishing a tractate of Mishnah or a chapter of the Talmud, the “point” is just to study and, in studying, to engage in a holy hobby where our worth as a human being is beyond what we achieve; it is infinite and unmeasurable because we are in the presence of God.

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Beginning in February, I will teach a Talmud class in the Sager Beit Midrash on many Thursday evenings this spring from 7:00 to 8:30pm. Class dates are (subject to change):

- February 9, 23
- March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
- April 13, 20, 27
- May 4, 11, 18
- June 15

We will study the 3rd chapter of Mo'ed Katan, a chapter from which Jewish mourning practices and traditions are derived. I am hoping we'll have a core of students committed to attending most class sessions, but you are welcome to drop in anytime. But, be forewarned! Do not show up expecting a direct application to your life or a linear, clear conversation about Jewish mourning practices (or anything else for that matter). Talmudic thinking notoriously wanders from topic to topic. To study the Talmud is to embrace the discomfort of getting lost in a world of strange questions and bizarre answers and, by engaging in one of Judaism's holy hobbies, just to enjoy. Perhaps along the way, one may hear something we need to hear, but whether or not inspiration comes, *torah lishma* is always time well spent.

*David Greyber*



*Rabbi Greyber and his Uncle Michael*



*A Note from  
Executive Director  
Jodi Salomon*

Happy Secular New Year! I often joke that my life has led me down a path to this moment where I am now doing the holy work of a synagogue Executive Director.

When I was a teenager, Judaism was an integral part of my being. I was president of my synagogue youth group, awarded an Outstanding Student honor for my confirmation class, and went on to study at Gratz College, at night, while I was still in high school, earning a Certificate of Jewish Education. I then went to BU as a Hotel/Food Administration major. From there, I began work at JP Morgan as a Food Operations Manager and then moved over to the business side of JP Morgan. My path continued as an Operations Manager for a Cruise Line, Director of Special Events for a non-profit, Third Grade Teacher, Stockbroker, and then to the Atlanta JCC where I was a Book Festival Coordinator, Adult Ed Director and ultimately a Day Camp/ Afterschool Programs Director.

Here is how each of these opportunities feeds into my current work at Beth El:

Food background – Kiddush and all of the food served at events

Cruise line work – moving people from one place in the building to another and having multiple things happening at once

Stockbroker – Financial acumen necessary to oversee the business of the shul

Non-profit work – Fundraising and event planning

JCC – Programming, logistics, HR, and the knowledge that I was meant to be a Jewish communal professional all along.

So, as you can see, my winding path has led me straight to Durham and I am happy to be here to have the opportunity to be a part of the Beth El family and to have met many of you over the High Holidays and through our myriad of events these past few months. My time at Beth El has been marked, also, by loss.

Many of the people that I have met have been at the darkest times in their life. We have lost some long-standing members of the Beth El community in the past seven months, who were pillars of our community, and I regret having not met them in person; however, I feel humbled and honored to have “met” them through their funerals. This dates back to Sunday, May 15, the last day of my in-person interview weekend in Durham, here at Beth El. I flew back to Atlanta and shortly thereafter received the news of Rabbi Sager’s passing. I “attended” Rabbi Sager’s funeral on Zoom and cried along with the rest of you, knowing that I would not have the opportunity to meet him and so wishing that I had known him the way all of you did.

Herb Carson, Eli Evans, Don Goldstein, Jacki Resnick, and others have given me the opportunity to meet many of you at their funerals, and I have a better sense of who Beth El is, as a community, because of what I learned about them and the leadership roles they played in the history of the synagogue. This community is special in its warmth, knowledge base, and most importantly, its people.

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For those of you that I have not yet met, I look forward to meeting you soon, and hope to see many of you at our upcoming events in early 2023. With that said, there will be plenty of opportunities for us to meet, so please do say hello when you come to Beth El for any of the following upcoming events:

Eat, Schmooze, Pray with Eliana Light – Friday evenings, February 10, March 10, April 14

Slow Down (Learner's) Minyan with Rachel Posner – Saturdays, February 25, March 11, April 15

Eric Meyers' class, "From Bible to Mishnah" – Sundays, January 29, February 5, 19, 26 (sign-up required)

Teen Takeover Shabbat – Saturday, February 11

Book Festival event - Authors, S. Vinokor-Meinrath and Liza Wiemer – Tuesday, February 21

Chevra Kaddisha Shabbat – Saturday, February 25

Book Festival event - Author Sarah Swartz – Sunday, February 26

HIAS (Refugee) Shabbat – Saturday, March 4

Purim Carnival – Sunday, March 5

Purim Megillah Reading – Monday, March 6

Book Festival Event - Author, Letty Cotton Pogrebin – Sunday, March 12

Book Festival Event – Authors, Rosie Rubin and Ruby Rosen – Sunday, March 19

Book Festival Event – Author, Daniel Levin – Sunday, April 2

In the meantime, I hope that 2023 is a happy and healthy one for you, your families, and loved ones. I am honored and delighted to be a part of the Beth El family and look forward to sharing many happy times with you, and will always have a hug for you in difficult times.

All the best,

*Jodi B. Salomon*



*Beach Shabbaton  
December 2022*



*From the Desk of Board President  
Dan Schnitzer*



Dear Beth El Community,

We have come a long way in the past 3 months. We celebrated the High Holidays together with over 600 people in attendance on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, we studied, met and ate in the sukkah, we completed and dedicated the playground, we welcomed new and prospective members at a beautiful brunch, we celebrated B'nei Mitzvah, we grew our membership base, we heard from Jewish authors, we shared Shabbat meals, we laughed and learned with Benji Lovitt, we danced to Israeli music and so much more. Like a bustling garden in spring, I feel like this fall Beth El re-emerged full of vitality. Also during this time, we mourned the passing of Beth El members and comforted members of our staff and community as they faced the anguish that comes with the passing of loved ones. The highs and lows, we experience it all together, as a community...as a family.

Amongst our members, we have 2-day a year attendees and 4+ day a week attendees, and yet there is no distinction when it comes to the highs and lows of our lifecycle events. And, like the spring garden, winter invariably comes and some plants perish and others go dormant waiting to blossom again. I am proud and humbled to be in a community that both celebrates and mourns together. For me, those two emotions do not conflict but rather balance each other; the salt with the challah, the broken glass at the wedding, "for my sake the world was created" in one pocket and "I am but dust and ashes" in the other.

As we move into the new calendar year, I am excited about our ongoing opportunities to celebrate together, including community dinners, monthly Israeli dancing, the ongoing Jewish book/author fest, and the many exciting learning opportunities that will be available. I hope that you will find time to balance your everyday life with these opportunities as they provide a way to nourish our souls and strengthen our community. It is balance that enables seasons to change, life cycles to perpetuate and for growth to occur.

*Dan Schnitzer*



*Beth El's New Playground*



*Jereme Albin preparing a wonderful  
Community Shabbat Dinner in November*



## *Talmud Torah*

### **Shalom, Y'all!**

As I write this, we are getting ready to wrap up our first semester of Talmud Torah, during which we have been fully back in person for both Sundays and Wednesdays. It has been a rewarding experience to hear kids laughing in the halls, singing *t'fillot* in their classrooms, and enjoying our brand new playground during recess time. We have an incredibly dedicated faculty which consists of both newcomers to the community and returning veterans, and I feel extremely lucky to have them on board.

We got off to a great start this year with our High Holiday services, which also resumed as “normal” in person here in the building. Our tot and family services, led by Rachel Galanter and Eliana Light, respectively, were a huge hit, filling up both the Multipurpose Room and the Freedman Center with music and *ruach*. We are so glad to have Eliana back as our Artist-in-Residence for another year! She has been leading both Shabbat morning family services, as well as monthly Sunday Simchat Tot gatherings for kids ages 4 and under (along with their grownups!) In addition to all of those events, we have started a new tradition which we are affectionately calling “Tot, Schmooze, Pray.” Before our monthly Eat, Schmooze, Pray musical services on Friday nights, Eliana has been leading a joyful Tot Shabbat service, followed by some kid-friendly dinner. Families are also then welcome to stick around for the regular ESP service. It has been a great addition to our calendar and we hope to make it a regular part of our schedule going forward!

Along with these new traditions, it has been so nice to resume some of our pre-pandemic rituals, such as gathering in the sanctuary on Wednesday afternoons for a Mincha/Maariv *t'fillah* session. This year, we are thrilled to have cantorial student Molly May on our Talmud Torah staff as both a Torah trop teacher and a Wednesday service leader. I personally get such a kick out of watching Molly lead the kids in trop word games and exercises as they work on mastering the trop system, and they are enjoying singing along with her beautiful voice during services. We have also started a new Talmud Torah tzedakah tradition this year! Each month, a different Talmud Torah class has been assigned the responsibility of bringing nonperishable food items to stock our neighborhood food pantry. It's a very tangible and easy way to perform a mitzvah, and the food pantry is filling a great need in the community, as it is frequently emptied. We hope this tradition will stick around for years to come!

Next semester, we have a lot of exciting things coming up. From perennial favorites like the Purim carnival and our class Friday night services and dinners, to new ideas like having a school Shabbaton later in the spring, we have an extremely packed Talmud Torah calendar! We are also excited to have Amy Granick off and running in planning our youth and teen programming - see her bulletin article for more details on everything that the youth department has been up to this year.

As always, looking forward to seeing you all around the building soon! I feel ever grateful to be a part of this warm and devoted community.

Kol tuv,

Alexandra Bicks  
Education & Youth Director

***Mazel Tov on your upcoming B'nei Mitzvah!!***

**Ariel Andrews**  
April 21-22, 2023

**Siveya Schwartz**  
May 19-20, 2023

## *Youth and Family Programming*



Shalom Beth El!

I am truly so grateful to have been welcomed and embraced into the Beth El community over these last few months. Working here has been such a beautiful and positive experience thus far and I cannot wait to continue getting to know my wonderful new community.

The teen and youth programming has been absolutely thriving this school year. We have had pizza parties in the sukkah, driven go-carts at Frankie's Fun Park, had donut eating contests, and MORE! Our awesome USY teen board has been meeting monthly to increase outreach to Jewish teens in the Triangle, plan unique peer-led programming, and practice leadership and team-building skills.

I am making it a priority to increase collaborative programming with other Jewish youth groups in the Triangle; we are all striving towards the same goal: to create a community for Jewish kids and teens to feel loved, supported and understood. There are many exciting programs in the works for this upcoming spring that will be joint efforts with other nearby Jewish youth groups.

Coming up this spring, USY regional conventions are back! Assuming all things go as planned, our USY-ers will be hitting the road for our Seaboard regional convention this February. This will be a wonderful opportunity for the teens to see their friends from different states and feel connected to their region in a way that was lost during the pandemic.

I have also been working diligently to revamp the B'nei Mitzvah process at Beth El and make the experience positive and accessible for the students, tutors, and families. My new role makes me the "point person" for all things B'nei Mitzvah, creating a one-stop-shop for families when they have questions or concerns about their child's B'nei Mitzvah preparation. Increasing the number of tutoring sessions for each B'nei Mitzvah student as well as instituting more meetings with the families to go over questions and logistics are just a couple of the new concepts being put into place to make the B'nei Mitzvah process run as smoothly as possible.

I can't wait to see what the new year has to offer and look forward to watching the Beth El community continue to thrive.

Warmly,

Amy Granick

Youth and Family Programming Associate



*Teen Seudab Shlishit at  
Rabbi Greyber's House  
December 2022*



## *Artist-in-Residence, Eliana Light*

Shalom Beth El!

It's been such a beautiful fall being in community together. In particular, our Eat, Schmooze, Pray musical prayer gatherings have brought me so much joy. What a blessing to be able to sing together! I do not take it for granted.

I also do not take for granted that Jewish prayer services can be intimidating. When you take a step back, it's unlike anything else we do in our culture. Besides karaoke, there aren't many opportunities for communal singing in our lives. Some of us might have even been told we have "bad voices" and have been shamed into silence. Not only that, but we're singing in a language that for most of us is not our native tongue (and even for native Hebrew speakers, there is a space between modern Hebrew and siddur, prayerbook, Hebrew). We also each have our own understanding of that which is greater than us in the world. Some of us call that g'd, some do not. Sometimes we might find the direct translation of a prayer in the *siddur* to be close to our understanding of the divine, and sometimes it feels wrong. This is just a small sampling of why Jewish prayer services might feel inaccessible.

And yet, and yet. It is my t'fillahsophy (*t'fillah* philosophy) that when it comes to this, we are all beginners and we are all experts.

*T'fillah* is the Hebrew word for both liturgy and prayer. Liturgy is the stuff in the book, words our ancestors prayed, words used by the Jews all around us in the room and around the world. Every time we encounter these words, we can experience them anew. There is always a new facet to discover, a new secret to uncover. Plus, in each moment, we are new. Even the most advanced academic liturgists and most devoted synagogue-goers do not know all there is to know about liturgy. We are all beginners.

But that is only one side of the equation. *T'fillah* is also prayer, a word with many meanings; Prayer is sacred attention, a response to life, the callings-out of our own hearts. Whatever the definition, prayer is deeply personal. Prayer can be spoken, or sung, or felt. Prayer cannot be coerced- each person is on their own journey, and prayer will look different for each person. For prayer, you already have everything you need. We are all experts.

In this way, liturgy and prayer support each other. The repetition of liturgical themes- love, gratitude, awe, redemption, etc.- can help us notice and elevate these themes in our own lives. And the more we open our hearts to prayer, however it looks for us, the more meaningful and alive the liturgy becomes. All that is to say, that you are invited. More than that, you are welcome. In our prayer spaces, you belong. You are a beginner, and also an expert. As am I. As are we all.

### *Family Programs*

#### **Tot, Schmooze, Pray**

2nd Friday of each month at 5:30 PM

New this year! We've added on to our already warm and wonderful community musical Friday night gathering Eat, Schmooze, Pray with a special service perfect for kiddos 0-5 and their families. Join us for songs, stories, and snuggles for Shabbat, followed by kid-friendly food. Come as you are- all are welcome!

#### **Simchat Tot**

A Sunday morning gathering for littles 0-4 and their grownups! We'll sing, move, dance, and play, while learning about upcoming holidays or other Jewish themes along the way.

February 12, March 12, April 30



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## Family Shabbat Gatherings

This year, we're excited to try something new: family Shabbat gatherings for all ages of kids and their adults. Spirited and musical *t'fillah*, learning, and an oneg (festive food) to help us celebrate Shabbat, explore upcoming holidays, and grow as a community.

Save these dates and be on the lookout for more information!

January 28- Shira (Song) Shabbat

March 25- Spring Shabbat

April 29- Shabbat Shabbat

## Rosh Chodesh

The new moon is a sacred time for reflection, contemplation, and celebration. All women and non-binary folk are invited to join us as we immerse in the spiritual energy of each month, using multiple modalities to open our hearts and minds and explore what is possible.

Save the dates below, and reach out to me directly ([eliana@elionalight.com](mailto:eliana@elionalight.com)) if you'd like more information and/or to be added to our list. Locations will be updated on the Beth El website.

Monday, January 23, 6:00 pm

Wednesday, February 22, 6:00 pm

Wednesday, March 22, 6:00 pm

Thursday, April 20, 6:00 pm

Sunday, May 21, 5:00 pm

Monday, June 19, 6:00 pm

Tuesday, July 18, 6:00 pm

## Eat, Schmooze, Pray

2nd Friday of each month at 6:00 pm

First we nosh and connect, then we sing and connect. Eat, Schmooze, Pray is our monthly Friday night gathering designed for anyone seeking a meaningful Shabbat experience. Come for the snack and drink, stay for the accessible and spiritual musical services- no experience necessary. Reach out if you play an instrument or sing and would like to join our sweet Beth El band!

February 10, March 10, April 14, May 12

### *Meet Your Committee Leadership*

*Annual Fund:* Valerie Glassman

*Art Committee:* Sol Levine

*Chevre Kaddisha:* David Klapper

*Community of Caring:* Eliana Schonberg

*Development:* Norma Gindes

*First Fridays:* Alexina Haefner

*House:* Michael Null

*Interfaith Working Group:* Manny Spira

*Lifelong Learning:* Jane Gabin and Donna Goldstein

*Life & Legacy Campaign:* Norma Gindes

*Library:* Libby Vaughn

*Membership:* Lois Silver

*Men of Beth El (MoB):* Steve Prince and Eric Lipp

*Orthodox Kebillah:* Jesse Summers and Phillippe Chemla

*Ritual:* Jereme Albin and Ari Berenbaum

*Sisterhood:* TBD

*Social Action:* Rachel Bearman and Evelina Moulder

*Va'ad HaChinuch:* Adam Singer

## *Member Engagement*

Since Covid protocols have made it easier to gather with less chance of transmission, the Membership committee has been working hard for you. We entertained our new and prospective members in October with our annual (soon to be biannual!) New & Prospective Member Brunch. We had ~ 50 attendees. Following a fun Jewish themed ice breaker led by Libby Vaughn, we enjoyed a delicious brunch catered by Fangmeier's. Many committee chairs attended and gave short talks about their respective committees.

Now we are working on creating a printed Member Directory that contains information about you and your family. Margie Satinsky, Andrea Ginsberg, Richard Cramer, Annette Kronmiller, or any of the other incredible volunteers may already have contacted you by email or by phone. If/when you are contacted, please answer the questions asked as soon as possible so we can complete this project. Feel free to add whatever information you like and don't feel limited by the questions. If your last name begins with A-M, you can email Andrea at [andibgins@hotmail.com](mailto:andibgins@hotmail.com) . If your last name begins with N-Z, you can email Margie at [margiesatinsky@icloud.com](mailto:margiesatinsky@icloud.com).

1. How long have you lived in North Carolina and from where did you come?
2. Where do you live? Durham, Chapel Hill, etc.
3. Tell us about your family—children, other relatives, partners, friends, pets, etc.
4. Tell us about your involvement at Beth El
5. If you are working, where do you work, and what are your responsibilities, titles?
6. If you are retired, where did you work?
7. What are your hobbies and interests?
8. Anything else you want to say

Additionally, if there's a group you'd like to start and lead but need our help, then let's talk!

Thanks,

Lois Silver



## *Sisterhood*

On Sunday, December 4, Sisterhood held its annual Chanukah Bazaar in the social hall. In addition to selling candles, chanukiah, books, tallitot, toys and Judaica from the Gift Shop, several Beth El congregants sold handcrafted merchandise and art from their own tables. Tickets were sold for food and raffle prizes; food is always a big draw. The Men of Oil began making fresh latkes at the crack of dawn. By closing time, we had sold 251 latkes, including some larger purchases for bringing home. Parents of the Beth El Preschool sold hot cider to raise funds for their school. Kevin Ginsberg sold fresh kettle corn from the Mad Popper trailer. The raffle ticket table was busy the entire time and a natural spot for visiting. Winners of the raffle prizes were as follows:

- Fourth prize: Natalie Goodrich, \$18 gift certificate to the Sisterhood gift shop
- Third prize: Adam SaNogueira, \$20 gift certificate to Ninth Street Bakery (donated by Ari Berenbaum),
- Second prize: Donna van Arnold, a gift tin of Mad Popper Popcorn (donated by Andrea Ginsberg)
- First prize: Alyne O'Keefe, a handcrafted menorah (created and donated by Steve Herman)

Sisterhood thanks our customers, raffle gift donors, and volunteers. Staff members Jodi and Zach were very attentive to our successful setup and takedown. We recorded over \$3,000 in gross receipts from the Bazaar. We hope you can join us in 2023 as a volunteer, salesperson, or customer. See photos on page 23!



## *New Member Spotlight*

### *Meet Scot and Kelly Freishtat, Harrison (8), Eliana (8), and Samuel (4)*

We moved to Chapel Hill from the New York City suburbs in the summer of 2019. We were attracted to the Triangle's highly-educated residents, quality healthcare options and believed it would be a fantastic place to raise our three children, twins Harrison and Eliana who are second graders, and Samuel who is in preschool. Kelly is originally from New Jersey and is an attorney with a large pharmaceutical company in Durham. Scott grew up in the Boston area and works in investments. You can normally find us shuttling our kids between gymnastics practices, soccer games, or to USA Ninja Challenge, and we have particularly enjoyed taking advantage of the Triangle's proximity to the coast and mountains for road trips.

We joined Beth El this past summer seeking a Conservative shul for the family as well as a stimulating Hebrew School for our kids who attend Talmud Torah each Sunday. We are looking forward to meeting more members and becoming a part of the Beth El community.



## *Va'ad Hachinuch*

As I write this, winter is fast approaching and the Va'ad Hachinuch reflects on the year so far. We're also working on our plans for the second half of the school year.

Starting with the High Holidays, we assisted in family services. Led by Artist-in-Residence Eliana Light, attendance was even higher than we'd hoped for! We helped find more chairs for all the attendees, and prepared apples and honey for everyone to enjoy.

We've begun to get to know Amy Granick, our new Youth and Family Programming Associate. Among all the other work she's taken on, Amy has also done a fantastic job with youth group communication, expanding the channels used to connect with kids and parents. If you haven't had a chance to meet her yet, check out her bio on the Professionals page of the Beth El website!

The Va'ad Hachinuch would like to extend a special thank you to Howie Wizwer who organized and ran a fall poker tournament that raised over \$1,500 for our fund.

The honey sale was a success, too, and together these will help fund upcoming events such as Stay-and-Schmooze, teacher grants, and more.

In the coming months, keep an eye out for information on the Purim Carnival and Raffle! If you'd like to help plan or have ideas of potential raffle prizes, please let us know.

Hoping everyone is staying warm and enjoyed a bright, cheery Hanukkah with loved ones!

B'shalom,  
Adam Singer  
Chair of Va'ad Hachinuch

## ***Social Action***

### **Beth El-Lerner School-Judea Reform HIAS Welcome Circle**

We are so pleased to share that the HIAS welcome circle is moving forward as a partnership between Beth El, Lerner and Judea! The two leads are Audrey Kadis (Beth El) and Meredith Altieri (Lerner). We have a group of Beth El folks who started meeting months ago to start a circle and the final piece was leadership. We are so happy that Audrey and Meredith will be leading this project forward! The core team is set and the Welcome Circle is in motion. There will be many opportunities for involvement even if you are not on the core team. First and foremost is fundraising! Our initial goal is \$28,000 to fund transportation from Europe (\$5-\$6,000) and housing for 6 months ~\$8,400 (without utilities). Please donate funds for the Welcome Circle through the Mitzvah Fund and write "HIAS Welcome Circle" in the memo line.

We are so grateful to the Beth El community for all your past support of our refugee work, and thank you in advance for your support of this effort. We know that together, as a community, we will be able to offer another family sanctuary and safety.

### **Racial Justice Task Force**

In November, the RJTF held a Community Conversation for Beth El members to discuss next steps for engaging in Racial Justice work through Beth El. We met in small groups in person and on Zoom for discussion and feedback and then ranked options presented to prioritize the work of the Task Force moving forward.

The most highly ranked options were:

1. Deepen relationships with communities of color.
2. Focus on how to make Beth El a truly welcoming community for all members and potential members
3. Beth El to join/participate in community efforts/partner with Black-led groups to address structural inequity
4. Continued education/access to programming about race/racial justice, more specifically through a Jewish lens.
5. The RJTF held a reorganization meeting on December 5, to reset and plan for the coming year based on the feedback from the Community Conversation coupled with the feedback from the Community Survey.

If you are interested in being a part of the Task Force or just want to learn more, please reach out to Rachel Bearman at [rbearman@mebtel.net](mailto:rbearman@mebtel.net).

### **Food Insecurity-BE can help!**

Food insecurity remains a priority of the BE Social Action Committee. In addition to the numerous ways we can help the local organizations that address food insecurity, such as Meals-on-Wheels, there is a small food pantry outside of Beth El that is often in need of food items. Any non-perishable food item is fine. It does not have to be a single-serve item. In addition, toiletries that do not contain alcohol are always welcome.

Jewish for Good always accepts food items for their pantry, so please think of bringing peanut butter, tuna fish, mac & cheese or any other food item or toiletry when you visit Jewish for Good!

Evelina Moulder

***Join us on February 5 at 4pm at Judea Reform Congregation for the Welcome the Stranger Concert to support a Ukrainian family the HIAS Welcome Circle is helping to relocate to our area! Donations at the door or through the Beth El Mitzvah Fund (noting the "Welcome Circle") are encouraged.***



## *Lifelong Learning*

**THE LIFELONG LEARNING COMMITTEE** is sponsoring a series of book discussions, with speakers provided by the Jewish Book Council. The first one was held on November 6, when **Shaunna Edwards and Alyson Richman** visited us, giving a fascinating presentation on their book, *The Thread Collectors*. Set in the time of the Civil War, the story is about the growing relationship between a Black enslaved woman and a Jewish woman from New York, and their male counterparts, who are brought together through music. There was good attendance, and we were pleased that we were joined by several members of the River Church. Here is a photo of the event:



*photo by Jane S. Gabin*

The next event occurred on November 20, when **Stephen Arnoff**, introduced by Donna Goldstein, spoke to us from Jerusalem on *Man and God and Law: The Wisdom of Bob Dylan*. And Rabbi Greyber introduced **Andrew Lawler**, who came to Beth El on December 13 to speak on his recent book, *Under Jerusalem*.

The rest of the presentations will be virtual (and recorded). They are:

January 29, 3:00 pm	Henry Green & Richard Stursberg	<i>Sephardi Voices</i>
February 21, 12:00 pm (join us in person for lunch—RSVP required or on Zoom)	Samantha Vinokur-Meinrath and Liza Wiemer – this will be a discussion of today’s antisemitism	<i>#antisemitism</i> <i>The Assignment</i>
February 26, 3:00 pm	Sarah Swartz – this event will BE AIMED AT TEENS	<i>Unsung Women of the Holocaust</i>
March 12, 3:00 pm	Letty Cotton Pogrebin	<i>Shanda: Memoir of Shame &amp; Secrecy</i>
March 19, 3:00 pm	Rosie Rubin & Ruby Rosen	<i>Hurts Like a Jewish Mother</i>
April 2, 3:00 pm	Daniel Levin	<i>The Violins of Hope</i>

These programs are co-sponsored by Beth El, Judea Reform, and Jewish for Good.

Visit [www.jewishforgood.org/book-festival](http://www.jewishforgood.org/book-festival) for details and to register.

Additional activities at Beth El, such as Israeli dancing, more book programs, and the Scholar-in-Residence program the weekend of January 20-21, are sponsored by the Lifelong Learning Committee.



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Rhoda Silver

My family belonged to a synagogue for a short period when I was growing up. I went to Sunday School and Hebrew School for three years, but in my memory we were not involved in the life of the synagogue. I was always looking for my place in the local Jewish community. I always knew my place was with the Jewish People.

For many years in Durham, I did not have a Jewish community. I had always associated the synagogue with family life and as a single woman, it didn't occur to me to become a member. When I joined Beth El Synagogue in 1995, I did so partly because I thought it would strengthen the community to have another dues paying member.

I didn't find my place at Beth El for a long time, but I kept coming back. Along the way something in me changed and I realized I had to start acting as if I belonged to help create the inclusive community I wanted to be part of. I had to welcome people the way I wanted to be welcomed. It was a process.

Beth El Synagogue is now my Jewish home. It is very important to me. One of the reasons I joined Beth El was because I thought my responsibility to the Jewish people demanded that I be involved locally. As a single person, I didn't have "my kids" to educate but I wanted Beth El here for "our kids."

Twenty-seven years later, I think about what support means in a different way—not dues but legacy gifts. I won't be here forever, but by making a legacy gift, I am letting some of my assets flow into Beth El so it can continue to provide a communal home in oh-so-many ways, for those who are here and those to come.

**To learn more about the beginning steps of how to set up a legacy gift, please contact  
Norma Gindes at [normagindes@gmail.com](mailto:normagindes@gmail.com) or call 201-951-5140.**

## *Thank you to our Life and Legacy donors!*

Beth El is grateful to its members who have supported the Life & Legacy Society, which benefits the Gladys and Earl Siegel Endowment Fund. A legacy gift is a meaningful way to help guarantee a strong and vibrant synagogue for future generations. We also acknowledge those members who had the foresight to generously support the creation of the Siegel Endowment over 20 years ago.

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## *Knitting Chavurah*

Gladys Siegel, member of the Beth El Knitting Chavurah, presented a shomrim blanket to Shula Bernard, for the Chevra Kaddisha on November 20, 2022, together with several members involved. This blanket will be available at the funeral home for any shomer who needs to keep warm during the watch.



Present in the picture above are, from left to right, in front, Shula Bernard (also involved in knitting), Gladys Siegel, and in back, Lois Ryen, Edy Parker, Hunter Levinsohn, Andree Allen, Sharon Halperin. Other knitters of the blanket who could not be with us include Sabina Sager, Sue Slatkoff, and Lois Sobel.

Following a pandemic break, our group is meeting again on the second Sunday of each month at 10:00 am in Classroom # 8 at Beth El during the school year. Anyone interested in knitting is welcome.

For further information, please contact Andree Allen at [andreemallen@gmail.com](mailto:andreemallen@gmail.com).



## A Note from the Cycling Duo from New York who Attended Kol Nidre & Yom Kippur Services



Thank you again for the warm welcome and very meaningful services we were lucky to experience.

My wife Heather and I left Bar Harbor, Maine on September 9 to cycle to Key West, Florida. We knew there would be many challenges for a 6-week, 2,700 mile bike ride that was self-supported by just the two of us. But beyond the obvious physical challenges and vagaries of weather, there was a unique challenge for us – where could we meaningfully observe Yom Kippur? (We are from the NY area so would actually be at our home in Larchmont with our own congregation for Rosh Hashana.) Prior to departure, when we forecast being in NC over Yom Kippur, I emailed Rabbi Greyber asking about opportunities to attend in person and was immediately felt welcome by his and Sheri Hoffman's email replies.

Well, about a month into our ride, we arrived in Durham. We didn't know what to expect and how would we feel attending a new shul as strangers. We were not quite the proverbial Jewish "strangers in a strange land" as we'd been to Durham a number of times as our eldest was a Dukie (so we know the lure of Monuts), but it was our first time not being at our own Conservative shul for Kol Nidre and Yom Kippur in over 20 years, and so we were a bit uncomfortable.

Any doubts or concerns were put to rest immediately upon arrival at Kol Nidre and seeing your custom of name tags along with options for us, the non-member, that I recall as just "visiting/shul shopping/out of town." Members wearing name tags is something you may be accustomed to, but I can tell you it is something I have not seen and is a strong signal of welcome and personal inclusion.

We were soon moved by another of your practices new to us – the communal lighting of Yahrzeit candles before davening, for those who were lost in the past year. This reflective experience very effectively rose our spiritual game and was a vivid reinforcement of what we know but find hard to really internalize – who will live and who will die? What does the year ahead offer us? How do we give meaning to our lives?

On Yom Kippur, we noted the very personal stories of Beth El journeys spoken from the bimah. It is clear to us you have an inclusive, personal and haimish community. Not to be taken for granted as such a culture is not everywhere and is not a given. We were approached by local members who could see from our name tags we were not members. The genuine welcome and questions from true curiosity made us feel welcome and if we were to retire in NC, we know we would have a spiritual home where we'd be comfortable.

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I am so grateful that I attended the afternoon study service that discussed the blessing of memory and the poetry of Yehuda Amichai. Sabina's heartfelt words are a lesson I will not forget about the power and importance of memory's opposite – that of forgetting. How essential it is at times to forget. Like most things, there is a balance to seek between extremes of constant memory or too little. I am still amused and struck by the insight of her saying that if women remembered the pain of childbirth, they would never have a second child.

We made it safely to Key West on October 26 after 45 days from Bar Harbor, Maine. We successfully achieved our fundraising goal for the Christopher and Dane Reeve Foundation and had many special memories along our journey. None of them more important than the warm welcome and very meaningful services we were lucky to experience with the Beth El family. You have created and nurtured a very special environment and community.

Wishing you well,  
Heather & Mark Segal, Larchmont, NY

P.S. you can follow our blog at <https://heatherandmarkshiftgears.blogspot.com/>



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*Beach Shabbaton, December 2022*