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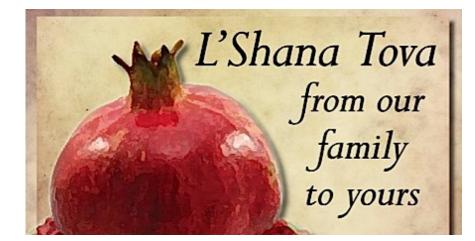
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On behalf of the Board of Directors and the entire Beth El family we wish you and your family a healthy, happy and productive New Year 5775. Rabbi Jeffrey and Dr. Judy Ableser & family Ilan Einy and Dr. Anat Ravid & family Cantorial Soloist Tracey Atin & family





# <u>From the Rabbi</u>

By Rabbi Jeffrey Ableser

## **BEYOND SURVIVAL**

One of the perennial themes in organized (and for that matter, dis-organized) Jewish life, is the issue of Jewish survival. The Pew Study, which came out last year, notes

the decline of Jewish identity in many sectors of Judaism. Even for those who are doing well, there are questions about the depth of Jewish commitment.

The focus on surveys and survival has been with us for well over a generation. Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel railed against these issues at the 1965 GA convention (and was never asked to come back.) He said:

There are two words I would like to strike from our vocabulary: surveys and survival. Our community is in spiritual distress, and our organizations are too concerned with digits...The significance of Judaism does not lie in its being conducive to mere survival, but rather in its being a source of spiritual wealth, and a source of meaning relevant to all peoples. .. To be or not to be is not the question. How to be and how not to be is the question.

As we enter into the High Holyday season, I offer you a little parlour game to spice up the conversation at the dinner table. Complete the following sentence – "The Jewish people should survive so that\_\_\_\_\_."

How would you complete that sentence? A typical answer might invoke the Shoah, or the State of Israel, or Jewish culture. And, in fact, these factors could and should be part of your answer. But can they be the whole answer? Remembering the Shoah is important, but in and of itself, the Shoah is too morbid to serve as the basis of one's Judaism. The promise of the State of Israel should be a central part of our Jewish identity. But we live *here*, and a vicarious Judaism is a flimsy foundation for a vibrant Jewish life. Jewish culture is a thing of beauty, which has enriched our lives and the world at-large. But even that is not a good enough, or a strong enough, reason for Jewish survival.

Jewish survival must be rooted in Jewish values: A commitment to Jewish literacy, which in turn leads to meaning making. By engaging in Jewish life and Jewish thought, we start asking questions about the nature and purpose of our lives here on earth. We start to ask what must be done to repair the world, and what <u>we</u> can do to be a part of that process.

In many ways, that is what the High Holydays are all about. Not just asking for forgiveness from God and our fellow men and women. It's as much about asking hard Jewish questions of ourselves. And in so doing, we start thinking like Jews. And once we start thinking like Jews, it is possible to start acting like Jews, making our world God's kind of world.

I wish you a happy New Year. But more than that, I wish you a challenging New Year, a year in which, through your thoughts and actions, you can complete the sentence, "The Jewish people should survive so that..."

L'shanah tovah u'metukah,

Rabbi Jeffrey Ableser

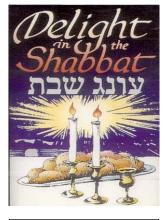
## קייק בית אל

Shabbat Services



# עבודה





## Sponsor an Oneg!

The cost of sponsoring an oneg is \$72.00 for before a 5:45 pm service or \$118.00 for after an 8:00 pm service. Please consider sponsoring an oneg in honour of or in memory of a loved one.

## TORAH STUDY

September 20 & 27th

Join us for Torah Study at 10 AM each Saturday. Discussion of the weekly portion is lively, informed, and wellresearched. Participants express a wide range of interpretations of the central text of our faith.



# Preparation for the High Holy Days

Participation in our services is part of being a member of our Beth El Community.

We would seriously like to increase the number of individuals who will take on the Mitzvah of reading Torah. If you are willing to try, the Rabbi is willing to coach, so please contact him @ 519-969-2422. The office has the responsibility of contacting readers, and it helps us greatly if we know in advance if you will be away for either Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur.

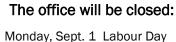
And last, but not least:

High Holiday services at Congregation Beth El are for Members. Out-of-Town guests belonging to another synagogue may ask their synagogue to send us a reciprocal seating request. Note: We will do the same for our members wishing to attend services in another city.

Students are welcome to attend any or all of our services. Our ushers/greeters need to know of any students or guests, so please notify the office in advance so that the names can be added to our list.

## Office Hours:

Please note:





Thursday, Sept. 25 First Day Rosh Hashanah Friday, Sept. 26 Second Day Rosh Hashanah

## SCHEDULE OF HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES

2014 - 5775

#### Please mark your calendars:



Saturday, September 20 9:00 pm Selichot Program 11:15 pm Selichot Service

Sunday, September 21 11:00 am Cemetery Memorial Service

Wednesday, September 24 8:00 pm Erev Rosh Hashana ONEG TO FOLLOW





Thursday, September 25 10:00 am First Day Rosh Hashana 3:00 pm Children's Service 4:00 pm Tashlich at Ojibway

Friday, September 26 10:00 am Second Day Rosh Hashana 5:45 pm Shabbat Services

Friday, October 3 8:00 pm Kol Nidre



Saturday, October 4



10:00 am Yom Kippur 3:30 pm Afternoon Healing Service 4:30 pm Memorial Service 5:30 pm Concluding Service

Wednesday, October 8 Time to be decided Sukkot decorating & Erev Sukkot Service



Wednesday, October 15 8:00 pm Shemini Atzeret YIZKOR SERVICES

Friday, October 17 5:00 pm Simchat Torah Services and Consecration



קייק בית אל

## **Congregational happenings**

## TREE OF LIFE

Inside our lobby on the east wall is a Tree of Life sculpture done by the synagogue artist Sanford Werfel at his studio in New Jersey. The branches of the tree stand for the Hebrew words "Etz Chaim." The leaves of the tree and the stones at the roots have been inscribed to highlight or commemorate such joyous events as births, weddings, anniversaries, Bar or Bat Mitzvahs, graduations, or to honour friends or family.

Recently a stone at the bottom of the tree was inscribed but there are a few stones still available for inscription (minimum donation \$1,000.) and a few leaves are also available to be inscribed at a donation level of \$150.00

Whenever a stone or leaf is inscribed a certificate is sent to the honouree, signed by the Rabbi and the President of the congregation.

Please consider this permanent way to honour someone in your life.





#### In the tradition of our synagogue

There will be an Oneg following services on

Erev Rosh Hashana

#### Wednesday, September 24

Donations of baking would be appreciated and can be dropped off any time before 6 pm on September 23 or before 12 on September 24.





## **Selichot Programme**



## Saturday, September 20

9:00 pm Selichot Program

11:15 pm Selichot Service

Selichot, which literally means forgiveness, are a series of penitential prayers recited in preparation for Judaism's High Holidays, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

God's "Thirteen Attributes of Mercy" are a central theme throughout the prayers. These attributes derive from God's explanation to Moses, following the sin of the Golden Calf, of His system for relating with the world. Merciful God, merciful God, powerful God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abundant in kindness and truth. Preserver of kindness for thousands of generations, forgiver of iniquity, willful sin and error, and Who cleanses. (Exodus 34:6-7)

Selichot are recited daily, beginning the Saturday night before Rosh Hashana and continuing through Yom Kippur. If Rosh Hashana falls on Monday or Tuesday, then Selichot begins 10 days prior, on Saturday night. If Rosh Hashana falls later in the week, then Selichot begins the Saturday night just prior to Rosh Hashana.



will be available during services on First Day Rosh Hashana Yom Kippur Morning Services

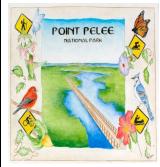
# **Congregational happenings**

# **Upcoming Simchas**



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**Board of Directors Meeting Dates** 



SHABBATON AT POINT PELEE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 AT 10:00 am

WHITE PINES PICNIC AREA

#### COST:

\$15 FOR FAMILIES, \$5 FOR INDIVIDUALS, PLUS NATIONAL PARK ADMISSION INCLUDES LUNCH PLEASE RSVP BY WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 TO: 519-969-2422

# שבתון

We'll begin with a family-oriented Shabbat service and programme in the morning. After lunch, we'll have some choices for activities: Walk to the point, tour the marshlands, perhaps a volleyball game.

White Pines Picnic Area is a great location, completely enclosed by hedges. It has its own covered picnic area with barbeque, its own rest rooms, and a large grassy area with volleyball net.

Park Admission Fees

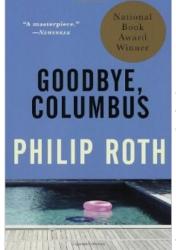
Adults \$7.80 Youth \$3.90 (6 to 16 years)

Seniors \$6.80 Family/Group \$19.60 (up to 7 in the same vehicle)

IF YOU NEED OR CAN OFFER A RIDE, PLEASE LET US KNOW.

## ק״ק בית אל Jewish Book Club - Sponsored by Congregation Beth El

## Goodbye, Columbus by Philip Roth



Published 55 years ago, Philip Roth's first book was a critical success and a cause of controversy in the North American Jewish community. It won the US National Book Award for Fiction in 1960, and was made into a very popular movie in 1969. Roth has gone on to write over two dozen novels to great acclaim, and the Book Club has read at least three of them over the years. But here in Goodbye, Columbus we can find Roth as a 26-year-old writer posing all the questions he continued to try to answer over his whole career. Now 81 years old, he has announced that he is done with writing, but I don't believe him.

I know that some of the books we choose are difficult to read, but this one is easy, is fun to read, and will appeal to every reader: if you are older, it will take you back to the 1950s and the move of urban Jews to the suburbs, and if you are young, it will graphically reveal the changes in your parents' lives after the Second World War. Roth's story, from

working-class Newark and to wealthy Short Hills, NJ allows him to satirize Jewish life in both settings, which led many Jews to condemn him for showing a community struggling with assimilation and materialism in its new-found affluence. From Parent Avenue to Southlawn Gardens, or from Davison-Dexter to Bloomfield Hills, it is a story repeated across the continent.

In William Peden's New York Times review of 1959, he wrote " Mr. Roth has written a perceptive, often witty and frequently moving piece of fiction. He is a good story-teller, a shrewd appraiser of character and a keen recorder of an indecisive generation. Although Brenda's family has "moved up" from Newark economically, and Neil has made the "migration" intellectually, they are all of them refugees haunted by echoes from a not-to-be-buried past, unsatisfied by a sterile hedonism, and confused by the uncertainties of the future." And in 2013,



Jen Doll in Entertainment wrote "I re-read Goodbye Columbus last night. I'd forgotten how funny it is, and I'd only partly remembered the depth of Roth's keen eye, his descriptive talents, and the way he can turn any mundane phrase or action into something beautiful."

I promise you that you will enjoy reading this book and coming to talk about it with friends at the Book Club. As a bonus, the book also contains five great short stories, and we can talk about them as well.

We will meet at the JCC at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, September 17th.

## ק״ק בית אל <u>Mishpacha-Our Congregational Family</u>

September 1

**Rochelle Tepperman** 

Lilah Millie Greenspan

September 3

Arthur B. Weingarden

September 4

Harvey Kessler

September 6

Leonard Braitman



## life cycles-birthdays

September 8

Linda McNorton

Sasha Kleinplatz

September 13

Marcey Katzman

September 15

Esther Goldstein

September 18

Cathy Morrison

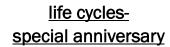


September 21 Philip Chandler September 22 Sid Walman Dr. Morrie Kleinplatz September 24 Joseph Schnayer September 28 Morley Silver September 29 Lil Lederman

## life cycles-anniversaries



September 1 Dr. Bernie & Barbara Lyons September 3 Gary & Corrinna Brudner Dr. Michael & Sandra Malowitz September 6 Morley & Mildred Silver Dr. Reuben & Aviva Schnayer September 7 Alan & Diana Orman September 8 Francine & Bill Botton Maurice & Miki Closs September 30 Vera & Enio Rozenbojm





Madie & Arthur B. Weingarden 60 years

We thank every member who makes a contribution to our many funds. A gift of \$12 to the Temple is a very appreciated way to congratulate a friend or family member on happy occasions, and a thoughtful way to give condolences. Please remember Beth El with your donations. All donations are eligible for a tax receipt.

If you wish to have your birthday or a family member's birthday or your anniversary listed in the bulletin, please contact the Beth El office at 519-969-2422.. To ensure that you receive your bulletin, please call us if you have a change of address or if you wish to receive your bulletin by e-mail.

## Mishpacha-Our Congregational Family



# **Good Health Wishes - Refuah Shlema**

Sonia Kirganska Dorothy Buckhalter Joni Bearden Rory Laura Hancock Ed Levitt Joyce Weingarden Trudy Katz Lou Lederman Steven Cohen David Duncan Belle Walman Barrie Cheifetz Hannah Levin Gordon Kirkland Morley Silver Mildred Silver Dr. Bernie Spring Nel Chelsky Dr. Morris Chelsky

Jacquie Rosenblum Suzanne Selby Archie Loeb Arlene Mooney Pat & Marv Routliffe Elizabeth Englander Saul Nosanchuk Nina Zlotnick Kim VerBerg Sidney Chelsky



Rhoda Lozon Tony Lee Ruth Goldstein Cindy Jeris Shirley & William Pearl Mark Vruble Marlene Gold Norm Shulman Sharon Smith Judge Saul Nosanchuk



This past June, two very special members of our Beth El community, Art & Madie Weingarden, celebrated

their 60th Wedding Anniversary. In honour of this occasion the children of Art and Madie have donated a beautiful new Yad to Congregation Beth El. We wish them many, many more happy and healthy years together.



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## ק״ק בית אל

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## **YAHRZEITS**



## MAY THEIR MEMORIES ALWAYS BE FOR A BLESSING

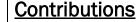
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| 1. Lev Beliaikin     |                      |
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| 1. Shirley Kavanau   | 10. Rose Tepperman   |
| 1. Bernard Katzman   | 10. Arnold Katzman   |
| 1. Leonard Cheifetz  | 10. Ida Rosenthal    |
| 2. Morris Krever     | 11. Jay Garber       |
| 5. Bella Krassov     | 11. Rena Shanfield   |
| 5. Leah Duke         | 11. Elizabeth Plaut  |
|                      | 12. Nate Cheifetz    |
| 5. Fred Rosen        | 14. Ida Berenbaum    |
| 5. Esther Laurie     | 16. Edith Ziff       |
| 6. Dora Cohen        | 17. Marion Fainstein |
| 6. Murray Joffe      | 17. Barry Shuster    |
| 7. Monika Nosanchuk  | 17. Florence Levy    |
| 7. Abe Kurtz         | 18. Herman Joffe     |
| 7. Bertha Halpert    | 18. Jason Rosenbaum  |
| 8. Jacob Kahn        | 19. Sarah Alexis     |
| 8. Meyer Katzman     | 20. Freda Meretsky   |
| 9. Ben Silverstein   | 21. Joseph Gregory   |
| 9. Jeanette Braitman | 21. Janic Simmons    |
| 9. Millie Weingarden | 21. Bella Weingarden |
| 9. Florence Lasky    | 21. Sara Ella Brest  |
|                      |                      |

21. Doris Hudis 21. Israel Lederman 22. Yetta Schreier 23. Dorothy Morris 23. Leslie David Coppel 23. Diane Bush 23. Abe Peters 24. Esther Wyman 25. Sheila Savage 26. Nathan Rotenberg 26. Erwin Hollander 27. Charles Talberg 27. Anne M. Taub 28. Saul Lewis 29. Clara Shuster 29. Mania Mock 30. Lottie Pearl 30. Ethel Cohen

30. Gertrude Levine

### קייק בית אל





Thank you to those who have given generously to Congregation Beth El this month. Gifts are a wonderful way to celebrate a birthday, an anniversary, the arrival of a child, or to remember the life of someone who has passed away. Your donations to these Temple funds are greatly appreciated.

#### Arthur & Brian Barat Memorial Fund

In memory of Earl Rosenbaum, beloved husband of Janet Rosenbaum by: Nancy Barat.

#### <u>Building Fund</u>

In appreciation to Beth El by: Gregg & Sheryl Nathanson.

Honouring Pam & Will Goldstein on the marriage of their son Benjamin to Rebecca by: Cheryl & Michael Blacher.

Honouring Esther Goldstein on the marriage of her grandson Benjamin to Rebecca by: Cheryl & Michael Blacher.

#### Caring Committee Fund

In memory of Earl Rosenbaum, beloved husband of Janet Rosenbaum by: Susan Meretsky & family; Barrie & Maureen Rubin; Beth & Greg Horsburgh; D'vorah Kost; Marilyn Robbins.

#### Joseph M. & Florence Cohen Endowment Fund

In memory of Earl Rosenbaum, beloved husband of Janet Rosenbaum by: Betty & Jim Cohen.

Honouring Leslie & Al Korlaek on their 50th Wedding Anniversary by: Betty & Jim Cohen.

#### Sam & Jane Freed Memorial Fund

Good health wishes to Sandra Waldman by: Beverley & Jerry Alexis.

#### Golden Book Fund

Honouring the life of Earl Rosenbaum by: D'vorah Kost.

#### Maurice Goldstein Endowment Fund

Honouring Esther Goldstein on the marriage of her grandson Benjamin to Rebecca McGuire by: Barrie & Maureen Rubin; Marlene Taub.

#### Ted Hochberg Memorial Fund

Honouring Madie & Art Weingarden on their Special Anniversary by: Sharon Hochberg. In memory of the beloved father of Susan Sovel by: Sharon Hochberg.

#### Fran & Aaron Katzman Endowment Fund

In memory of Dr. Barry Taub by: Fred & Marcey Katzman.

#### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In appreciation to Rabbi Ableser by: Marlene Taub; Charles & Karen Rosen; Philip Rosen. In memory of Earl Rosenbaum, beloved husband of Janet Rosenbaum by: Carole Greene. In memory of Dorothy Hume, beloved mother of Charles Rosen by: Charles & Karen Rosen.

## ק״ק בית אל

## **Contributions**



#### <u>Religious School Fund</u>

In memory of Dorothy Hume, beloved grandmother of Philip & Stephanie Rosen by: Philip & Stephanie Rosen. Honouring Philip Rosen on becoming a Bar Mitvah by: Charles & Karen Rosen.

#### Cantor Sidney Resnick Memorial Music Fund

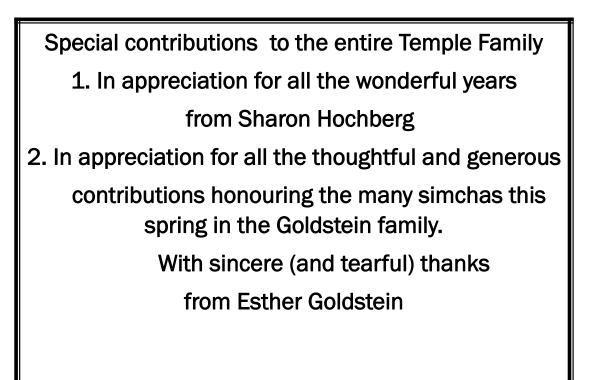
In memory of Sylvia Selby, beloved mother of Stu Selby by: Stu & Sue Selby.

#### Harry & Dora Rosen Memorial Fund

Honouring Betty & Burton Pazner on the birth of their great-granddaughter, Dylan Madison by: Barrie & Maureen Rubin. Honouring Renee & Alan Gozlan on the birth of their granddaughter, Dylan Madison by: Barrie & Maureen Rubin.

#### Dorothy & Max Weingarden Endowment Fund

Honouring Madie & Art Weingarden on their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary by: Barrie & Maureen Rubin.



<u>SIMCHAS</u>- Please notify the office by the 15th of each month, if you wish to have a special event in your life (simchas, lifecycle events, etc.) published in your bulletin.

<u>UNVEILINGS</u>- Rabbi Ableser is available to perform Unveilings. Please contact him to make arrangements. We kindly request that you advise the Beth El office of any Unveiling dates to be announced in the Beth El bulletin (please advise us if you wish the Unveiling to be private and unpublished). The office will contact the Cemetery Caretaker to make the necessary preparations at the Cemetery before the Unveiling.

<u>SPECIAL NOTICE</u>- Bar/Bat Mitzvah, weddings, sponsoring a Kiddush, please book with the Beth El office. When holding such events please advise the office of catering details, deliveries, set-up of tables, number of guests expected, etc. so that we may avoid any misunderstandings and your event will be a pleasant one for all. Thank you for your consideration.

<u>SUPPORTING CONGREGATION BETH EL</u>- A donation to Beth El is a wonderful way to congratulate friends and family on simchas, as well as a thoughtful and meaningful way to extend condolences. A contribution card will be mailed to the recipient (minimum donation \$12). You can phone the office at 969-2422 or the office can take your requests for donations on-line (or any other request, such as names to be included on our Myshebera list, yahrzeits to be read, reservations for events) through our email address: bethelwindsor@cogeco.net.

<u>NOTICE</u>- If you have a child graduating from Secondary School, College or University, the office would like to publish this information in the next bulletin. Please call us with the details. If you have a Simcha you wish published please call to let us know. Thank you for your cooperation.

BAR/BAT MITZVAH- The office requests that you book your Bar/Bat Mitzvah date at least 2 years in advance. Please call us if you are planning this special event. We will ensure it is on the community calendar.

Did you know that Our Combined Religious School has a great website and an email address?

Please visit OurCombinedSchool.com for monthly updates and the school year calendar.

You can email at the school address:

ourcombinedschool@outlook.com

## Wish List

- Portable Blackboard
- Sign for the Cemetery



#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The Board of Directors' is scheduled for Tuesday, September 16 at 7:30 pm. Please join us as we discuss the monthly financial information and business.

## CEMETERY NOTICE



The Beth El Cemetery gates are open on Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., with the excep-

tion of Jewish Holidays. Please Note: even though the gates are open on the days and hours stated above, you will notice that there are chains wrapped around the gates and they appear to be locked. In the past few years, due to youths in the area gathering at the cemetery on occasion, the caretaker had closed the gates with a chain to make it appear they were locked. Unfortunately at times this chain and lock were difficult to remove by our members, and has now been removed on the above mentioned days when the cemetery will be open.

## LET US KNOW WHO IS IN THE HOSPITAL

Over the years, we have tried to work with the hospitals to develop an effective way of knowing which Jewish patients are in hospital. For the most part, it has been a losing battle and now privacy laws do not permit the hospital to call and advise who is a patient in the hospital.

The bottom line is, if you do not let us know when a Jewish patient is in hospital, we will only know when Rabbi Ableser visits the hospitals, once or twice a week. The easiest way for you to help is to call us and let us know who is in hospital. It's even easier if you call after hours, and leave a message on the answering machine.

"Visiting the sick" is a prime Jewish virtue. The best way is to do it yourself. But, for thirty seconds of your time on the telephone, you can help us perform this mitzvah. Please keep it in the back of your mind.

## **Unemployed Help Centre Food Drive**

# The Food Bank Needs Our Help

The Food Bank of the Unemployed Help Centre needs our contributions, now more than ever. You can bring nonperishables to the shopping basket in our foyer for the food bank. No one in our community should go hungry at this or any other time of year.

Your gift of food will go a long way in helping our community. A generous donation will help to feed local families in time of crisis. Your willingness to share food and household products will provide essential items to maintain nutritional balance and personal hygiene.

Thank you for being an important part of this program. Even the smallest donation will be appreciated and put to work in relieving the hardships of families in Windsor and surrounding areas.



## EFFECTIVE MARCH 5, 2012

CONGREGATION BETH EL OFFICE WILL BE OPEN THE FOLLOWING DAYS AND HOURS:

| MONDAY:                               | 9AM TO 3PM |  |
|---------------------------------------|------------|--|
| TUESDAY:                              | 9AM TO 3PM |  |
| (CLOSE AT 6 ON RELIGIOUS SCHOOL DAYS) |            |  |
| WEDNESDAY:                            | 9AM TO 3PM |  |

THURSDAY: 9AM TO 3PM

9AM TO 12 NOON FRIDAY:

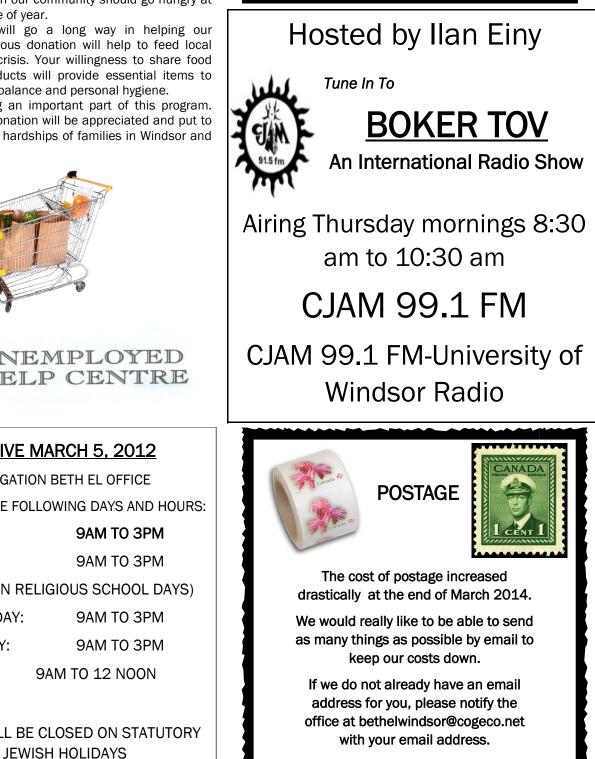
THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON STATUTORY AND JEWISH HOLIDAYS

Telephone answering machine is always on for messages

Please note the e-mail address for Beth El:

# bethelwindsor@cogeco.net

in order to receive correspondence, invoices, varzheit notices, newsletters and notifications.



קייק בית אל

# weeklyTORAH

Ki Teitzei When You Go Out (To Battle)

#### Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19

When you [an Israelite warrior] take the field against your enemies, and the Eternal your God delivers them into your power and you take some of them captive, and you see among the captives a beautiful woman and you desire her and would take her to wife.... - Deuteronomy 21:10-11

- Moses reviews a wide variety of laws regarding family, animals, and property. (21:10-22:12)
- Various civil and criminal laws are delineated, including those regarding sexual relationships, interaction with non-Israelites, loans, vows, and divorce. (22:13–24:5)
- Laws of commerce pertaining to loans, fair wages, and proper weights and measures are given. (24:10–25:16)

The parashah concludes with the commandment to remember for all time the most heinous act committed against the Israelites—Amalek's killing of the old, weak, and infirm after the Israelites left Egypt. (25:17-19)

#### Ki Tavo When You Enter [the Land]

#### Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8

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נצבים רוילן

בי תצא

When you enter the land that the Eternal your God is giving you as a heritage, and you possess it and settle in it, you shall take some of every first fruit of the soil, which you harvest from the land that the Eternal your God is giving to you, put it in a basket and go to the place where the Eternal your God will choose to establish the divine name. - Deuteronomy 26:1-2

- The Israelites are instructed to express their gratitude to God for their bountiful harvests and freedom from slavery by tithing ten percent of their crops for the Levite, the stranger, the orphan, and the widow. (26)
- The people are told to display on large stones God's commandments for all to see. (27:1-8)
- The Levites are to proclaim curses upon those who violate God's commandments. (27:15-26)
- The Israelites are told that if they obey God's mitzvot faithfully, they will receive every blessing imaginable. They are also told that if do not fulfill their brit with God, many curses will descend upon them. (28:1-69)

Moses reminds the Israelites of the miracles they witnessed in the wilderness and commands them to observe the terms of the covenant so that they may succeed in all that they undertake. (29:1-8)

### Nitzavim-Vayeilech

You Stand [This Day]

#### Deuteronomy 29:9-30:20

You stand this day, all of you, before the Eternal your God--you tribal heads, you elders, and you officials, all of the men of Israel, you children, you women, even the stranger within your camp, from woodchopper to water drawer... - Deuteronomy 29:9-10

- Moses tells the assembled people that God's covenant speaks to them and to all of the generations who will follow. (29:9–14)
- God warns the Israelites that they will be punished if they act idolatrously, the way the inhabitants of the other nations do. (29:15–28) Moses reassures the people that God will not forsake them and that they can attain blessings by following God's commandments. (30:1–20)

Deuteronomy 31:1-30

[Moses] Went

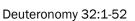
Moses went and spoke these things to all Israel. He said to them: "I am now one hundred and twenty years old, I can no longer be active. Moreover, the Eternal has said to me, 'You shall not go across yonder Jordan." - Deuteronomy 31:1-2

- Moses tells the assembled people that God's covenant speaks to them and to all of the generations who will follow. (29:9-14)
- God warns the Israelites that they will be punished if they act idolatrously, the way the inhabitants of the other nations do. (29:15–28)
- Moses reassures the people that God will not forsake them and that they can attain blessings by following God's commandments. (30:1-20)
- Moses prepares the people for his death and announces that Joshua will succeed him. (31:1–8)
- Moses instructs the priests and the elders regarding the importance of reading the Torah. (31:9–13)

God informs Moses that upon his death, the people will commit idolatry and "many evils and troubles shall befall them." God tells Moses to teach the people a poem that will "be My witness." (31:14-30)



### Haazinu





Listen

Give ear, O heavens, let me speak; Let the earth hear the words I utter! - Deuteronomy 32:1

- Moses sings his last song, a love poem to God and a chastisement of the people, who are not worthy of Adonai. (32:1–6)
- The poem recounts the blessings that God has bestowed on the Israelites, the wicked deeds they have committed, and the punishments that God then inflicted upon them. (32:7-43)

God tells Moses to begin his ascent of Mount Nebo, from where he will see the Land of Israel from a distance but will not be allowed to enter it. (32:45–52)

## Community Events-K'hilah

Save the date, attend the event, support your community



## Pride in Israel, Healing Together, Hope for Peace

#### Monday, September 29, 2014 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM Windsor JCC

At the reflective time between Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur, the Windsor JCC Community Relations committee, chaired by our President Ronna Warsh, invites you to join us for this important event.

Our program will bring the Jewish community together to watch a video and sing songs of Peace. At this event our community will demonstrate our love and support to those that are suffering in Israel.

We really hope you will join us so that our people will know how much we care.

Refreshments and fellowship to follow.

No solicitations.

For further information, please contact the Windsor JCC at (519) 973-1772.



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## 2014 UNITED JEWISH APPEAL KICK-OFF EVENT

## With Special Guest: Linda Kislowicz CEO Jewish Federations of Canada



Thursday, September 18 at 7:30 PM Windsor Jewish Community Centre Topic: "What Does the Future Hold...for Windsor, for Canada, for Israel"

> Dessert reception following the presentation Your UJA card will be available

Linda Kislowicz, a former Montrealer, relocated to Toronto in 2006 to assume the position of CEO of JFC-UIA. As CEO of JFC-UIA she is responsible for the national operations in Canada as well as the operations in Israel. As an active leader in the field of Jewish communal service for over 40 years, Linda has been instrumental in initiating and leading numerous changes and improvements in the various organizations that she has served. She is a passionate and inspiring community professional leader and has worked in many Jewish sectors.

Prior to serving as the CEO of JFC-UIA, Linda served as Executive Director of the YM-YWHA in Montreal, a multibranch, multi-service Jewish Community Centre and as Executive Director of Jewish Family Services in Montreal. Linda is the author of many presentations and publications and is the recipient of many awards including the Queens Golden Jubilee Medal. Linda recently returned from a JFNA Solidarity Mission to Israel.

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