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From the Beth El Clergy

TRAVELING FOR PESACH

BY ADJUNCT RABBI DAVID ABRAMSON



I've always been fascinated by time travel. Some of my favorite science-fiction movies, TV-series episodes, and short stories involve traveling through time. Two favorites are Ray

Bradbury's classic short story, *A Sound of Thunder*, and Christopher Nolan's cinematic journey through time and space, *Interstellar*.

But for me, stories of time travel are more than entertaining; they're meaningful to me also, because we Jews have been traveling through time and space for millennia.

Franz Rosenzweig, the early 20th-century Jewish philosopher, described the Jews as a meta-historical people. We don't live simply in the here-and-now, Rosenzweig taught. Rather, we are transported to other times and places, to re-experience important moments in our history.

This dynamic is particularly operative on Pesach. The *Haggadah* tells us: "*B'khol dor va-dor chayyav adam lir'ot et atzmo k'ilu hu yatzah mimitzrayim*" – in every generation, we should view ourselves as if we were liberated from Egypt. Why is this important? Because in order to appreciate our freedom, we must remember our enslavement. And if we're "doing Pesach right," we're with our ancestors in ancient Egypt, experiencing with them the bitterness of slavery and, subsequently, the joy of liberation.

But it's not only ancient Egypt to which we're transported on Pesach. When we sit in that cave in B'nai B'rak,

we're with Rabbi Akiva and those other freedom fighters, planning the Bar Kokhba revolt and trying to figure out how to live Jewish lives under the thumb of Rome. When we open the door for Elijah, we're with our forebears in Eastern European villages (the non-fictional Anatevkas that our people came from), surrounded by hostile neighbors, knowing that Pesach is also pogrom season, and summoning the courage to defiantly declare the Psalmist's words: "Pour out Your wrath on the nations that have not known you, and on the kingdoms that have not called upon your name. For they have devoured Jacob, and laid waste his dwelling place!" (Ps. 79:6-7) And when we end the Seder singing "*L'Shanah ha-ba'ah b'Yerushalayim* [next year in Jerusalem]," we're transported to the Messianic Age, in which the world is perfected and all strife and enslavement are gone.

But it's not only to significant historical moments and places that we're transported. For example, when we sing those quirky family tunes at the Seder, we're transported to *s'darim* of years and decades ago. When, in my extended family, we serve a Pesach concoction called "lulu," we're transported to that Seder in 1935 when the name was coined, and to countless subsequent *s'darim* (in my family and beyond) in which lulu is an inviolable Pesach tradition. When I chant the Festival Kiddush on Pesach, which celebrates *z'man cheiruteinu* [our festival of freedom], I'm transported to a seder in 1989, at which we hosted a family that had escaped the Soviet Union only weeks earlier.

Of course, we Jews are meta-his-
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SERVICE INFORMATION

MINYAN SCHEDULE

Sunday

9:00 am and 8:00 pm

Monday - Thursday

7:30 am and 8:00 pm*

Friday

7:30 am

*Evening minyan takes place at 8:20 pm on Wednesdays when the
Scolnic Adult Institute is in session.

SHABBAT SCHEDULE

Friday, April 3

6:30 pm Friday Night Shabbat Service

Saturday, April 4

7:30 am Early Shabbat Service

9:15 am Main Shabbat Service

12:30 pm [Support After Loss](#)

Friday, April 10

6:00 pm Young Family Shabbat Service

6:00 pm Shir Yachad Light Dinner

7:00 pm [Shir Yachad Friday Night Musical Service](#)

Saturday, April 11

7:30 am Early Shabbat Service

9:15 am Main Shabbat Service - Sophie Patterson Bat Mitzvah

9:30 am Junior Congregation

9:45 am Minyan Ruach

Friday, April 17

6:30 pm [Yedid Nefesh Friday Night Musical Service](#)

Saturday, April 18

7:30 am Early Shabbat Service

9:15 am Main Shabbat Service - Harrison and Miles Gittleman
B'nai Mitzvah

9:30 am Junior Congregation

9:30 am Minyan Chaverim

12:30 pm [Yah Echsof Meditation and Exploration Group](#)

Friday, April 24

6:30 pm [Shabbat Together](#)

6:30 pm [Kol Haneshama Friday Night Musical Service](#)

7:30 pm Kol Haneshama Shabbat Dinner with BEENs/NuBEENs

8:30 pm Kol Haneshama Oneg with Guest Speaker

Saturday, April 25

7:30 am Early Shabbat Service

9:15 am Main Shabbat Service - Melissa and Nicole Rothman
B'not Mitzvah

9:30 am Junior Congregation

*For more information on Beth El's Shabbat services and daily
minyanim, please visit bethelmc.org/services.*

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torical people not only on Pesach. On Hanukkah, for example, we're with the Maccabees as they fight for religious freedom and assert Jewish pride. And on Shavu'ot, we're standing with our fellow Israelites at Sinai, declaring along with them: "Kol asher dibber Adonai na'aseh [all that Adonai says, we will obey]." (Ex. 19:8) But we're especially metahistorical during the Pesach season. As Yomtov approaches, we traditionally wish each other *chag sameach*, a happy holiday. On Pesach, we wish each other *chag kasher v'sameach*, a happy and kosher holiday. I wish all of that to you and your loved ones. But as we prepare to travel to many times and places, I also wish you an enjoyable and meaningful journey. ■

MONTHLY PROGRAMMING

Click on any event on the calendar below to find out more about these upcoming programs.

April Events at Beth El







Connect

- April 4**
 12:30 pm
Support After Loss
 A brief teaching and discussion with Hazzan Asa Fradkin. 
- April 11**
 12:30 pm
Shabbat Mahj
 Attention all Mahj players: get your Mahj fix on Shabbat! 
- April 12**
 12:00 pm
Tzelem LGBT+ Teen Group
 A safe space for Jewish teens to talk about the issues in their lives. 
- April 15**
 2:00 pm
Coffee with the Clergy
 Join Senior Caucus and Rabbi Harris for snacks and schmoozing. 
- April 16**
 7:30 pm
Hearing Men's Voices
 Rabbi Harris leads a discussion of "What does it mean to be Jewish in America 2026?" 
- April 16**
 7:30 pm
Kesher Nashim
 Women's cancer support group for cancer patients and survivors, via Zoom. 
- April 17**
 12:00 pm
Let's Do Lunch
 WBE will meet at Chop't in the Wildwood Shopping Center for lunch. 








Learn

- April 13**
 7:15 pm
Yom Hashoah Film Screening
 We will watch and discuss the short film Papillon before evening minyan. 
- April 18**
 12:30 pm
Yah Eschof Meditation Group
 Explore Judaism through meditation, chant, and study with Hazzan Fradkin. 
- April 19**
 10:00 am
BERS Open House
 Come see what makes Beth El Religious School so special. 
- April 21**
 7:00 pm
Shiva Leader Training
 Learn to serve our community by becoming a shiva minyan leader. 
- April 23**
 7:00 pm
Book Chat: The Director
 Our friends from BUMC will join us to discuss this book by Daniel Kehlmann. 
- April 26**
 1:00 pm
Developments in Israel - via Zoom
 Professor Avi Weiss will discuss the impact of the Iran war on economic developments in Israel. 

Engage

- April 5**
 8:00 am
INOVA Blood Drive
 Help save lives by donating blood from 8:00 am -12:30 pm in Zahler Social Hall. 
- April 12**
 All Day
Good Deeds Day
 Participate in a wide variety of tikkun olam projects and collections. 
- April 19**
 11:00 am
Yom Ha'Atzmaut Zimriyah
 Join us for a joyful musical celebration of Israel's 78th Independence Day. 
- April 23**
 7:00 pm
Jews & Brews
 Join Rabbi Harris at his fire pit for schmoozing and casual Jewish learning. 
- April 30**
 11:45 am
Dor L'Dor
 Members 60+ join with BEPS children for lunch, crafts, and games. 
- April 30**
 7:00 pm
Let's Get Cooking!
 WBE and members of the LDS Church will cook soup for Interfaith Works. 

Pray

- April 2**
 7:00 pm
Second Night Seder
 Join us for a congregational Seder led by Rabbi Greg Harris. 
- April 10**
 6:00 pm
Young Family Shabbat
 Shabbat songs and prayers, followed by dinner, for families with children 0-6. 
- April 11**
 9:45 am
Minyan Ruach
 Join this lay-led service in the Library. 
- April 17**
 6:30 pm
Yedid Nefesh Friday Night Service
 Friday evening musical service that blends familiar melodies and traditional liturgy. 
- April 18**
 9:30 am
Minyan Chaverim
 Join this lay-led service in the Swoff Chapel. 
- April 24**
 6:00 pm
Shabbat Together
 Join us for a joyful Shabbat experience for children grades K-5 and their families. 
- April 24**
 6:30 pm
Kol Haneshama Musical Shabbat
 Services at 6:30 pm followed by Shabbat Dinner hosted by our Empty Nesters. 

Kol Haneshama Speaker

BY LAURA NADEL



Join Kol Haneshama on Friday, April 24, for this lay-led service that blends tradition and creativity, drawing on contemporary and innovative Jewish music from around the world. This evening's service will begin at 6:30 pm, followed by a congregational Shabbat dinner at 7:30 pm and our speaker at approximately 8:15 pm. This event is co-sponsored by NuBEENS and Beyond BEENS.

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Our guest speaker this month is Andrew I. Schoenholtz, who will speak on "A Nation of Immigrants or a Nativist Nation: Which America Will Prevail?"

Andrew I. Schoenholtz is a Professor from Practice at Georgetown Law, where he co-directs the Center for Applied Legal Studies, the asylum clinic in which students represent refugees fleeing persecution who seek asylum in the United States. He also directs the Certificate in Refugees and Humanitarian Emergencies and serves as the faculty director of the Human Rights Institute. He researches and writes regularly on refugee law and policy. He holds a JD from Harvard Law School and a PhD from Brown University.

For more info about Schoenholtz, and to register for the congregational Shabbat dinner, go to bethelmc.org/kol-haneshama-0424. ■

Passover Service Schedule

Wednesday, April 1 – Erev Passover

Schools closed. Offices close at noon.

7:15 am: Siyyum for the First Born

6:30 pm: Festival Evening Service – Zoom only

Thursday, April 2 – Passover Day 1

Schools and offices closed.

9:15 am: Festival Morning Service

6:30 pm: Festival Evening Service

7:00 pm: Second Night Seder

Friday, April 3 – Passover Day 2

Schools and offices closed.

9:15 am: Festival Morning Service

Tuesday, April 7 – Passover Day 6

6:30 pm: Festival Evening Service – Zoom only

Wednesday, April 8 – Passover Day 7

Schools and offices closed.

9:15 am: Festival Morning Service

6:30 pm: Festival Evening Service – Zoom only

Thursday, April 9 – Passover Day 8

Schools and offices closed.

7:15 am: Early Festival Morning Service (Yizkor)

9:15 am: Festival Morning Service (Yizkor)

8:00 pm: Evening Minyan – Zoom only

Unless otherwise indicated, all services are available to attend in person or watch online at bethelmc.org/watch-live.



BETH EL CELEBRATES ISRAEL @ 78



Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day), Yom HaZikaron (Israeli Memorial Day), and Yom Ha'Atzmaut (Israeli Independence Day) all take place at the end of April this year. There will be several events at Beth El to help you engage and connect with these holidays and share your love of Israel.

JOIN US FOR THESE ACTIVITIES:



YOM HASHOAH FILM SCREENING & DISCUSSION - MONDAY, APRIL 13, 7:15 PM

Papillon (The Butterfly) was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Animated Short. It depicts the life of Jewish French swimmer Alfred Nakache, who competed in the 1936 Berlin Olympics in Nazi Germany. The film beautifully and evocatively depicts Nakache's experiences. We will screen and discuss the film via Zoom leading into the evening service at 8:00 pm. Register at bethelmc.org/papillon-0413.



YOM HA'ATZMAUT ZIMRIYAH - SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 11:00-11:30 AM

Join us for Zimriyah 2.0, a joyful musical celebration of Israel's 78th Independence Day and a continuation of a new Beth El tradition. Following last year's successful inaugural Zimriyah, K-5th-grade students will perform beloved Israeli songs in a festive, community-wide celebration led by our Israeli shaliach, Yoel Gleizer. RSVP at bethelmc.org/zimriyah-0419.



Let's Do Good Together!

Good Deeds Day: April 12, 2026

Good Deeds Day is Sunday, April 12. There are several different ways to get involved in tikkun olam at Beth El. Please join us for any or all of these projects and help make a difference in our community!

*Some projects take place before or after April 12, so please check the dates.

INOVA Blood Drive*

Join us in the Zahler Social Hall on **Sunday, April 5, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm** to donate blood and help save lives! To schedule your appointment, visit tinyurl.com/53bm3rau. For assistance, contact Jon Simon at jonathan747@gmail.com or Jack Ventura at jack.ventura@verizon.net.



Upper School Bagel Sale for Kibbutz Nir Oz

Upper School students will be selling bagels in the Beth El Lobby on **Sunday, April 12, 9:30 am-12:00 pm**. Buy one or one dozen! Cash only for bagels. Donations accepted.



Friends of Cabin John Creek Clean Up

Join volunteers at Cabin John Local Park (7401 MacArthur Blvd) on **Sunday, April 12, 2:00-4:00 pm** to pick up trash along the trail and creek and prevent it from floating down to the Potomac River and then into the Chesapeake Bay. Trash bags and work gloves provided. Sign up at tinyurl.com/yc8htp58. Questions: Abby Miller at abbycmiller@gmail.com.



Making Snack Packs for Bethesda Help

Join Women of Beth El on **Sunday, April 12, 2:00-3:30 pm** to assemble children's snack packs for families served by Bethesda Help. Volunteers of all ages are needed, including children and teens. Families welcome! All materials will be provided by Women of Beth El. Register at bethelmc.org/snack-packs-0412.



Crafting Red Scarves for Foster Care to Success

Join Beth El Crafters on **Sunday, April 12, 11:00 am-12:00 pm** to start a red scarf for young adults exiting foster care. Knitters and Crocheters of all ages and skill levels are welcome. Bring your knitting needles or crochet hook and red yarn (any hue). Limited yarn will be available. Completed scarves will be collected through the end of September. No RSVP needed. Questions: heathergjanssen@gmail.com.



Food Sorting at Manna Food Center*

Join Beth El's Men's Club at Manna Food Center in Gaithersburg on **Monday, April 13, 7:00-9:00 pm** to sort food donations for Montgomery County residents. Volunteers of all ages welcome; youths under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Limited to 15 individuals. SSL hours available. Sign up and complete release forms by emailing Jonathan Epstein at jonathan.epstein@hklaw.com.



Beth El New DC Diaper Bank Collection Site

Beginning on **Sunday, April 12, 9:00 am**, Beth El will become an ongoing drop off location for the DC Diaper Bank. Items accepted: Diapers, sizes N-8 (open packages accepted), Pullups & Overnights, all sizes (open packages accepted), New and unopened Wipes. Drop your donations off in the lobby: Questions: Melissa Fishkin Eisenberg at meisenberg111@gmail.com.



Other Good Deeds Day Collections at Beth El on Sunday, April 12

Expired or Unwanted Medication Collection, Beth El Men's Club, 9:00 am-12:00 pm. Bring your unwanted, unused, or expired medication for safe disposal. There will be a table set up for collection in the lobby. No epi-pens.

Full Size New Toiletry Items for Interfaith Works Women's Shelters, NuBEENS, 9:00 am-12:00 pm. Bring new and unopened hand soap, body wash (full size), body lotion (full size), body wipes, razors, shaving cream, shampoo (full size), conditioner (full size), deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouth wash (non-alcohol), floss, and washcloths to donate. Questions: Karen Judson kjudson5@gmail.com.

Interfaith Works Essential Needs Collection, 9:00 am-12:00 pm. Urgent requests for food, infant boy clothes, and all sizes of new underwear, bras, and socks. Accepting all wish list items *except for appliances*:
Food Pantry Wish List: tinyurl.com/m3kn6jwj
Collection List: tinyurl.com/3uvpa44s

The Treehouse Child Advocacy Center of Montgomery County, 9:00 am-12:00 pm. Collecting new or unused/very gently used puzzles (ages 2 to 12), washable markers, play dough, stress balls, coloring and sticker books, kid-size throw blankets. Learn more about the Treehouse Child Advocacy Center at treehousemd.org. Questions: Andrea Rifkind andrearifkind@gmail.com.

Canned Tuna and Chicken Collection for Bethesda Help, 9:00 am-12:00 pm. Beyond BEENS has committed to collecting a total of 100 cans of tuna and/or chicken for Bethesda Help. They challenge the rest of the Beth El community to at least match their contribution. Drop off cans in the marked collection box in the lobby.



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Tzedakah Council

BY TEDDY SCHWARTZ

Once a month, a group of third, fourth, and fifth graders gathers together at Beth El for a program that has become one of the most impactful initiatives at the Religious School. The program, named Tzedakah Council, focuses on charity work and teaching kids how to help those less fortunate. It is run by Richard Sloane, a long-time teacher at Beth El, who, since 2022, has led the club to make financial donations to more than 30 charities, both in the U.S. and abroad. Over the past four years, the club has raised more than \$10,000 for important Jewish and non-Jewish causes.

The students also participate in hands-on activities. The club meetings work like a potluck, with each student bringing one item, ranging from socks to toothbrushes to shampoo. Each student then makes one or two goodie bags with one of every item contributed. This is where the club diverges from the norm. In a typical school club, students would leave the bags with the teacher to distribute to outside organizations, but in this club, the task of distributing the bags is delegated to the students themselves. The Tzedakah Council members take on the task of identifying individuals in need of receiving the donations.

Sloane runs the program for two reasons: to help the needy and to remind the students that they are “not too young to make an important contribution” and also that



“no amount of tzedakah is ‘too little.’”

The Tzedakah Council does more than direct giving to the needy. Some of the main goals of the club include researching specific causes that matter to the students and learning the role of tzedakah and *g'milot chasadim*, acts of kindness, as core Jewish values. Most kids know that tzedakah helps people in need, but the work of the Council helps the students connect to this value on a deeper level. They take ownership of researching, discussing, and debating which causes should be supported by their resources. And they brainstorm other chessed (kindness) projects they can pursue. Among these projects, they have collected and distributed gently used winter clothing and canned food, raised money for the Israeli Children's Fund (which benefits victims of the October 7th terrorist attacks) through sufganiyot sales during Hanukkah, and made recent financial contributions to Magen David Adom; the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society; and United Hatzalah.

Sloane finds particular joy in the program based on what he gets to do with the kids. According to Sloane, “There is nothing that I do at Beth El that is more important than this.” ■

Teddy Schwartz is the son of congregants Ron and Claudia Schwartz and is a madrich with the Beth El Religious School.

Have Stolpersteine Been Installed to Commemorate Members of Your Family?

Senior Caucus is planning a program on May 19 about the *Stolpersteine* (stumbling stone) Project that originated in Germany to commemorate victims of the Holocaust. Stones are placed at the last place a person voluntarily lived, and includes their fate after being forced from that location.



We are collecting names and other details about family members of congregants for whom stones have been placed. Your name and theirs will be included on a list we will distribute at the May 19 program.

More details about how to register to attend the Beth El Senior Caucus program will be included in future Scrolls and newsletters. However, we need to collect names and dates of Stolpersteine installations as soon as possible. **Please contact Pat Danoff at pat.danoff@gmail.com if you wish to have your family included or for more information.**



SHIVA LEADER TRAINING

Learn how to serve our community by providing this comforting and important mitzvah to Beth El families.

Tuesday, April 21, 7:00-8:00 pm

at Congregation Beth El

This session is for those interested in learning to lead a shiva minyan in someone's home. Beth El members often take on this leadership role to assist in the mitzvah of nachum avelim, comforting the mourner. Come join Rabbi Harris and Hazzan Fradkin if you would like to learn the skills and sensitivities needed to provide this comforting and important mitzvah to Beth El families. Please register at bethelmc.org/events/shiva-training-0421 by April 17. Email rfinkelstein@bethelmc.org with any questions.

Israel in Focus

Freedom From Fear This Passover

BY LARRY SIDMAN

The dominant theme of Passover is freedom. In the Haggadah, we celebrate the liberation of the Jewish people who had been enslaved in Egypt by pharaohs "who knew not Joseph." We describe the physical and emotional pain of slavery. We recite the ten plagues that Egypt suffered, underscoring that freedom is not gained lightly. We express gratitude for all that God did for us, as we joyously chant "*Dayeinu*." We conclude the seder with a hopeful rendition of *L'Shanah Haba'ah B'Yerushalym*, "Next Year in Jerusalem."

Freedom from slavery is an achievement, but the Haggadah teaches that it is a process that continues from ancient times to the precious moments of our seders. Thus, we are reminded grimly that "in each generation, they rise to destroy us, but God saves us from their hands." This warning, tragically reflecting thousands of years of Jewish history, underscores the constant work needed to sustain freedom. To assist us in perpetuating, and, if necessary, fighting for freedom, we are commanded to imagine ourselves as if we experienced the exodus from Egypt and the sweetness and redemptive power of freedom.

Freedom also is a core American value. The American Revolution threw off the yoke of colonial rule by the British monarchy in favor of the freedom of "government of, by and for the people." The First Amendment to the United States Constitution seeks to preserve freedom of religion, the press, speech, assembly, and the right to petition the government. President Franklin Delano Roosevelt stressed the importance of freedom in his famous "Four Freedoms" address to the Congress on January 6, 1941 when Europe already had been overrun by the Nazis. In that speech, Roosevelt framed his vision of American ideals as freedom of speech and worship and freedom from want and fear.

Fear is one of most powerful emotions and a catalyst for human behavior individually and collectively. We respond to fear in a vast variety of ways. For some, fear is paralytic, causing us to retreat from reality and seek refuge at almost any cost. For others, fear triggers the "fight" reaction, striking those perceived to be the oppressors. At the communal and even the national level, fear is one of the most utilized and effective tools to influence elections.

This Passover, we do not need our imagination to grasp the relevance of fear to the lives of Jews, wherever they reside.

Our Israeli brothers and sisters rightly fear for their lives, especially when the repeated vows of Iranian leaders to destroy Israel and all the inhabitants thereof are coupled with missiles compelling them to seek shelter in their safe houses multiple times each day. Israeli lives have been at risk for the entirety of the existence of the modern State of Israel, no more so than in the last sev-

eral years, as horrifically demonstrated by Hamas' October 7 massacre and hostage taking. Several weeks ago, in his webinar as part of Beth El's Scolnic Institute, noted progressive Israeli journalist, Amir Tibon, described the state of physical and emotional exhaustion of Israel's population.

In the United States, antisemitism, masquerading as antizionism or unmasked as neo-nazism, has surged to a level that few American Jews could have thought possible in our lifetimes. Major Jewish organizations such as the ADL and the American Jewish Committee have provided the statistical evidence, with over 55 percent of Jewish Americans experiencing some form of antisemitism in the past year. Over 50 percent of Jewish Americans are worried about their personal safety because they are Jewish. The list of attacks on synagogues, commencing with the Tree of Life attack in 2018, has grown dramatically, the most recent only several weeks ago at Temple Israel outside Detroit where a mass scale tragedy that could have killed 140 children was miraculously avoided. The anti-Jew animosity manifested on college campuses has seeped down to high schools and middle schools.

This Passover let us consider sharpening our discussion about freedom by focusing on how the American and Israeli Jewish communities can unite in their shared quest for freedom from fear. How do we gain a deeper understanding and appreciation of the responses of each community to those who seek our destruction or those who mouth platitudes deploring antisemitism, but vote to deny weapons to Israel necessary for its survival? What behaviors and strategies can be modeled to mitigate our fears? What roles do commitment, courage, faith, and resilience play in seeking and hopefully attaining Jewish freedom from fear? ■

UPCOMING ISRAEL PROGRAMS

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 1:00 PM VIA ZOOM Economic and Demographic Developments in Israel. Professor Avi Weiss, president of the Taub Center in Israel, will discuss economic and demographic developments in Israel, drawing on the findings of the Center's 2025 "State of the Nation" report. This Zoom event is free of charge. RSVP at bethelm.org/israel-developments-0426.

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 9:00 AM-12:30 PM Café Sababa – Coffee & Community at Beth El. Start your Sunday with great coffee and great people! Café Sababa is a pop-up Israeli-style coffee experience led by *shaliach* Yoel Gleizer, offering espresso, hafuch (latte), and more in a relaxed community setting. Coffee is free with optional donations to support a charitable cause, just come, sip, and schmooze.

Exciting Changes Coming to Beth El Upper School

BY JOSH ROSENSTEIN, VP OF EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING

Across the country and at Beth El, synagogue teen engagement is changing. Over the past several years, the Board and congregational volunteers held a series of listening sessions with Upper School parents and teens. We heard appreciation for Beth El's strong community and clergy relationships. But we also received clear feedback: teens want deeper ownership, stronger peer connection, a sense of meaning and belonging, greater flexibility, more "fun", and programming that reflects how adolescents actually grow and develop. Parents feel the same, and want a place that meets their families' needs in 2026, not 1996. We believe this moment calls not for incremental tweaks, but rather for thoughtful transformation.

Beth El Religious School is proud to introduce *Netivot: Upper School at Beth El*, a bold and inspiring redesign of our Upper School (7th–12th grades). This transformation reflects years of thoughtful planning, stakeholder feedback, and a deep commitment to Jewish adolescent development. To be clear: this is not merely a rebrand. Rather, *Netivot* represents a significant and positive shift from a traditional post-B Mitzvah model to a dynamic, teen-centered journey rooted in belonging, identity, values, and leadership.

The name *Netivot*, meaning "pathways," captures the heart of the program: our teens are not passive participants, but active partners shaping their Jewish experience. Rather than viewing B-Mitzvah as a culmination, *Netivot* reframes it as the beginning of a meaningful and evolving Jewish journey. This is a fundamental reimagining of the Upper School not as just "more religious school," but as a meaningful, teen-centered Jewish journey — one that strengthens belonging, identity, and leadership for the next generation of Beth El and the Jewish community more broadly.

So, what's changing? Instead of a primarily classroom-based, adult-directed model, *Netivot* introduces a developmentally-sequenced pathway, including a new 11th and 12th Grade experience, recognizing that the traditional "end" of formal Jewish education in 10th grade doesn't line up with our children's needs or expectations.

- In 7th grade (*Values in Practice*), students will explore how Jewish texts illuminate their personal values. They will design a mitzvah project that reflects their emerging sense of purpose, culminating in a Mitzvah Project Showcase that frames the B-Mitzvah as a beginning, not an endpoint.
- In 8th–9th grades (*Identity Development*), teens will grapple with essential questions like "Who am I?" and "Where do I belong?", while taking creative ownership of holiday programming, designing and leading celebrations such as Hanukkah and Passover for their peers.

- In 10th grade (*Values in Action*), our students will connect Jewish and universal values to real-world impact through a Jewish Teen Philanthropy experience, immersive learning, and meaningful service initiatives.
- By 11th–12th grades (*Leadership Development*), our oldest teens will assume authentic leadership roles within the synagogue, participate in internship-style placements, receive mentorship, and refine the skills they will carry into college and adulthood.

We are also introducing an immersive series of learning travel, such as exploring the Jewish experience of the civil rights movement in the south; Jewish immigration through New York; and culminating with the Sorkin Israel trip.

A cornerstone of *Netivot* is the Teen Board, empowering representatives from each grade to guide curriculum, to strengthen community, and to serve as liaisons to synagogue leadership. Students will expand their life-skills, and offer ongoing teen input into curriculum and culture of the program.

Implementation begins this Spring, with full launch in Fall 2026.

Netivot is not an off-the-shelf product but rather is a tailored, unique, and carefully-designed program. It will help position Beth El as a leader in teen engagement: relationship-centered, developmentally responsive, and deeply rooted in Jewish wisdom. Most importantly, it ensures our teens experience Jewish learning not as something completed at 13, but as a lifelong path of growth, connection, and purpose.

We are excited for this new phase of BERS. For specific questions about curriculum, timing, and details, please contact Education Director Elisha Frumkin directly, and be on the lookout for more information in the next few months. As always, feel free to reach out to me. ■



Books & Beyond

Proving the Angels Wrong

BY ROBIN JACOBSON

Saul Golubcow's *Were the Angels Wrong?* is both a marvelous whodunit and a moving meditation on the lingering aftermath of the Holocaust. This is the third book in Golubcow's mystery series set in the New York City Jewish communities of the 1970s.

FRANK WOLF AND FAMILY

One of the pleasures of the series is spending time with private detective Frank Wolf and his close-knit, observant Jewish family. Frank is an erudite, deeply ethical, Old-World gentleman, steeped in both Jewish and secular learning. Never without a suit jacket, even on the hottest summer day, he investigates baffling crimes, ably assisted by his grandson, Joel Gordon.

At the start of the series, Joel was a law student who could sometimes be impatient with his Zaida's (grandfather's) meticulous crime-solving methodology. By the third book, Joel is more mature. Now a lawyer working for a prestigious New York law firm, he is married to Aliya, a clinical psychologist, who contributes valuable insights into the cases. Joel's grandfather and mother adore Aliya, often praising the wisdom of Joel's "kallah" (bride).

Over Shabbat dinners of brisket and kugel, the family talks and laughs; they are forward-looking and optimistic notwithstanding the immense suffering they have endured. Before World War II, Frank was a professor of philosophy in Vienna. He and his daughter Molly (Joel's mother) survived the Holocaust by hiding in a cellar for six years.

After the war, Frank and Molly emigrated to the United States and began a new life in Brooklyn. Molly earned a college degree, married, and began managing a successful jewelry store. Tragically, Molly's husband died of cancer when Joel was a young teenager. Together, she and Frank guided Joel towards adulthood.

THE LONG SHADOW OF THE HOLOCAUST

Were the Angels Wrong? involves the murder of a Holocaust survivor. The suspected perpetrator is another Holocaust survivor, Martin Ross, who claims he is innocent. Martin is Molly's beau, so Frank and Joel have a personal stake in the case as they team up to investigate the crime.

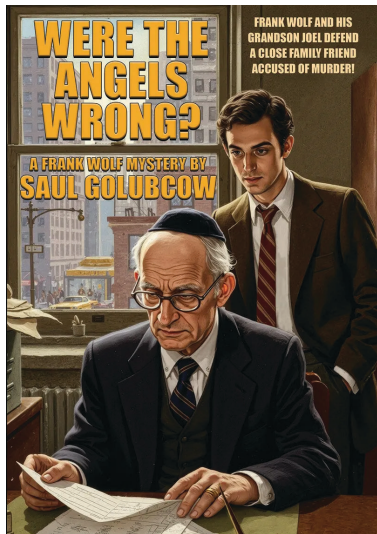
Suspecting that the roots of the crime lie in the war years, Frank and Joel delve into the histories of all parties implicated in the case. In the process, they stir up the ever-raw, morally complex issue of Jewish kapos. These were Jewish concentration camp prisoners assigned to positions of limited authority within the

camp, such as supervisors of prisoner work details. Some kapos cruelly abused their fellow prisoners while others used their privileged position to help them.

Joel has never inquired too deeply into his mother and grandfather's Holocaust experience, afraid to upset them or himself. He marvels at their seeming ability to have put their dark war years behind them. But in *Angels*, Frank acknowledges to Joel that "some darkness exists in all who survived the War – in our minds, in our hearts, in our bones."

Nonetheless, Frank says, he struggles against the darkness within himself and in the larger world. He draws strength and purpose from Psalms 115:16: "*The heavens belong to God – but God gave the Earth to mankind.*" Recalling a midrash that describes the angels as outraged by God's decision to entrust the precious Earth to flawed humans, Frank admits that the violence of human history could be seen to confirm the angels' predic-

tion that humans would be poor stewards. Yet, he insists, "As tired as we may be, as beaten down as we may be, it is our duty to strive every day to prove the angels wrong." What an inspiring detective hero! Readers will look forward to more Frank Wolf adventures. ■



Book Chat

The Director
by Daniel Kehlmann

Thursday, April 23
7:00 pm at Beth El

Join us at Beth El to discuss Daniel Kehlmann's acclaimed novel, *The Director*, about art, ego, and the danger of making small, successive moral compromises in times of political crisis. Bethesda United Methodist Book Club members will also participate. Register at bethelmc.org/book-chat-0423.

Seaboard FJMC Blue Yarmulke Person of the Year Awards Lunch

Please join the Seaboard Region of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs (FJMC) for the 2026 Blue Yarmulke Person of the Year Awards lunch on Sunday, April 26, at noon at B'nai Israel Congregation, 3706 Crondall Lane, Owings Mills, MD. The cost is \$45 per person to attend. This year, Beth El is honoring Jeffrey Grill as its Person of the Year. Jeffrey has served as Treasurer of the Beth El Men's Club since 2012 and as Beth El's Treasurer since 2023. Please join us at the lunch to honor Jeffrey for his service to the Men's Club, Beth El, and the community. Also, please consider a tribute to Jeffrey whether you can attend the lunch or not. Register and/or make a tribute at <https://www.wizevents.com/fjmcseaboard2026/?id=10966>.

MAZAL TOV TO
Jeffrey Grill
 FOR BEING HONORED AS
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UPCOMING MEN'S CLUB PROGRAMS

SUNDAYS, APRIL 5, 12, 19, AND 26 9:30 AM Men's Club Breakfast. Join us after morning minyan every Sunday for a breakfast sponsored by Men's Club.

THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 7:30 PM Hearing Men's Voices. Beth El men are invited to join us in person or via Zoom as Jon Simon leads a discussion of "How the People and Ideas in My Career Have Influenced the Way I See the World and My Place in It." RSVP at bethelmc.org/hmv-0416.

MONDAY, APRIL 13, 7:00 PM Food Sorting at Manna Food Center in Gaithersburg for Good Deeds Day. Volunteers ages 11 and older are needed to help sort nonperishable food at the Manna Warehouse. See page 5 for more information.

THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 7:00 PM Jews & Brews. Join Rabbi Harris around the firepit at his home for schmoozing and casual Jewish learning. Jews & Brews is sponsored by Men's Club, but all Beth El members are welcome to attend. RSVP at bethelmc.org/jews-brews-0423.

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, NOON Seaboard FJMC Blue Yarmulke Person of the Year Awards Lunch. See information on this page.

Yellow Candle Program

The Men's Club is distributing Shohah Yellow Candles as a living symbol for home observance of Yom HaShoah. The yellow wax memorial candle, which is made in Israel, serves as a reminder of the yellow stars forced upon European Jews during the Nazi regime. The Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs has long understood that Holocaust remembrance needs to also take place in the home, to be a mechanism for families to gather for a moment to teach and to explain to the next generation the impact and the survival of that horrific time in Jewish history. Guidance about lighting the candle and home observance is included in the bag with the candle. Pick one up from the table outside the Beth El office. We join Jews worldwide in lighting the Shoah Yellow Candle at sundown on Monday, April 13. Donate to support the Yellow Candle program online at bethelmc.org/yellow-candle. Funds received over and above our program cost will go directly to support the Holocaust Survivors Program sponsored by the Jewish Social Service Agency (JSSA). ■



HEARING MEN'S
VOICES

Thursday, April 16, 7:30 pm
 In person at Beth El and via Zoom

**JEWES &
 BREWS**

Thursday, April 23, 7:00 pm





LET'S DO Lunch

With Women of Beth El

Friday, April 17, at Noon · Chop't in Wildwood Shopping Center

Let's Get Cooking!

Help make delicious soup to donate to Interfaith Works

Thursday, April 30, 7:00 pm
at Congregation Beth El



UPCOMING WOMEN OF BETH EL PROGRAMS

MONDAYS, APRIL 6 AND 20, 1:00 PM AND WEDNESDAYS, APRIL 15 AND 29, 7:00 PM **WBE Crafters**. WBE Crafters is open to anyone who does any kind of crafting. We meet to have social interaction, get help with our projects, learn something new, and work on service project opportunities.

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 12:30 PM **Shabbat Mahj**. Get your Mahj fix on Shabbat. Sign up at bethelmc.org/shabbat-mahj-0411.

SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2:00 PM **Snack Packs for Bethesda Help for Good Deeds Day**. Join us to assemble children's snack packs for families served by Bethesda Help. See page 5 for more information.

SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 11:00 AM **Crafting Red Scarves for Foster Care to Success for Good Deeds Day**. See page 5 for more information.

THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 7:30 PM **Keshet Nashim Support Group**. See page 12 for more information.

FRIDAY, APRIL 17, NOON **Let's Do Lunch**. Join WBE for lunch at Chop't in Wildwood Shopping Center. RSVP at bethelmc.org/lunch-0417 so that we know to save a seat at the table for you

THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 7:00 PM **Let's Get Cooking!** Join WBE for an interfaith cooking event with members of the Church of Latter Day Saints. This event is free and open to all, but space is limited, so please register at bethelmc.org/cooking-0430.

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Who should apply? Rising 7th-12th graders who have a positive attitude, are enthusiastic about having fun and playing with young children, enjoy working with other teens and can take direction from supervisors.

For more details or to apply:

www.bethelpreschool.org/summer

Contact Lauren Hirt, Director of Early Childhood Education, with any questions: lhirt@bethelmc.org.



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Support After Loss

With a special invitation to those who have had a recent loss, we will gather for a brief teaching and discussion led by a member of the Beth El Clergy. All are welcome to join this six-session series as often as they wish. Registration for each individual session is recommended in case there are updates. Sponsored by the Clergy and the Nichum Aveilim (Comforting mourners) Committee. Our next session will be on Saturday, April 4, at 12:30 pm. RSVP at bethelmc.org/support-after-loss-0404.

Minyan Ruach

Join us for Minyan Ruach on Saturday, April 11, 9:45 am in the Library. Minyan Ruach is an alternative to the traditional service. It is a low key, mostly lay-led, participatory service. We make it very comfortable to be part of the service. Always wanted an aliyah or open the Ark? There is always an opportunity to try something at Minyan Ruach. You can even chant Torah or Haftarah if you would like. We always sing with our special song leaders and always have an interesting presentation. Come join us and bring a friend! Any questions, contact Marsha Liss at lissmjs@gmail.com or Sally Ehrlich at salehrlich@yahoo.com.

Keshet Nashim

Keshet Nashim supports female cancer survivors and those with a new cancer diagnosis. Join Beth El women for confidential, lively discussions, friendship, and support at our monthly meetings. One or two women from the group will be "On Call" monthly to talk to any woman interested in more information about the group. Our next meeting is Thursday, April 16, at 7:30 pm, via Zoom. For more information, including the Zoom link, please contact Judy Spector at judithspector@verizon.net.

Seeking Kiddush Sponsors

Celebrate a special day, remember a loved one, or just because – sponsor a kiddush on a Shabbat/Festival morning when there is no b-mitzvah. Various menus available. Visit bethelmc.org/kiddush, email info@bethelmc.org, or call 301-652-2606 for more information. At least two full weeks' advance notice of sponsorship is required. Available dates: April 8 and 9 (last two days of Passover); May 22 and 23 (Shavuot); and May 30.

Shabbat Kiddush Servers Needed

30 minutes and a smile! That's all it takes for one of the happiest mitzvot at Beth El. Serve the kiddush luncheon after b-mitzvah services on Shabbat and make sure everyone gets a warm "Shabbat Shalom" with their delicious food. Everyone 11 and older is welcome to serve. No food prep or cleanup involved. For more information and to sign up, visit www.bethelmc.org/kiddush or contact Sue Kanter at kanterdsw@aol.com.

Beth El Night at JxJ: DC Jewish Film Festival

Now through April 29, tickets for the Opening Night presentation of *Once Upon my Mother* at Landmark Bethesda Row are reserved exclusively for Beth El members! Join your Beth El friends and community on Thursday, May 7, at 7:30 pm at Landmark Bethesda Row for this

special screening of *Once Upon my Mother*, winner of the Audience Award for Best Narrative Film at the Miami Jewish Film Festival. A triumphant celebration of unconditional love, this movie is a joyful, heartwarming family saga that radiates faith, devotion, and the transformative power of maternal love.

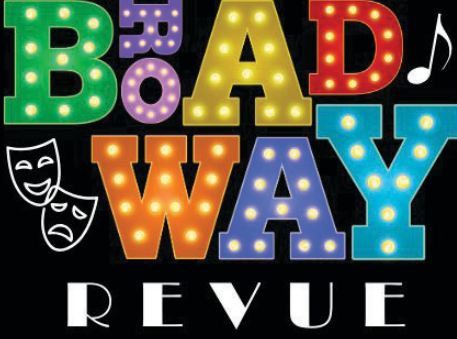
Tickets are \$17 per person – or free if you have a Festival Pass. For more information about the film and to reserve your tickets, go to bethelmc.org/events/film-festival-0507.

New Books at the Library

Browse our New Book display as you enter the library. Several new nonfiction and fiction books have been added to our collection, including an additional copy of *Hostage* by Eli Sharabi and *The Jewish Way To A Good Life* by Rabbi Shira Stutman, and favorites of some congregants. See our full catalog online at <https://bethelmc.library.site>.

Volunteers who operate the library also accept certain donations. Please call the office to offer book donations so a drop-off time can be arranged. Book donations that the library already has or otherwise do not fit within the collection are offered to the community on two book carts in the hallway opposite the library or stored in limited library space. Funds collected from book cart sales are used to sponsor the Daniel Mann Literary Luminaries event in the Spring and augment library supplies; books are acquired using donations to the Henry Hopp Library Fund. Limited storage space holds additional books for the book cart.

Volunteers are needed to assist congregants to find books, choose books for the collection, reshelve books, and other tasks. Please join our small but dedicated team (contact office) and share your ideas to maintain the library as an inviting place to gather, study, learn, and enjoy Jewish books for adults, teens, and children.



Sunday, May 17
4:00 pm
Congregation Beth El

Save the Date: Broadway comes to Beth El on Sunday, May 17, at 4:00 pm! Join Beth El's talented lineup of performers for this incredible afternoon of hits from your favorite Broadway musicals. More information coming soon at bethelmc.org/broadway-0517.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Please remember that contributions can be made easily, quickly, and securely via our webpage –
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Donations from February 10 – March 17, 2026

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Rabbi Megdal and Karen Benezra on the birth of their daughter Meira Baila, by Murray and Judy Blank, Beverly Berman, David and Barbara Eisenstein, Sheila Bellack, Lisa Sorkin, Allen and Barbara Lerman
Peter Goldberg on his bar mitzvah, by Chad Goldberg and Jamie Ekern
Sara Gordon on receiving the Golda Meir Award, by Alison Baraf and Aryeh Portnoy
Rose Saady on her milestone birthday by Ricardo and Irene Munster
Alex and Jen Powers on their wedding anniversary, by Heather Garrett
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Fred Hainbach by Don Hainbach
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David Cooper, on his yahrzeit, by Amy Cooper
George Birnbach, Yosef Tzvi, my grandfather, by Sarah Birnbach
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Steven Krosnick by Phyllis and Jeff Lavine
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MAZAL TOV TO

Peter Goldberg his bar mitzvah on February 21. Proud parents are **Chad Goldberg** and **Jamie Ekern**.

Ilyana Graham on her bat mitzvah on March 14. Proud parents are **Josh** and **Robin Graham**.

Tiarra and **Daniel Joslyn** on the birth of their niece, **Nora Joslyn-Winkler**. Proud parents are **Brianna Joslyn** and **Thomas Winkler**.

Jenna Kristall on her bat mitzvah on March 7. Proud parents are **Jason** and **Andi Kristall**.

Maya Rales on her bat mitzvah on February 21. Proud parents are **Mitchell** and **Emily Rales**.

Layla Scott on her bat mitzvah on February 14. Proud parents are **Ruth Berkowitz** and **Joshua Scott**.

April milestone birthdays: **Karen Auerbach**, **Judy Bisman**, **Sandra Cohen**, **Henry Feller**, **Elayne Heisler**, **Samantha Kanczucker**, **Aaron Klein**, **Beth Lichtenstein**, **Annette Moshman**, **Angela Munitz**, **Rita Newman**, **Faith Roessel**, **Jay Rosenblum**, **Herbert Rosenthal**, **David Schultz**, **Jerry Shevitz**.

April milestone anniversaries: **Andrei** and **Lauren Cernea** (35 years), **Dara** and **Erik Leibovitz** (15 years), **Sarah** and **Cody Meashaw** (15 years).

CONDOLENCES TO

Marc Engel and **Carin Dessauer** on the death of Marc's mother, **Lois Engel**. Lois was the grandmother of **Isabel Engel**.

Elliot Harkavy and **Jessica Brodey** on the death of Elliot's brother, **Daniel Harkavy**. Daniel was the uncle of **Micah** and **Maya Harkavy**.

To the family of longtime congregant **Robert Matty** on his death.

Adam Burns and **Jacqueline Raskin-Burns** on the death of Adam's father, **David Burns**. David was the grandfather of **Halle** and **Lexie Burns**.

Sharon Pohoryles and **Jim Gelb** on the death of Sharon's mother, **Libby Pohoryles**. Libby was the grandmother of **Macie** and **Isaac Gelb**.

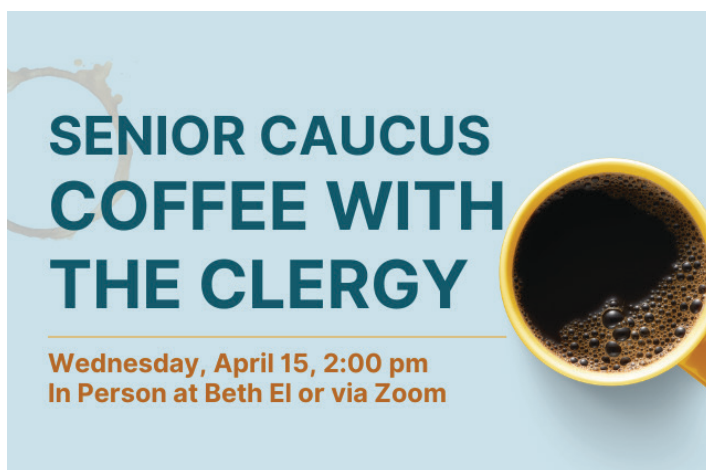
Leslie Shedlin and **David Raim** on the death of Leslie's mother, **Rita Shedlin**. Rita was the grandmother of **Jacob** and **Sam Raim**

Susan King on the death of her husband, longtime congregant, **Bert King**. Bert was the father of **Rachel (Jonathan) Gerstein** and **Jacob King**, and the grandfather of **Ari** and **Zachary Gerstein**.

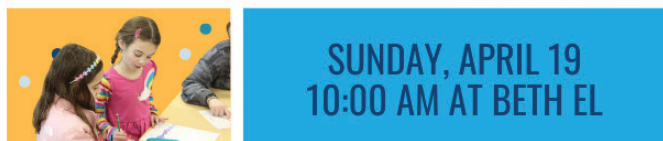
CHAI SOCIETY 60+



Dor L'Dor - Thursday April 30, at 11:45 am. Calling all members, especially seniors, to join Beth El Preschool (BEPS) for a program that provides an opportunity to make connections across generations. Adults and kids will enjoy lunch, have a chance to talk and share, then join together for fun table activities, such as bingo, coloring, and other games, planned by the BEPS staff. We need plenty of seniors to match up with the kids, so please join us. There is no cost, but please register at bethelmc.org/dor-ldor-0430 or contact Katie at kfriedman@bethelmc.org or the office 301-652-2606.



Coffee with the Clergy - Wednesday, April 15, at 2:00 pm. This every-other-month gathering is an informal time to catch up with fellow congregants, hear updates about what is happening at Beth El and in the news, enjoy light refreshments, and do some Jewish learning together. Rabbi Harris will lead the discussion. The program will also be available on Zoom. Please register at bethelmc.org/coffee-0415 to register to attend in person or to receive the Zoom link. Or you can contact Katie Friemdan at kfriedman@bethelmc.org or 301-652-2606. Requested registration deadline is noon on Tuesday, April 14.



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