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FOR AN EVENING
TO HONOR AND CELEBRATE

Susan Alfonso

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 2025

AT 6:30 IN THE EVENING

AKRON ART MUSEUM

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HONORARY CHAIRS
BETH FEFFER AND SANDY LEVENSON

To RSVP or make a donation, see **PAGE 7**.

APPETIZERS AND DESSERTS

SUMMER CHIC

MAZAL TOV!



Bat Mitzvah of Esther Dickstein

On Saturday, May 3, Esther Shayna Dickstein will be called to *Torah* as a *Bat Mitzvah*.

She is the daughter of Michelle and Joshua Dickstein and sister of Ilana & Miriam. Grandparents are David and Wendy Dickstein. Esther is in the 7th Grade at the Revere Middle School.

In her spare time, Esther enjoys dance, reading, travel, yoga, tent camping, music, art, and giving back to her community. Her *mitzvah* project is volunteering at the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank.

The congregation is cordially invited to a *Kiddush* immediately following services. *Kiddush* is sponsored by the Dickstein family. *Bima* flowers are sponsored by Joshua & Michelle Dickstein.



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Schedule of services

MORNING MINYAN

Wednesday & Friday, 7:30 a.m.

SHABBAT SERVICES

Saturday, 9:15 a.m.

CANDLE LIGHTING

May 2	Tazria-Metzora	8:06 p.m.
May 9	Achrei-Mot-Kedoshim	8:13 p.m.
May 16	Emor	8:20 p.m.
May 23	Behar-Bechukotai	8:27 p.m.
May 30	Bamidbar	8:33 p.m.
June 1	Shavuot	8:34 p.m.
June 2	Shavuot	9:35 p.m.
June 6	Nasso	8:38 p.m.
June 13	Beha'alotcha	8:41 p.m.
June 20	Sh'lach	8:44 p.m.
June 27	Korach	8:44 p.m.

HAVDALAH

May 3	9:08 p.m.
May 10	9:15 p.m.
May 17	9:22 p.m.
May 24	9:28 p.m.
May 31	9:34 p.m.
June 3	9:36 p.m.
June 7	9:39 p.m.
June 14	9:42 p.m.
June 21	9:44 p.m.
June 28	9:45 p.m.

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Our Mission Statement

Beth El Congregation is a Conservative synagogue that meets the spiritual and social needs of our congregants by providing a welcoming, vibrant and engaging community for Jewish life and religious practice in an egalitarian, progressive and caring environment.

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May 2025 *Iyar* ★ *Sivan* 5785

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SERVICES (unless otherwise noted) Wednesday 7:30 a.m. ★ Friday 7:30 a.m. ★ Saturday 9:15 a.m.				1 <i>3 Iyar</i> Yom HaAtzmaut	2 <i>4 Iyar</i> Minyan, 7:30 a.m. Friday Night With Friends, 6 p.m.	3 <i>5 Iyar</i> Shabbat Service, 9:15 a.m., <i>Tazria-Metzora</i> Dickstein Bat Mitzvah
4 <i>6 Iyar</i>	5 <i>7 Iyar</i>	6 <i>8 Iyar</i>	7 <i>9 Iyar</i> Minyan, 7:30 a.m.	8 <i>10 Iyar</i>	9 <i>11 Iyar</i> Minyan, 7:30 a.m.	10 <i>12 Iyar</i> Shabbat Service, 9:15 a.m., <i>Achrei-Mot-Kedoshim</i>
11 <i>13 Iyar</i>	12 <i>14 Iyar</i>	13 <i>15 Iyar</i> Lunch & Learn, noon Annual Meeting, 7 p.m.	14 <i>16 Iyar</i> Minyan, 7:30 a.m.	15 <i>17 Iyar</i>	16 <i>18 Iyar</i> Minyan, 7:30 a.m. Lag BaOmer	17 <i>19 Iyar</i> Shabbat Service, 9:15 a.m., <i>Emor</i> Beth El Installation
18 <i>20 Iyar</i>	19 <i>21 Iyar</i> Taste of <i>Torah</i> , 7 p.m.	20 <i>22 Iyar</i>	21 <i>23 Iyar</i> Minyan, 7:30 a.m.	22 <i>24 Iyar</i>	23 <i>25 Iyar</i> Minyan, 7:30 a.m.	24 <i>26 Iyar</i> Shabbat Service, 9:15 a.m., <i>Behar-Bechukotai</i>
25 <i>27 Iyar</i>	26 <i>28 Iyar</i> Memorial Day	27 <i>29 Iyar</i>	28 <i>1 Sivan</i> Minyan, 7:30 a.m.	29 <i>2 Sivan</i>	30 <i>3 Sivan</i> Minyan, 7:30 a.m. Friday Night With Friends, 6 p.m.	31 <i>4 Sivan</i> Shabbat Service, 9:15 a.m., <i>Bamidbar</i>

June 2025 *Sivan* ★ *Tammuz* 5785

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 <i>5 Sivan</i> Tikkun, 7 p.m. Shavuot Eve	2 <i>6 Sivan</i> Shavuot Day 1 <i>Yizkor</i> , 9:15 a.m.	3 <i>7 Sivan</i> Shavuot Day 2 <i>Yizkor</i> , 9:15 a.m.	4 <i>8 Sivan</i> Minyan, 7:30 a.m.	5 <i>9 Sivan</i>	6 <i>10 Sivan</i> Minyan, 7:30 a.m.	7 <i>11 Sivan</i> Shabbat Service, 9:15 a.m., <i>Nasso</i> <i>Mitzvah Day</i>
8 <i>12 Sivan</i> <i>Mitzvah Day</i>	9 <i>13 Sivan</i>	10 <i>14 Sivan</i> Board Meeting, 7 p.m.	11 <i>15 Sivan</i> Minyan, 7:30 a.m. Event to Honor Susan Alfonso, 6:30 p.m.	12 <i>16 Sivan</i>	13 <i>17 Sivan</i> Minyan, 7:30 a.m.	14 <i>18 Sivan</i> Shabbat Service, 9:15 a.m., <i>Beha'alotcha</i>
15 <i>19 Sivan</i>	16 <i>20 Sivan</i> Taste of <i>Torah</i> , 7 p.m.	17 <i>21 Sivan</i>	18 <i>22 Sivan</i> Minyan, 7:30 a.m.	19 <i>23 Sivan</i>	20 <i>24 Sivan</i> Minyan, 7:30 a.m.	21 <i>25 Sivan</i> Shabbat Service, 9:15 a.m., <i>Sh'lach</i>
22 <i>26 Sivan</i>	23 <i>27 Sivan</i>	24 <i>28 Sivan</i>	25 <i>29 Sivan</i> Minyan, 7:30 a.m.	26 <i>30 Sivan</i> Rosh Chodesh	27 <i>1 Tammuz</i> Minyan, 7:30 a.m. Rosh Chodesh	28 <i>2 Tammuz</i> Shabbat Service, 9:15 a.m., <i>Korach</i>
29 <i>3 Tammuz</i>	30 <i>4 Tammuz</i>					

May Yahrzeits

MAY 1

Sarah Corman
Harry Crigger
Rose Feldman
Sarah Gilman
Pauline Locker
Hyman Max Mirman
Gershon Schwartz
Joseph Weiss
Vivian Witt

MAY 2

Ida Cohen
David Feingold
Hannah Jayson
Anna Snyder
Doris Sokol
Frank Stein
Inge Steinberger

MAY 3

Bernat Federhar
Joyce Korngold
Betty Milton
Dorothy Volk
Allison Willen

MAY 4

Henry Ashrey
Ada Raipstein

MAY 5

Henry Ashrey
Ruth Jaffe
Zelda May

MAY 6

Anne Hoffman
Paul Lewis
Rebecca Lockshin
Anna Meyer
Isaac Morris
Ben Zwelling

MAY 7

Goldie R. Alpern
William Bruder
Robert Clar
Ruth Gottlieb
Selma Korsun
Sam Rapport
Doris Rossen
Louis Schneider
Donald L. Stone
Chet Thompson
Molly Vigder
Abraham Woloveck

MAY 8

Jean Gross

MAY 9

Aaron H. Alpern
Ethel Braunstein
Sidney Effross
Max Garson
Isadore Kraus
Morris Mendelson
Mark Rotbard
David Schnur
Isadore Stein
Sadie Welsh

MAY 10

Minnie Berenson
Dorothy Green
Isaac Joseph Harary
Jennifer Moss
Herman Rudolf
David Welsh
Jeanette Wildman

MAY 11

Harold Cohen
Olga Glass
Morris Katz
Gertrude Shapiro
Lois Shifrin

MAY 12

Ida Abrmson
Michael Blain
Mollye Cohen
Daisy Giller
Gerald Gruber

MAY 13

Peshe Bershon
Rae Cohen
Bessie M. Gursky
Reuben Katz
Ida Merkin
Rolinda Schneiderman
Julius Siff
Ida Spector

MAY 14

Betty Ostrov Barken
Arnold Glick
Sarah Katz
Tema Rivkees
May Schechter

MAY 15

Betty Berid
William Mendel
Allan Sandel
Jean Thompson

MAY 16

Bernard Friedman
Morris Gutterman
Julis Jermyohu Kern
Eva Levine
Eugene Meyer
Melissa Nusbaum
Aaron Ocker
Frank Olson
Joseph P. Palazzo
Louis Raipstein
Stanford Sarlson
Morris Widlus

MAY 17

Harry S. Dennis
Oscar Mirman
Benjamin Paskal
Jack Reich
Isidore Sheff

MAY 18

Abe Klausner
Nathan Leventhal
Arthur Porskauer
Ella Sternberg
Siegmond Sternberg

MAY 19

Robert Bloch
Reid Brecher
Harriet Cohen
Hyman Finkelstein
David Friedman
Allan Lieberman
Margaret Lippman
Louis Siff

MAY 20

Alice Backer
Yetta Brown
Harry Esral
Shepard Litt
George E. Lerner
Esther Solomon
Robert T. Stone
Stella Woliver

MAY 21

Bart Epstein
Jennie Goldberg
Paul Grabenstetter
Pauline Katz
Pauline Kaufman
Sheldon Kutnick
Benjamin Meltzer
Julia Mermelstein
Muriel Rosenthal

MAY 22

Armin Eckstein
Sarika Eckstein
Sylvia Fortnoff
Mae Gordon
Benjamin Lowry
Paul Reich
Nettie Roth
Gerry Saferstein

MAY 23

Alan Bernstein
Dora Cohen
Esther Greenblatt
Rachel Hexter
Gertrude Kades
Simon Kopelson
Julia Liberman
Isaac Lipson
Karen Witt

MAY 24

Ben Apelbaum
Max Balbot
Clara Berns
Sarah Kloner
Abe Levine
John Schorin

MAY 25

Al Fishman
Rosella Leeper
Lillian Schneider
Michael Stock

MAY 26

Bernard Brown
Edward Mirman

MAY 27

Jennie Israel
Eva Kohansky
Ronald W. Rosen
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Morris Sarlson
Anna Sholiton
William Weiner

MAY 28

Charles Katz
Joseph Kodish
Saul A. Rosenblum

MAY 29

Celia Balbot
Isadore Katz
Ruth Kerrett
Diane Kirschner
Anna Malz
Eva Milkman
Joseph Rosenthal
Helen Kosins Silverman
Abe Wainer
Sally Winer

MAY 30

Samuel Kamenir
Barry Recht
Sam Schneiderman
Julie Lynn Trauben
Dr. Edward Weissfeld

MAY 31

Sam Axelrod
Albert Backer
Minnie Marks
Klara Proskauer
Betty Weintraub

June Jahrzeits

JUNE 1

Sylvia Horn
Sarah Myers
Harriet S. Newman
Sam Savage
Daniel Seider
Isidor Weinberger
Isidor Wyant

JUNE 2

Peter Cheplowitz
Jacob Kobotenick
Sharen Rozen
Esther Weinberg
Betty Weiss
Sam Zellingner

JUNE 3

Shirley Alzfan
George Haberman
Regina K. Lerner
Sam Marks
Malvina Rosenfeld

JUNE 4

Florence Groden
Victor Gross
Millie Kranitz
Rose Lasoff
Yetta Rogovy
Edward Salzman
Ida Sigalow
Jerome Stan

JUNE 5

Frank Fitterman
Sarah Kushkin
Stanley Minster
Morris Sheinin
Helen Shulan
Sally Waxman
Martin Weiss
Louis Yablon
Bella Zetzer

JUNE 6

Lillian Clayman
Reisha Cohn
Fanny Katz
Eugene Lieberman
Shirlee Luck
Irving May
Louis Roth
Rose Sheff
Irving Sholiton
Irene Theresa Wells

JUNE 7

Harry Belenky
Joy Epstein
Bennett Kloner
Mollie Rothberg

JUNE 8

Abe Liberman
Louis Wender

JUNE 9

Zelda Cohen
Janet Farra
Robert Garner
Sol Levinson
Lillian L. Lipton
Gerald Pryweller
James M. Robinson
William Rosenblatt
Max Silverstein
Eugene Sokol
Beverly Watersone

JUNE 10

Burda Groden Giles
Harry Horn
Elizabeth Krosner
Trudy Loeb
Harry Shapiro

JUNE 11

Edward G. Foster
Sam Freedman
Alfred Freireich
Israel Gloth
Ernest Klein
Sam Kodish
Joseph Marks
Charles Pollock
Lillian Schwartz
Morris Stambor

JUNE 12

Isaac Liberman
Irving Narotsky
Helen Rosenfeld
Irving Spector

JUNE 13

Mollie Brotsky
David Hoffman
Lori Karg
Esther Miller
Minnie Roth
Myrna Scheinbart
Anna Wainer

JUNE 14

Howell Aarons
Norman A. Freedman
Nate Mervis
Arthur Winer

JUNE 15

Betty Fields
Ann Joan Freedman
Lee Greenlick
Helen Schneier
Louis Shifrin
Sarah Zwelling

JUNE 16

Leonard Korsun
Rose Luck
Esther Wish

JUNE 17

Edith Adler
Phyllis Jacobson
Hyman Lerner
Frank Nelson
Leo Reiser
Rose Sinder

JUNE 18

Myer Caplan
Walter Cohen
Sophie T. Friedlander
Erin Geller
Gustave L. Levinson
Bela Lowy
William Neiman
David Sapp
Louis Sherman
Bertha Stein

JUNE 19

Alex Levitt

JUNE 20

Helen Davidson
Allen Kofsky
Nathan Kropko
Paul Leventhal
Mary Marks
Caryn Olczyk
Paula Cohen
Padove
Sylvia Rosenthal

JUNE 21

Lillian Chapman
Judith Ann Helfgott
Idelle Kodish
Anna Shecht
Jacob Shulansky

JUNE 22

Katie Backer
Rose Bear
Louis Berenson
Goldie Cohn
Betty Fitterman
Lena Heyman
Hyman Milkman
Marlene Miller
Leo Romisher
Eleanore Rudick
Abraham Sosnoff

JUNE 23

Fannie Berloff
Rosa Kobotsnick
Sybil Kriger
Sol Regal
Marvin Rosenberg
Bessie Senser
Milton Slavin

JUNE 24

Samuel Budzanover
Sally Finkel
Gregg Gertz
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Molly Opas
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Libby Schneir
Ben Slavin

JUNE 25

Rose Cohen
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JUNE 26

Ida Gergel
Beatrice Glauberman
Esther Weiss
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JUNE 27

Harry Auerbach
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Morris Kaufman
Sam Sarbey
Morris Zudnick

JUNE 28

Sarah Foster
Susan Glauberman
Annie Miller

JUNE 29

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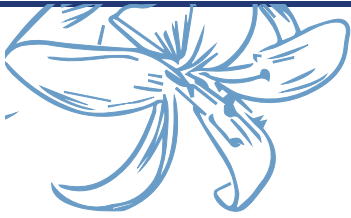
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In Memoriam: Avis Levin Myers

AVIS LEVIN MYERS, 77, PASSED AWAY APRIL 9, 2025.

She was born in Troy, New York December 3, 1947 to the late Stanley and Evelyn Lichenstein. Preceded in death by brother John Lichenstein and sister Etch Blessing, she is survived by husband of 18 years, Mel Myers; children Lance (Sonni) Levin, Allison (Keefe) Bernstein, Melissa (Brad) Myers and Lauren Myers; grandchildren Lawson and Lake Levin, Calvin and Charlie Bernstein, Isabel and Isaac Ortman and Rachel Sachs and siblings Stanley (Karen) Lichenstein, Robert Hayes and Susie (Allen) Podratsky.



Susan Alfonso





In 1939, Stefan and Bertha Handler fled Vienna, Austria to escape the Nazi occupation. They were welcomed to Armenia, Colombia where Susan was born. Her family eventually moved to Cali, Colombia and subsequently to New York City; where she met her husband, Guillermo Alfonso, while working in a hospital. After moving back to Colombia and living in Bogota for a few years, Susan, Guillermo, and their growing family ultimately settled in Akron, and joined Beth El Congregation in 1965. For the next 60 years, Susan would spend countless hours and celebrate many wonderful events at Beth El. In addition to cooking at home for her children, Susan made weekly breakfasts for the Sunday Junior Congregation and helped with the preparation of the Shalis Shutis meals. Her talents were not limited to the kitchen, Susan served as Sisterhood President or Vice President for 8 years, was a member of the Board of Trustees, knitted quilts for the homeless, spent 15 years on the Chevra Kadisha committee, and attended daily minyan for years after losing her beloved, Guillermo. Beth El Congregation has given her a sense of community and long lasting friendships.



Beth El was not just home to Susan, but also to her children. All 8 celebrated their b'nai mitzvot at Beth El, with many pursuing the Rabbi's award for additional learning, and they all graduated from Hebrew High. Susan's family could be counted on to fill a row at High Holiday and Shabbat services or to complete a minyan. Seven children were married at Beth El, and the eighth was married in Akron at Temple Israel.

Outside of Beth El, Susan's dedication to the principle of "tikkun olam" (repair the world) included volunteering with the Feed the Homeless program at St. Bernard's church, where she also assisted as a Spanish translator and interpreter. In memory of her husband, she established the Guillermo Alfonso MD Scholarship Fund at NEOMED to assist underprivileged medical students with the cost of tuition. In 1999, Susan was honored by the Colombian Medical Society for her efforts with earthquake relief in Armenia, Colombia: the place that saved her parents from the holocaust.

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	SPONSORSHIP AMOUNT	GUEST TICKETS	MEDIA MENTIONS	EVENT SLIDE	SOCIAL MEDIA
VIENNA	\$3600	8		FULL PAGE 10 IN X 5.625	
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NEW YORK CITY	\$1800	4		1/4	
BOGOTA	\$900	2		1/8	
AKRON	\$500	2		SINGLE LINE	
SINGLE TICKET	\$90	1			

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Kindly Reply by May 1, 2025

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to:

STEVE NEWMAN & DEBRA SHIFRIN
and **ANDREA & SID STEINBERGER**
for sponsoring dinner for
Hebrew School families on
February 28 in honor of
THEIR 40TH & 45TH ANNIVERSARIES

SANDY SCHNEIER AND FAMILY
for sponsoring *Bima* flowers on
March 8 in memory of
JERRY SCHNEIER

ADAM & FRANCI STEINBERG
for sponsoring *Bima* flowers
on March 8 in memory of
JERRY SCHNEIER

LAUREL GRESS
for sponsoring *Minyan* breakfast
on March 14 for *Purim*

ALICE SCHNEIDER AND FAMILY
for sponsoring *Bima* flowers
on March 15 in memory of
NATHAN PINSKY

LEORA AND NATHAN COHEN
for sponsoring *Bima* flowers
on March 21 in memory of
EVAN COHEN

THE COIFMAN BEREER FAMILY
for sponsoring *Kiddush*
and *Bima* flowers on March 28
in honor of
THE BAT MITZVAH OF SASHA BEREER

SHERRY & MARTY HELLMAN
for sponsoring breakfast
on April 4 in memory of
RAY & THELMAN RIVIN

DEANNA & GREGG MANES
for sponsoring *Bima* flowers
on April 5 in memory of
EVELYNE MANES

THE SAFERSTEIN FAMILY
for sponsoring *Bima* flowers
on April 19 in memory of
CARL SAFERSTEIN

Thank you for all the kindness, support, and donations in memory of
LARRY HEXTER
From **ESTHER & MIRIAM HEXTER**



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More events coming to round out year



TAB SCRIBNER

Spring is here! It has been a wet one but it's not slowing us down. We had a busy month of March with hands on learning about Esther. We also joined with our friends from Temple Israel and Anshe Sfard with the community *Purim* Carnival.

As the calendar turned to April we shifted our focus to *Pesach* and our exodus from Egypt. We also celebrated one of our own; Sasha Beree becoming a *Bat Mitzvah*.

We have a few more events coming up to round out the year. We will be celebrating the *Bat Mitzvah* of Esther Dickstein on May 3. Our religious school year ends on May 10 with a final Junior Congregation morning.

I am eagerly drafting a preliminary schedule for next year to be reviewed by the incoming clergy.

For more information about Religious School and teen programming please email me at tscribner@bethelakron.org.



Education Program



From the Sisterhood

I want to extend a great big thank you to all our members who generously supported our two fundraisers. Our Leagrams did very well. Thank you to Andrea Steinberger and Trish Crane for their continued work on the Leagrams.

Our Donor Event was a great success. We had over 41 women in attendance for our High Tea. The program "Noshing with the Word Mavens" was fun and informative. A big thank you to Ellen Moss and Sarah Greenblatt for organizing the event. The success will help Sisterhood purchase a new freezer and continue our work for our synagogue. Thank you to all of the women listed below for their donor contributions:

Susan Alfonso

Eileen Benson

Ellen Botnick

Rita Botnick

Diane Caplan

Leora Cohen

Jeannie Epperly

Greta Foster

Faye Glick

Sheila Gottlieb

Sarah Greenblatt

Laurel Gress

Marilyn Groden

Judy Grundfast

Sherry Hellman

Gwen Hughes

Julie Katz

Sally Katz

Teddi Kay

Shelley Koch

Joellen Kodish

Sherri Leubitz

Sandra Levenson

Deanna Manes

Ellen Manes

Nancy Mermelstein

Arlene Miller

Hedda Morton

Ellen Moss

Dianne Newman

Ann Nunnally

Rachel Osherow

Susan Osherow

Libby Portnoy

Andrea Rabinowitz

Bunny Rose

Toby Rosen

Leah Rzepka

Cheryl Saferstein

Debbie Saferstein

Esther Sardas

Lauren Schachter

Alice Schneider

Harriet Schneiderman

Sandra Schneier

Stacey Schulman

Brenda Schwartz

Kathy Seider

Emily Shkolnik

Jennifer Shkolnik

Ronni Sterns

Molly Stock

Rochelle Stone

Cynthia Sullivan

Ashley Tobias

Kate Waits

Susan Yonas

Deborah Zelin

Shirley Zetzer

We will soon be planning for next year. Please contact me with ideas and suggestions.

ANDREA RABINOVITZ, SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT

Community-Wide Tikkun Leil Shavuot 5785

Sunday, June 1 - Monday, June 2, 2025 • 7:00 pm - 7:00 am
at B'nai Jeshurun Congregation, 27501 Fairmount Blvd., Pepper Pike, OH 44124



TIKKUN
LEILSHAVUOT



FREE and Open to the Community

Come for one session or the entire evening - Doors open at 6:45 pm

Pre-registration Required

by Wednesday, May 28: <https://cutt.ly/registration-tikkun2025>

Select sessions will be streamed: Visit: <https://www.bnaijeshurun.org/tikkun-leil-shavuot-2025> for details



Presented by B'nai Jeshurun Congregation
and the Estelle & Dr. Milton Rosenberg⁷¹ Tikkun Leil Study Session Fund
Schedule is subject to change. Please check our website for updates.

Session 1 - 7:00-7:45 pm

- **Kevin S. Adelstein**, Publisher & CEO Cleveland, Columbus & Akron Jewish News: *CJN's Israel at War Coverage Strategy*
- **Kalaniyot Art Project** with **Zehava Galun**: *Creating Clay Kalaniyot for the B'nai Jeshurun Garden*
- **Dafna Ben-Yosef**, PhD, Director of Jewish Lifelong Learning at Siegal Lifelong Learning, CWRU: *Jewish Perspective on Patient-Doctor Relations*
- **Ginny Galili**, Head of School & **Sheri Gross**, Director of Arts & Culture, Gross Schechter Day School: *Is it Ok to Sing While Texting?*
- **Rabbi Alex Rosenbaum**, B'nai Jeshurun Congregation: *The Secret Chord: How Music Heals*
- **Cantor Alyssa Rosenbaum**, B'nai Jeshurun Congregation: *Niggunim: Jewish Wisdom Beyond Words*
- **Oudi Singer**, Judaics Specialist, Gross Schechter Day School: *Psalms-A Jew's Secret Weapon*
- **Cantor Stephen Stein**, Cantor Emeritus, Beth El Congregation: *Reflections on the Evolution of Liturgy & Music in the Synagogue Service of the Conservative Movement*

Session 2 - 7:50-8:35 pm

- **Rabbi Rachel Brown**, Beth Israel-West Temple: *Preparing for Sinai with Mindfulness Practice*
- **Rabbi Matt Cohen**, Temple Emanu El: *Mussar: Being Your Best and Highest Self*
- **Rabbi Melinda Mersack**, Director, jHUB: *Interfaith Families: Your Questions Answered*
- **Elana Perlin**, Judaic Studies Director, Gross Schechter Day School: *Not to Brag, but I'm Awesome- How Jews Determine Greatness*
- **Rabbi Scott Roland**, Shaarey Tikvah Congregation: *Tackling Theodicy: What didn't Hashem Create?*
- **Rabbi Alex Rosenbaum**, B'nai Jeshurun Congregation: *Kinor Sound Bath with Harpist Sarah Kolick*
- **Cantor Kathy Sebo**, Congregation Mishkan Or: *Echoes of the Past: Exploring Europe's Jewish Legacy & Family Roots*

8:35 pm - Candle Lighting

Session 3 - 8:40-9:25 pm

- **Rabbi Josh Foster**, B'nai Jeshurun Congregation: *A Visual Torah Experience*
- **Cheryl Gordon**, Community Jewish Educator: *Spitting, Swaying, & Dunking Dishes: Why do Jews do That?*
- **Rabbi Peter Haas**, Abba Hillel Silver Professor Emeritus, CWRU: *Middle East Update*
- **Rabbi Enid Lader**, Rabbi Emerita, Beth Israel-West Temple: *The Shema: Six Words, Many Meanings*
- **Rabbi Shalom Plotkin**, VA Chaplain: *Yuk or Yum? Kosher Customs*
- **Rabbi Carnie Shalom Rose**, *The Suspension of Disbelief as a Precursor to the Flowering of Faith - Naivete Revisited*
- **Yoshi Silverstein**, Executive Director, Mitsui Collective: *Responding from Center: Embodied Torah for Discernment*

9:30 pm - Ma'ariv Festival Evening Service

10:00 pm - Dessert Grand Buffet

OVER: Tikkun continues through the night and morning

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Session 4 - 10:30-11:15 pm

- **Ella Caspi**, Community Shlichah: *Facilitating Conversations about Israel*
- **Rabbi Rachel Davidson**, Chaplain, VA Hospital: *Wisdom from Our Talmudic Mothers*
- **Rabbi Roger Klein**, Congregation Mishkan Or: *The Book of Ruth*
- **Rabbi David Komerofsky**, Temple Israel, Canton: *A Mature Love: Progressive Religious Zionism*
- **Rabbi Alan Lettowsky**, Rabbi Emeritus, Beth Israel-West Temple: *Jerusalem and Babylonia - Affirmation of the Diaspora*
- **Rabbi Hal Rudin-Luria**, B'nai Jeshurun Congregation: *Waiting for Redemption: When is the Messiah Coming?*

Session 5 - 11:20 pm-12:05 am

- **Dr. Noah Bickart**, Mandel Chair in Jewish Studies, John Carroll: *Homeland and Diaspora in the Babylonian Talmud*
- **Rabbi Joshua Jacobs**, B'nai Jeshurun Congregation: *A Tree of Life: Sustainable Torah*
- **Rabbi Michael Ross**, Temple Beth Shalom Hudson & Hillel at Kent State: *Four-Worlds Meditation - Preparing for Revelation*
- **Rabbi Steve Segar**, Kol HaLev: *Clues to Intergenerational Trauma in Genesis*
- **Rabbi Micah Shapiro**, Nariya Cleveland: *Niggun Singing Circle*

12:05 am - 3:30 am - Breakfast Bar

Session 6 - 12:30-1:30 am

- **Rabbi Josh Foster**, B'nai Jeshurun Congregation: *Origins of Jewish Practice*

Session 7 - 1:40-2:40 am

- **Elise Braverman-Plotkin**, Community Jewish Educator: *Torah and Revelation: Giving, Receiving and Us*

Session 8 - 2:50-3:50 am

- **Rabbi Hal Rudin-Luria**, B'nai Jeshurun Congregation: *Waiting for Redemption: When is the Messiah Coming?*

4:00 am - Kabbalistic Mystical Wedding

4:30 am - Sunrise Shacharit Festival Service

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A new chapter for the Congregation

As one season ends, another begins. In the coming months, we will also see a transition as we complete our term as co-presidents at Beth El and welcome a newly constituted committee of officers and Board of Trustees. We will also be saying goodbye to Rabbi Jeremy Lipton as our spiritual leader and ushering in a new clerical presence.

As we reflect on our several years as officers, we are inspired by everything that our community has accomplished over that time. Just in the past two years, our programming has blossomed and grown in quantity and quality. With so many events week after week and month after month, one might think that pace would be hard to maintain. Yet, our Beth El community continually comes, engages, and grows in spirit and soul. We cherish our regular events such as Lunch and Learn, Knitzvah, Friday Night with Friends services,

Mini Minyan, and Junior Congregation. We celebrate all our *chagim* with such vigor or reflection, as each holiday demands. This year we didn't just have a *Purim* party, we had several days of *Purim* celebrations with opportunities for our diverse, yet tightknit, congregation. We didn't just light *Hannukah* candles, we had multihome collaborative dinners all through town. The countless programs keep rolling and the enthusiasm for all of them keeps growing. We have had so many newer initiatives too. Our teen programming, Mensch Club, and *Torah* reading classes have found new cohorts and ways to engage them.

So much of what we have accomplished over the past several years has been due to the love and labor from Rabbi Lipton and Dr. Kay Lipton. Rabbi has been a salve on any wounds, a seasoned hand to guide the lost, and a leader to inspire. We are also grateful for all Kay's amazing work in elevating our community and our hearts go out to her as do all our best wishes. Although we are devastated by what has happened and sad that Rabbi will be moving on from his role with us, we are grateful that he continued his time with us these past years and know that we are better for his time with us.

We are absolutely thrilled to say hello to Rabbi Matthew Marko! His keen approach to Judaism, down-to-Earth attitude, and warm demeanor will certainly be exactly what we need as we continue in our strength and passion as Beth El. Welcome Rabbi Marko and thank you so much for agreeing to be our new spiritual leader.

At the beginning of our term, we welcomed Tab Scribner who has become a pillar in our community with her kind heart, inspiring love for Jewish education, and her amazing four-legged children. We would also be remiss if we didn't also acknowledge the unwavering leadership of our Executive Director, Erin Katz Ford. There are so many more staff and lay leaders we want to note but for now, we will just say that our community is rich with people with compassion, ingenuity, and perseverance.

We want to thank all the leaders that came before us, served along side us, and will carry the mantle forward. We are also so eternally grateful for our families. It is your love that has supported and guided us through any good fortune with which we have been blessed.

While we prepare to say goodbye to our time as co-presidents, we eagerly say hello to the next wave of leadership. We look forward to this small juggernaut of a community and know great things will continue.



Play ball!

Join the Mensch Club for their first outing on Wednesday, May 21 at the Rubber Ducks Game against the Altoona Curve.

The first quack of the bat will be at 6:35pm. Tickets are \$16.

Please email Marty Hellman at mhellman@neo.rr.com

by May 19 if you would like to attend.



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SUSAN OSHEROW
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Looking forward...

In two weeks I'll be the 47th President of Beth El. It will be an honor to follow in the footsteps of my father in law Carl Osherow (obm) and all the other past presidents. I would never have thought that I would become President of Beth El, a place that is so important to my family. To our entire congregation—thank you for the trust you've placed in me. This community is vibrant, thoughtful, and full of potential. Together, I believe we can accomplish incredible things.

I would like to congratulate David & Gregg and their board on a very successful term. My heartfelt gratitude goes to them. Their dedication, leadership, and love for this community have laid a strong foundation, and we are all better for your service. Thank you.

I want to welcome the new slate of officers and board members. Please join us for the Annual Meeting on May 13 at 7pm and on May 17 for Installation during Shabbat Services.

On June 11, 2025 at the Akron Art Museum, our community will come together to celebrate and thank Susan Alfonso for her many years of dedication and commitment to Beth El. We hope to see you there!

This event will serve as our second major synagogue fundraiser for 2025. We strive to make sure our synagogue will be solid financially in the future. While dues only cover about 40% of our operating costs, fundraising and bequests contribute significantly more. We hope you will select one of the many levels to support us and thank Susan.

Thank you to the many volunteers who helped guide us through services the past few months. They did a wonderful job, and a special thank you to Leora Cohen and Joe Pryweller who organized it all. Another thanks to the search committee and the chairs Julie Katz and Sharon Merklin for all the hard and successful work in finding Beth El our new Rabbi. The next few months will be exciting for us. We will be welcoming Rabbi Matthew Marko and saying goodbye to Rabbi Jeremy Lipton.

As we look ahead, I have great hope and energy for what lies before us. We will continue to strengthen our spiritual life, deepen our connections with one another, and ensure that our synagogue is a place where every Jew in Akron feels welcome, valued, and proud.

I will work tirelessly to ensure that the voices, needs, and dreams of Beth El are heard—not just within our walls, but throughout our community. Together, we will make sure that the Jewish future here is bright and enduring here at Beth El.



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Esther Shayna Dickstein

May 3, 2025

With love, Mom Dad, Ilana & Miriam

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