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February 19 - February 25
7 Adar - 13 Adar



Purim Is Coming!

Congregation Beth El will celebrate in style with two weeks of events, including **Comedy Night**, **Feminist Purim Study**, **Mishloach Manot Drive-Up**, **Purim Costume Contest**, **Megillah Readings** and an evening

playing the **Big Quiz Thing**. You won't want to miss any of it. For full information and the schedule of events, recipes, Purim projects, and much more, visit our Purim Portal. [CLICK HERE](#) or find the **Purim Portal on our website**.

THIS SUNDAY: Mishloach Manot Pickup

Don't forget to swing by the parking lot, say hi to the Rabbis, and pick up your **Mishloach Manot** bag on **February 21 from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm**. No sign up necessary! If you are unable to pick up your bag, member volunteers will deliver yours.



Beth El Blizzard Brigade

Men's Club is ready to help; if you're stuck and need help shoveling after the storm email mensclub@bethelnj.org and we'll try to get someone over to dig you out.

This Week



TONIGHT: Feminist Purim Study

Thursday, February 18 at 8:00 pm

This Purim, let's (re)consider women. The Purim story begins and ends with women, and our history is peppered with women who are nameless and faceless, but whose power has brought us to where we are today. Join **Merav Fine Braun**, Beth El member and Hunter Hillel Director, to learn about the power of women in our traditional (and non traditional) texts that shaped us then and can

help us form tomorrow. We will explore women as a force for change and reflect together on what female power can be. All genders welcome! [Click here for more information.](#)



Musical Kabbalat Shabbat with Rabbi Marder

February 19 at 6:15 pm

This lively, musical Zoom service will bring a much needed sense of community as we welcome the peace and sweetness of Shabbat together. [Click here for more details.](#)

Shabbat Services

February 20 at 9:30 am

Virtual Family Service

February 20 at 10:30 am.

With the parking lot full of snow, we're going virtual for Family Services during the month of February. You'll feel the warmth even on Zoom, so [join us here.](#)

Havdalah

February 20 at 6:20 pm



Purim Costume Contest

Thursday, February 25 at 5:00 pm

It's time to dress up. Come show us your creativity and join the Beth El costume contest via Zoom. Prizes will be given out!

[Click here for more information and to register.](#)



Megillah Reading

Thursday, February 25 at 5:45 pm

Gather with community for the brief evening service and to hear the Megillah chanted aloud. To kick off this evening enjoy a Purim spiel starring Beth El members and the clergy. In between Megillah chapters, we'll be entertained by videos of our JLC students telling the story. [Click here for more information.](#)

Big Quiz Thing

Thursday, February 25 at 8:00 pm

Celebrate Purim with our adult trivia night featuring "The Big Quiz Thing". [Click here for more information.](#)



Morning Minyan and Megillah Reading

Friday, February 26 at 7:45 am

Looking Ahead



Beth El Social Justice Presentation of They Ain't Ready For Me

Sunday, February 28 at 8:00 pm

They Ain't Ready For Me is the story of **Tamar Manasseh**, the African American woman who is leading the fight against senseless killings on the south side of Chicago. The film, inspired and directed by **Brad Rothschild** (a local Schechter/GOA grad) explores the challenges and motivations of this fearless community leader as she works to prevent neighborhood gun violence. Tamar, a rabbinical student with a magnetic personality, brings the community together in acts of tikkun olam. If you would like to view the movie and attend the conversation, please RSVP to [Rabbi Marder](#). The movie link will be circulated on Feb 24 via email.

Family Service Featuring Second & Third Graders

Friday, March 5 at 6:15 pm

Join **Rabbi Olitzky**, **Morah Rivka Nelson**, and song leader, **Jill Kimelman** for a fun, informal Kabbalat Shabbat service. A great way to welcome in Shabbat!



Professional Networking Group Event

Sunday, March 14 at 8:00 pm

Hosted by Men's Club, this meeting is open to all Beth El members. The purpose of the group is to provide a supportive setting for networking by sharing past, present and future work experiences and opportunities with other Beth El members

[Click here to RSVP and learn more.](#)

Mazal Tov



Mazal tov to **Harold Sommer** and proud parents **Annette Crowley** and **Joseph Sommer** on **Harold** becoming Bar Mitzvah this Shabbat, February 20. [Click here to read more from Harold.](#)

Mazal Tov to **Sandy Sachs** on the birth of a granddaughter, **Stella Dahlia Sachs**, on February 9. Mazal tov as well to proud parents **Josh and Melanie Sachs** and big brother **Elias**.

Need Assistance Scheduling Your Covid Vaccine?



The National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW)

is offering assistance scheduling the Covid vaccine. If you are an Essex County resident over age 65 and would like assistance scheduling to receive your Covid vaccine, please contact **Laurie Schuftan from NCJW** [here](#) or at 973-271-1600 to be paired with a volunteer to help you register for an appointment. Beth El members outside of Essex County seeking assistance should contact Beth El member **Rachel Wainer** [here](#) or at 862-812-0375.

Friday, February 19

7:45 am: Morning Minyan

6:15 pm: Kabbalat Shabbat Led by Rabbi Marder

Saturday, February 20

8:45 am Torah Talk led by Andy Fair

9:30 am: Shabbat Services

10:30 am: Virtual Family Service

6:20 pm: Havdalah

Sunday, February 21

8:30 am: Morning Minyan

11:00 am: Sunday Brunch and Schmooze

11:30 am: Mishloach Manot Drive Up

Monday, February 22

8:30 am: Morning Minyan

Tuesday, February 23

7:45 am: Morning Minyan followed by learning with Rabbi Marder at approximately 8:30 am

Wednesday, February 24

7:45 am: Morning Minyan

9:30 am: Midrash in the Morning with Rabbi Marder

Thursday, February 25 Erev Purim

7:45 am: Morning Minyan

5:00 pm: Purim Costume Contest

5:45 pm: Megillah Reading

8:00 pm: [Big Quiz Thing](#)

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