The idea that there is strength in numbers is an idea that goes all the way back to the Bible. In the book of Kohelet 4:9 we read, “Tovim Hashenayim min Haechad,” “Two are better than one.” That idea was recently reinforced when I attended my first AIPAC conference. The conference boasted a record attendance of over 10,000 people, including 1500 students. To see a generation of young people so engaged and so excited about Israel was truly heart-warming. And yes there were a few surprises. I had always thought of AIPAC as a politically right of center Israel advocacy group. In truth, there was a balance of Democrat and Republican speakers and the “break-out sessions” were especially informative, focusing on topics as wide-ranging as “the Arab Spring,” the Israeli economy, advances in Israeli technology, and medical breakthroughs in Israel. Several times during the conference I had wished more people from Temple Beth El and the Lehigh Valley could have experienced AIPAC. In total, we had over 25 representatives from the Lehigh Valley, more than we had in recent years. The atmosphere was simply electric. One of the statistics presented by one of the speakers at AIPAC, however, greatly disturbed me. It was a fact that I had been aware of, but somehow in the context of the conference I found it somewhat startling. Did you know that the Jewish population in the United States is expected to drop from 5.7 million to 5.6 million by 2020, and continue to decline to 4.7 million in 2050, and plummet to an estimated 3.8 million by the year 2080? At the same time, by 2080 Israel’s Jewish population will likely double reaching 10 million. How will that decline in population in the United States affect U.S. support of Israel? The question highlighted for me the importance of having people attend AIPAC. But the statistical forecast also raised an additional question: What will the relationship be like between the American Jewish community and Israel when the Jewish population in Israel is two and a half times the size of that of the United States? The need to talk about the relationship between the American Jewish community and Israel is one that needs to continue to be front and center stage. The Israeli Jewish philosopher, Professor Eliezer Schweid, has noted how the connection between the Jewish people and its land is a
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Contributions to the Mother’s Day Flower Project can be made by phone (202-857-1300) or online at [www.jwi.org/ffp](http://www.jwi.org/ffp). Be sure to note Sisterhood Beth El Allentown, PA as your partner of choice! Forms and cards will be available in the Gift Shop.

For more information, please contact JWI at 202-857-1300 or [flowerproject@jwi.org](mailto:flowerproject@jwi.org). All gifts to JWI are tax-deductible.

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Shavuot...Celebrating The Giving of The Torah and Confirmation

On May 27th and 28th, we will celebrate one of the three harvest festivals in Judaism. In the spring, we celebrate Pesach (Passover) our redemption from slavery to freedom. In the fall, we celebrate Sukkot a time of thanksgiving for G-d’s protection as we wandered in the desert awaiting our arrival in the Promised Land of our ancestors.

Shavuot, the summer harvest festival, celebrates the essential historic act that makes us who we are...Guardians of The Book. Shavuot is the time when G-d gave to The Jewish people The Torah, The Five Books of Moses, Genesis (B’resheet), Exodus, (Shmot), Leviticus (Vayikra), Numbers (Bamidbar), and Deuteronomy (Devarim).

Shavuot is the birthday of the covenant between G-d and the Jewish people. It serves to highlight the centrality of Torah in our lives. Torah is the foundation upon which all of Judaism rests.

Just as the giving of The Torah is important, so too is our ongoing commitment in accepting G-d’s Mitzvot. We are mutually dependent partners in our relationship with G-d. That may sound funny at first, but when you think about it for a time, creation is a joint enterprise...creative acts are not single, separate actions, but are linked together in an ongoing creative endeavor.

In the school wing common area, there are pictures of various Confirmation classes dating back over twenty years. The latest Confirmation class will accept the same challenge of Torah this coming Shavuot Morning. Statistically speaking, all of these pictures represent the “Cream of the Crop”. They have displayed a commitment beyond their Bar or Bat Mitzvah. Whether inspired from within or from parental motivation, these young people are more aware of Jewish issues, Jewish ideals and Jewish time. They have been given their first pair of Jewish glasses, so as to see the world thru Jewish eyes.

Torah is our optometric prescription...when we see the world thru the lenses of Torah; we are kinder, more thoughtful human beings.

As we walk in the moonlight of summer and share in its sweet smells and warmth, let us not forget to wear our Jewish glasses, and give praise to the Ultimate Creator and find strength and solace in G-d’s eternal truths found only in G-d’s eternal Book...TORAH.

Cantor Wartell

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central theme of the Book of Ruth. This Shavuot I would like to devote some time to that conversation. Please join me on Erev Shavuot, Saturday night, May 26th at 9:00 p.m. when we will study Ruth and raise the question, “what should the connection be between the Jewish people and the Land of Israel?”

Mazel Tov to the Confirmation Class of 2012

Ben Fisher
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Sarah Holtz
Julia Hyman
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The monthly bulletin has been the means of communication for the Temple Beth El community for decades. A look through the archives will reveal photos of women in hats and gloves at elegant seders, records of births, deaths, simchas and major events in the history of our temple. We have been fortunate that for the past five years Amy Holtz has been in charge of our bulletin. Every month, she has managed the bulletin from start to finish, from the layout to the editing (in her spare time she was also Temple President!). In April, Amy relinquished her position with the bulletin. We thank her for delivering a timely, well-written and informative publication that has tied us together over the years. We appreciate her taking the time to work with our new bulletin staff so that the transition has been seamless.

I am pleased to announce that Michelle Rohrbach, Executive Director, and Anita Hirsch have volunteered to accept responsibility for the monthly publication. Michelle will supervise content, layout, additional inserts and distribution, while Anita will serve as editor. We appreciate their willingness to carry on the fine tradition of Temple Beth El’s Monthly Bulletin. This is the first edition in their capable hands.

The bulletin content must be written almost three weeks prior to it reaching your home. Another means of communication that will alert you to current events or issues of interest to the congregation via email is listserv. There is no cost involved in joining the Temple Beth El Listserv. To enroll, send an e-mail from your computer as follows:

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Let’s Get Ready For Shavuot!

Shari Spark, Jewish Family Educator

The Torah tells us this story: It was the third month (Sivan) and G-d called Moshe up to the Mountain as the Children of Israel had arrived in the Sinai Wilderness. This day, G-d gave Moshe the command to prepare for a big event...after all His miracles in Egypt, there was one more to come. Moshe came to the people and told them: Prepare starting today, separate yourselves (restrict yourselves) from the Mountain, bathe yourselves, do your laundry, and get ready to greet G-d. G-d will come down from the Mountain and speak to you on the third day after your preparations.

These three days are recognized on the Jewish calendar as ‘Sh’loshet Y’mei Hagbalah’, the Three Days of Preparation. For the Israelites this must have been a time of butterflies in the stomach, excitement, extreme anticipation! But it was also a time to recognize that there was no more important occurrence than they were about to experience. This was G-D, the G-D! And He was coming down to see US! How do we get ready? By being in our purest state and safeguarding the area for G-d.

Today, the Sh’loshet Y’mei Hagbalah are not formally recognized, except perhaps by those who observe the restrictions of the Omer period (not cutting hair, shaving, celebrating or performing weddings) past Lag b’Omer. Getting ready for receiving the Torah on Shavuot is nothing more than a date on the calendar. But we can still learn much from these days of preparation.

They can be thought of as days of unity, days of focus and mental preparation for the often forgotten holiday, Shavuot (the holiday of receiving the Torah), days of receptiveness when we open our hearts to the importance of G-d’s teachings.

Since this year Shavuot falls on Shabbat, the usual Jewish Family Education pre-Shavuot program is excited to take advantage of the Sh’loshet Y’mei Hagbalah, holding our Shavuot party on Thursday, May 24th, three days before Shavuot. The program will take place 5:30-7:30 p.m., and will include a delicious dairy dinner. More than yummy food, we’ll prepare for Shavuot, acting out how our ancestors prepared for G-d’s Torah, as well as examining ways we can apply those preparations to our lives today.

I hope you’ll join us for this free program. RSVP by May 14th to the Temple and we’ll all get ready for Shavuot just as if we are standing together at Sinai!

Chag Sameach!
USY & Kadima

It is with great pleasure I announce that Miriam Harris-Botzum will be taking over as Kadima advisor for the remainder of this year and next year. Having a parent in charge of Kadima is a big plus especially for that age group. Information about future events will be forthcoming in Shabbat & Monthly TBE Bulletins, on the list-serve, and coming home with the kids from school. Be on the lookout.

I am still looking for a USY Advisor. If you or anyone you know would be interested in helping promote the organization and help the kids fulfill their Jewish Identity please contact me ASAP.

April was a busy month for our USYers. On April 22nd they held a car wash at TBE and then helped a number of other Jewish organizations with a community wide clean-up of the IRT in Whitehall. The next weekend they were off to the EPA Regional Spring at a Hotel in Chester Springs. At the convention one of our own will be running for an office. I do not want to jinx it so I will wait until next month to give you the results.

In May we will be planning a movie night and also working on an End of Year event.

I also want to announce that next year TBE USY will be hosting the EPA Regional Winter Convention over President’s Day weekend. Our Shul has an excellent layout for such an event and the kids love coming here. Sometime in late Fall I will be in touch about the wonderful Home Hospitality that our community provides and is known for.

B’Shalom
Jay Needle
TBE Youth Chair

Wanted! Oneg/Kiddush Sponsors!

Sponsoring a Saturday Kiddush luncheon or Friday night Oneg Shabbat is a special way to support our congregation. This is a wonderful way to honor a family or friend’s birthday, anniversary or other life cycle event, commemorate the Yahrzeit of a loved one or even just to make our Shabbat experience more enjoyable. The following dates are currently available for your sponsorship: May 25, 26, June 8, 22, 23, 29, 30 and July 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, and 28. We always welcome contributions to the Kiddush Fund. Please contact Melanie May, Life Cycle Event Coordinator for, more information at (610) 435-3521 or melanie@bethelallentown.org.

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We need 10 people each day to make the minyan. If you can commit to coming one day a week, more or less often, you will be performing an important mitzvah.

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Shira Chadasha Service

Friday, May 25th
7:30 PM

It’s A Simcha... Mazel Tov
Ruth Feinberg on her 100th birthday.
Bobbe Wiener on her 75th birthday.
Bud Wiener on his 80th birthday.
Leslie Lerner on his 85th birthday.
Sara & Bernie Schonbach on the marriage of their son, Joel, to Tiffany Herndon
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Their Place, Our Place: The Jewish Community of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

Brunch and Learn with Jennifer Lader

Wednesday, May 23, 2012
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Shira Chadasha Service

Friday, May 25th
7:30 PM
Bar and Bat Mitzvah

Natalie Luftman, May 12, 2012

Natalie is a 7th grade honor roll student at Lower Macungie Middle School and is heading to Penn State soon to compete in the PA State Science Fair. She looks forward to spending her 4th summer at Camp Ramah where she enjoys sports and the great Jewish education she receives there. Natalie plays soccer and piano and is celebrating her triple heritage for her bat mitzvah – Chinese, Jewish and American.

Pat, Henry & big brother Nathan invite the congregation to share in this special day.

Alex Schiffman, May 19, 2012

Alex is a 7th grade honor student at Moravian Academy. He is especially interested in math, science and technology and participated on the Moravian Mathcounts Team. He also enjoys golfing, skiing, tennis, biking, archery, rocketry and chess.

Alex looks forward to sharing this special day as part of four generations of Temple Beth El members from both his mother’s and father’s families. Alex’s parents, Heidi and Michael, and his sister Ann, invite the congregation to join them in celebration as Alex will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on May 19, 2012.

Hannah Tamarkin, June 2, 2012

Hannah Tamarkin is a seventh grade student at Springhouse Middle School. Prior to that, she attended Ezra Academy in Connecticut for grades K-2 and The Jewish Day School for grades 3-5. Hannah enjoys dancing at Accent Dance and is an active member of her school’s student council and television studio. During her summers, Hannah spends time at Pinemere Camp, her favorite place on earth. For her mitzvah project, Hannah is collaborating with the Jewish Partisan Educational Foundation to recognize the heroism of the partisans and educate her peers about Jewish partisans. This project is very personal to Hannah and is a tribute to her great grandparents who were both holocaust survivors and partisans. Hannah, her brothers Gabriel and Zachary, and her parents Tama and Frank, invite the congregation to join them in celebration of the simcha of Hannah’s Bat Mitzvah.

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In observance of the yahrzeit of
Natalie & Edward Coleman  his mother, Goldie Coleman

Henriette Engelson Philanthropic Educational Fund
Donor  In observance of the yahrzeit of
Henriette & Sid Engelson  her sister, Evelyn Feldman

Jean Glickstein Philanthropic Fund
Donor  In honor of
Eydie & Neil Glickstein  Shari Spark being called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah in recognition of her 13th Leap Year birthday

In memory of
Eydie & Neil Glickstein  Leonard German, father of Sandi Teplitz

Lesavoy Family Fund
Donor  In honor of
Joan Lesavoy & family and Sid Greenberg  Julian Rappaport for his 50 years of service to Temple Beth El

In memory of
Dr. Herman Plavner Philanthropic Fund
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Judith Plavner  Bernard Trager, brother of Alan Trager, Marilyn Bonfeld, wife of Murray Bonfeld

In observance of the yahrzeit of
Judith Plavner  her husband, Dr. Herman Plavner, her sister-in-law, Norma Kreindel

Prokup Family Philanthropic Fund
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Ilene & Michael Prokup  Leonard German, father of Sandi Teplitz

Harold & Pirry Roth Philanthropic Fund
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Elaine & Leon Papir  her mother, Pirry Roth

Rita & Michael Bloom  her mother, Pirry Roth

E. G. Scoblionko Philanthropic Fund
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Reba Scoblionko  her sister, Beatrice Shmookler, her grandfather, Elias Malenovsky

Dr. Sara Kay Steinberg Philanthropic Fund
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Judy & Larrie Sheftel  their sister-in-law, Sara Kay Steinberg, his grandfather, Abraham Aaron Sheftel, his grandfather, Jacob Movsovich

Roberta, Norman, Rachel and David Marcus  their friend, Sara Kay Steinberg

Meyer & Fannie Stettner Family Educational Philanthropic Fund
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Shelley & Max Stettner  his father, Meyer Stettner

Amy W. Wiener Philanthropic Fund
Donor  In observance of the yahrzeit of
Bobbe & Bud Wiener  their beloved, Amy Wiener

Louis & Mary Wiener Family Fund
Donor  In honor of
Rusty & Nate Schiff  “special” birthday of Bud Wiener

In memory of
Bobbe & Bud Wiener  Marilyn Bonfeld, wife of Murray Bonfeld

Celebrating a May Birthday?
Join us for Shabbat services on Saturday, May 26, 2012 at 9:00 am and be honored by your fellow congregants. R.S.V.P. to the office at (610) 435-3521 and let us know you will be there!

We Need Your Help!

Our Rabbi and Cantor visit members of Temple Beth El who are in hospitals. HIPPA laws prevent hospitals from releasing medical information. Upon routine admission, please use our Temple Code: for all the locations for Lehigh Valley Hospital - 017; for all locations at St. Luke’s Hospital - 17, and at Sacred Heart Hospital use code 017. When admitted through Emergency Room, please have your family member or friend notify the Temple Beth El office.
Yahrzeits

The following are the names of our beloved departed whose Yahrzeits will be observed this month

5/1/2012
Aaron Abramson
Allen Angart
Samuel Jacob Heicklen
Harry Schwartz
Sigmund Topfer
Saul Zales

5/2/2012
Jennie Breit
Donald Baer Goodman
Dora Lazar
Zalman Nemetz
Sadie Rosenfeld

5/3/2012
Marie Ehrlich
Albert Schonberger
Mary Wolf

5/4/2012
Shirley Dweck
Bela Goldman
Marshall Goldman
Solomon Griff
Isaac Karess
Abraham Katz
Molly Levin
Harold Sheftel
William Wasserman

5/5/2012
Henry Forgosh
Harry Freedman
Joseph Greenberg
Dora Karol
Karen Nathanson
Herman Rosenberg
Abraham Shatoff

5/6/2012
Isaac Adem
Dora Brandt
Herman Klein
Victor Kobrovsky
Minnie Lipner Mehrman
Simon Shultz

5/7/2012
Beulah Alexander
Dr. Alexander S. Belman
Louis Goldstein
Norman Kobrovsky
Pearl Lesavoy
Shirley Levinger
Charles Lowy
Bernard Rappaport
Doris Sigal
Anne Somers
Charles Warshawsky
Milton Wasserman

5/8/2012
Mina Elster
Simon Hammel
Jean Rosenberger
Anne Schechter

5/9/2012
Mary Feinberg
Morris Ratarsky
Minna R. Topfer
Jack Wasserman

5/10/2012
Samuel Block
Dr. Simon Ehrlich
Harold Fox
Esther Ginsberg
Else Grossman
Clara Kolb
Charles Meckenberg
Harry Miller

5/11/2012
George Bloom
Benjamin Boyar
Molly Forstater
Raymond Richman

5/12/2012
Fred Benioff
Montague Duckett
Daniel Ginkinger
Dora Rosenthal
Max Sheinen
Benjamin Slawetsky

5/13/2012
Bertha Benioff
Rebecca Cohen
Dr. Arthur Lipschutz
Pearl Mishkin
Mayer Rosoff
Arnold Sapadin
Rachel Zoslovsky

5/14/2012
Sarah Goldstein
Bessie Lipner
Leah Prad
Arnold Silverman
Barney Strauss

5/15/2012
Stanley Derr
Rose Forgosh
Hyman Glickman
Louis Glickman
Josephine Hirsch
Martin Klein
Minnie Kramer
Isaac Kreindel

5/16/2012
Jacqueline Greenstein
Morton Greenstein
Mamie Grossman
Sara Feldman Savarese
Eva Strongwater

5/17/2012
Elkah Cohen
Larry “Lothar” Fuerth
William Glass
Elizabeth Hirsch
Norman Reich
Joseph Rosenberg
Hedy Westheim

5/18/2012
Samuel Abramson
Sophie Hoffman
Lawrence Schiff

5/19/2012
Edith Farbowitz
Grace Goldstein
Eleanor Rothberg Karpo
Elka Miller
Abraham Theodore
Louis Tretin

5/20/2012
Zelda Gottlieb
Solomon Marcus

5/21/2012
Jeffrey Dabrow
Mary Einhorn
Frieda Fried
Ethel Kuhn
Rose Prefer
Hyman Reisner
Samuel Rickel
Margita Spitz
Mayer Spitz

5/22/2012
Bertha Bonfeld
Samuel Glass
Bonne West

5/23/2012
Fanny Laffer
Selma Marcus
Isidore Platt

5/24/2012
David Goldenberg
Harry Reitars
Louis Schechter
Jacob Snyder

5/25/2012
Celia Brodsky
Lillian Derr
Florence Lowy
Jennie Miller
Marjorie Forman Teplitz

5/26/2012
Isaac Benioff
Arthur Theodore

5/27/2012
Samuel Berneman
Esther Field
Dorothy Fox
Sandra Greenberg
Bessie Lavenstein

5/28/2012
Herman Adler
Milton Beneman
Fred Berry
Ray Forgosh
Harry Gesoff
Fanny Greenberg
Mildred Horowitz
Kenneth Linder
Annette Shabrin

5/29/2012
Sam Bartonow
Nettie Berman
Justin Jacob Sheftel

5/30/2012
Pearl Benioff
Meyer David Mehrman
Miriam Melman
Lilyan Schindelheim

5/31/2012
Julius Gesoff
Celia Lischner
Samuel Perlman

Honor or Memorialize your loved ones by endowing a tree for $1,000 at Beth El Memorial Park

The tree chosen will be marked by a permanent Memorial Plaque. Other items are also available to endow.

Contact: Ivan Schonfeld (610) 395-8770
JEWISH FAMILY EDUCATION
We have two wild and crazy Torah programs to end our year!

Let's Get Ready!

Annual pre-Shavuot Fin Party:
WE ALL STOOD TOGETHER AT SINAI!
FREE, INCLUDING DAIRY DINNER AND DESSERT!
THURSDAY, MAY 24, 5:30-7:30 P.M.

SEE INSIDE THIS BULLETIN FOR FLYERS: COSTS, RSVP DATES, COMPLETE INFORMATION ABOUT THESE PROGRAMS!

ZOO TORAH!
SUNDAY, JUNE 3
11-2 AT THE LEHIGH VALLEY ZOO!
SCAVENGER HUNT
PICNIC LUNCH
PERSONAL VISIT WITH REAL ANIMALS
AND MORE!

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7:30 pm Service - 3rd Grade CONSECRATION | 9:00 am Service - Bar Mitzvah of ALEX SCHIFFMAN  
10:00 am Celebrate Shabbat!!  
8:00 pm USY Movie Night |
| 20     | 21     | 22      | 23        | 24       | 25     | 26       |
| Yom Yerushalayim  
10:00 am Religious School - Shabbat Shalom Club honored  
10:00 am Gift Shop  
12:15 pm The Mama Doni Picnic Lunch  
1:00 pm The Mama Doni Concert | 7:45 am Minyan  
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10:00 am Gift Shop  
7:30 pm Service - SHIRA CHADASHA | 9:00 am Service - Honoring the City of Kolin  
MAY BIRTHDAY SHABBAT |
| 27     | 28     | 29      | 30        | 31       | 31     | 31       |
| Shavuot - Day 1  
9:00 am Service - CONFIRMATION  
9:05  
OFFICE CLOSED | Rosh Chodesh Sivan  
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The Temple Beth El Religious School is proud to present...

MAMA DONI
Live in Concert
at Temple Beth El

Sunday, May 20, 2012
Doors open at noon; Concert starts at 1 PM
Family-Style, Picnic lunch will be served at 12:15

A Year-end Fundraiser to benefit the Temple Beth El Religious School Scholarship Fund

Whole Note Sponsor $180
8 tickets to the concert, Mama Doni CD and picnic lunch for 8

Half Note Sponsor $100
6 tickets to the concert, Mama Doni CD and picnic lunch for 6

Quarter Note Sponsor $50
4 tickets to the concert, Mama Doni CD, picnic lunch for 4

Single Tickets (includes picnic lunch & concert)
$8 per adult and $5 per child (ages 5-12)
(Children under 5 are Free!)
All sponsors will be listed in the program.

CD’s will be available for purchase!

Name: ________________________________

Phone: ________________________________ # of Single Tickets: ________________________________

Please enclose a check made payable to Temple Beth El. The form and payment can be dropped off in either the Religious School office or Main office or mailed to Temple Beth El, Attn: Mama Doni Concert, 1305 Springhouse Road, Allentown, PA 18104. Questions, please call the TBE office at 610.435.3521.
Let's Get Ready!

Annual pre-Shavuot Fun Party:
WE ALL STOOD TOGETHER AT SINAI!
FREE, AND FUN FOR THE WHOLE CONGREGATION
INCLUDING DAIRY DINNER AND DESSERT!
THURSDAY, MAY 24, 5:30-7:30 P.M.
RSVP REQUIRED BY MAY 17TH
Contact Shari 610-435-3521, shari@bethelallentown.org

RETURN TO TBE 1305 SPRINGHOUSE RD, 18104—JFE SHAVUOT PARTY

NAME: ____________________________________________

PHONE #: ______________________________________ EMAIL: ____________________________

# ADULTS: ____________________________ # KIDS: ____________________________

Jewish Family Education is generously sponsored by a grant from the Jewish Federation of the Lehigh Valley
Please join us for Shabbat Dinner along with Shira Chadasha Under the Stars

Date: Friday, June 29, 2012
Occasion: Shabbat! Please join your Temple Beth El Family for dinner followed by Friday night services and Oneg Shabbat.

Shabbat Dinner begins at 6:00 pm
7:00 pm Shira Chadasha service on the Temple’s Patio

Temple Beth El’s Shabbat Dinner and Shira Chadasha Under the Stars
RSVP by June 15, 2012

Name ___________________________ Email ___________________________

Telephone __________________________ Email ___________________________

$36/household: # adults ______ # children ______
$18/person: # attending ______ Total enclosed: $ ______

Please contact me about purchasing wine for Shabbat Dinner. Yes/No _______

Please explain any dietary restrictions ___________________________

Please return this form along with your check to Temple Beth El, 1305 Springhouse Road, Allentown, PA 18104 or email Ilene at ilene@bethelallentown.org to make a reservation.
JEWISH FAMILY EDUCATION

Presents:

ZOO TORAH!

SUNDAY, JUNE 3, 2012
11-2 AT THE LEHIGH VALLEY ZOO!

SCAVENGER HUNT—PICNIC LUNCH—VISIT WITH REAL ANIMALS—
AND MORE!

11:00 - MEET AT THE ZOO GATE FOR INSTRUCTIONS AND SIGN-IN
11:15 — TORAH ZOO SCAVENGER HUNT
12:00 — BRING A DAIRY PICNIC LUNCH. WE'LL BE DINING AL FRESCO
12:45 — UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL VISIT WITH ANIMALS AND A ZOO EDUCATOR
2:00 — STAY AND EXPLORE OR GO HOME! IT'S BEEN A GREAT DAY!

IMPORTANT NOTE: THE COVERED BRIDGE ON GAME PRESERVE RD IS CLOSED. PLEASE DO NOT USE YOUR GPS FOR DIRECTIONS. SEE http://www.lvzoo.org/directions.cfm FOR DIRECTIONS AND DETOUR INFO.

IN THE EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, EVENT WILL BE RESCHEDULED
CONTACT SHARI 610-435-3521, SHARI@BETHELALLENTOWN.ORG

JFE ZOO TORAH — RSVP BY MAY 24TH — RETURN FORM TO 1305 SPRINGHOUSE RD, 18104
PAYABLE TO TBE, DUE MAY 24TH — ADULTS — $10 CHILDREN 2-11 — $9

NAME: _______________________________ EMAIL: _______________________________

PHONE: _______________________________ EMAIL: _______________________________

#ADULTS (12 OLDER) __________ # KIDS (2-11) _______________________________

TOTAL $ PAYABLE TO TBE: _______________________________

Jewish Family Education is sponsored by a generous grant from the Jewish Federation of the Lehigh Valley
TBE Men’s Club 5th Annual
“TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME” EXTRAVAGANZA
Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs vs. Toledo Mudhens
SUNDAY, AUGUST 19TH GAME TIME - 5:35 PM
KOSHER TAILGATE PARTY: 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
(Includes Burgers, Hot Dogs, Sausages, Veggie Options, Soft Drinks)

Tickets: $12.00/person
(Cost of Tailgate NOT included - Free Will Donation at the Tailgate)

Extra! Want to throw out the First Pitch? One lucky member of our group will get the chance. Enter the “First Pitch” Raffle!

A Book of 6 Tickets for ONLY $5.00!

Sign up for a chance to participate in on-field activities. Games and contests for people of all ages! Send the names of all who want to participate with your reservation. No guarantees you’ll be picked, but who knows?

TBE Men’s Club at the Iron Pigs – August 19th, 2012

ORDER FORM

Name: ___________________________ Email (for order confirmation): ___________________________

No. Of Game Tickets: ________ @ $12.00 each: $________ Raffle Tickets: ______ Books @ $5.00 each: $________ TOTAL: $________

Plan to Tailgate with us? Please tell us how many: Adults: ______ Children Under 12: ______

Return this form with your check payable to: TBE Men’s Club, 1305 Springhouse Road, Allentown, PA, 18104 OR EMAIL YOUR RESERVATION: Roy Benasaraf (royben@ptd.net) by August 1st, 2012

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Raise money for Temple Beth El while you shop!

Consider purchasing gift cards from Temple Beth El Sisterhood.

Purchase gift cards to buy your Groceries, Gas, Casual Dining Meals, Coffee or Home Improvement Supplies.

Gift Cards are not just for gifts! Use them for your everyday purchases! We sell Amazon.com gift cards and iTunes gift cards.

Let Temple Beth El Sisterhood profit from your shopping!

We earn money on every gift card we sell!

Giant, Weis, Macy’s, Bed Bath & Beyond, Target, and so much more available now to purchase!

To purchase Gift cards, fill out the order form enclosed in this bulletin or contact

Jill Steigerwald: steiger1@msn.com or 610-336-7482.
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