



CONGREGATION BETH EL

1200 Fairfield Woods Road
Fairfield, CT 06825

An Egalitarian Conservative Jewish Congregation

BETH EL E-NEWS

February 17 - 24, 2012

24 Shevat - 1 Adar 5772

Shabbat Mishpatim

SERVICE TIMES

Friday, February 17

7:30 AM

Morning Minyan

Rosh Hodesh D'var Torah - Adar

Judy Greenberg

6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Services

Saturday, February 18

10:00 AM Shabbat Services

Shabbat Mishpatim

Bat Mitzvah of Susan Freed

Sunday, February 19

8:30 AM Morning Minyan (Note earlier start)

Monday, February 20

8:30 AM Morning Minyan (Note later start)

President's Day

Tuesday, February 21

7:30 AM Morning Minyan, Note: Rabbi Satlow's class is canceled for this week

Wednesday, February 22

7:30 AM Morning Minyan

Thursday, February 23

7:30 AM Morning Minyan

Rosh Hodesh

Friday, February 24

**CHECK OUT BETH EL'S
WEBSITE FOR INFORMATION
ON UPCOMING EVENTS!**

Sign-up forms are available too.

www.congbethel.net

SAVE THE DATES!

**Meet Rabbinical Candidate,
Marcelo Kormis
February 24 - 26**

**Please join us next weekend and
meet Rabbinical Candidate, Rabbi
Marcelo Kormis and his wife,
Fernanda Auba. Events include:**

Friday evening services at 6:00 PM, followed by dinner. Dinner \$18 per person, children (pre B/M age) are free. Reservations for dinner are required by Tuesday, 2/21.

Saturday morning Shabbat services at 10:00 AM, followed by kiddush. Babysitting for infants through kindergarten available. RSVP for babysitting by Tuesday, 2/21.

Saturday evening from 5:45 - 7:00 PM -

7:30 AM Morning Minyan
Rosh Hodesh
6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Services followed by
Shabbat dinner. Reservations for dinner required.

**SAVE THE DATES!
PURIM CELEBRATIONS**

* **Carnival will be held on Sunday, March 4
from 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM.**

**Click here for
[CARNIVAL FLYER](#)**

***The celebration continues on Wednesday,
March 7 with Wine and Nosh at 6:30 PM,
followed by a Costume Parade for everyone
and Megillah Reading. Our annual raffle
drawing will be held at 7:15 PM.**

***Then on Thursday, March 8, the Megillah
is read again at morning minyan and we
enjoy a Purim Seudah (festive meal)
breakfast. Entry price is one joke, suitable
for all ages.**

More info to follow...

**COUPLE OF THE YEAR
SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2012**

Havdalah at the home of Ellen & Jeff Belitzky,
412 Lockwood Drive, Fairfield. RSVP required
by Tuesday, 2/21.

Sunday morning from 9:30 AM -12:00 PM -
Coffee & bagels followed by adult learning
session.

Sunday afternoon from 12:30 to 1:30 PM -
Pizza and ice-cream social for teens (7th -
12th grade).RSVP required by Tuesday, 2/21.

Sunday afternoon from 2:00 - 3:00 PM -
Meet and greet for religious school and
preschool parents.

Please use the email address
rabbisearch@congbethel.net to send us
questions in advance for Rabbi Kormis. He
will attempt to address questions Friday night
after Shabbat services. Please use the same
e-mail address to give us your comments and
observations about the weekend.

**Click here for
[Rabbi Kormis Weekend Info & Bio
RSVP Form for Rabbi Kormis
Weekend](#)**

**Sisterhood presents:
BETH EL ART EXHIBIT
OPEN HOUSE**

**Saturday, March 10th
Doors open 7:30 PM**

A showcase of your fellow congregants'
art and musical talents. Includes hor
d'oeuvres, cocktails, coffee and cake.

**\$10 per person
Be a sponsor...\$18.00**

Look for your invitation in the mail:

Congregation Beth El
cordially invites you to a
Celebration
in honor of

Tara Cook-Littman & Owen Littman
as Couple of the Year

Saturday, the Twenty-fourth of March
Two Thousand Twelve

Kavodah at 7:45 PM

Congregation Beth El
1200 Fairfield Woods Road
Fairfield, Connecticut



Dinner and Dancing *Cocktail Attire*

L'Dor V'Dor ~ From Generation to Generation

We are now accepting ads for the journal honoring Tara & Owen.

Click Here for Journal Form
Click Here for RSVP Card
for the event on March 24.

PLANT TREES & SUPPORT BETH EL

As a member of Beth El, which is an affiliate congregation of United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, we have an opportunity to earn money for our synagogue when you participate in one of the following:

- Plant Trees in Israel in honor of friends or loved ones.**
- Make a donation to any of JNF's many projects in Israel.**
- Purchase anything from the JNF store.**

It's easy, quick and doesn't cost you



An Open House Showcasing the Talents of Your Fellow Congregants Saturday, March 10, 2012
Doors Open at 7:30 pm

Congregation Beth El
1200 Fairfield Woods Road, Fairfield

Please join us for an evening of original art & musical entertainment created & performed by the Beth El community!

Cocktails & Hors D'oeuvres
Coffee & Dessert
\$10 per person
Sponsor* \$18 per person

RSVP by March 6th
congbethel@aol.com or 203-374-5544

* Sponsorships greatly appreciated to enhance the fund for the event. Sponsors will be acknowledged in the Exhibit Program.

Have something to showcase or a question? Contact Fran Glucroft at fglucroft@gmail.com or the synagogue office.

JEWISH HIGH SCHOOL OF CONNECTICUT

The JHSC, the only pluralistic Jewish High School in Connecticut, located on Park Avenue in Bridgeport, is sponsoring its first gala event, Sunday night, March 25th.

Susan Birke Fiedler will be honored at this gala. Susan has been involved in community service since she graduated from law school. A Jewish day school student from Kindergarten through twelfth grade, the idea for a Jewish High School took shape in Susan's living room in conversations with other day school parents. While the living rooms rotated, Susan and other dedicated individuals, continued to engage others through meetings, presentations, grants, and articles about the potential for a Jewish High School in Southern Connecticut. Susan's presence has been felt in every aspect of the school's development, from creating its mission statement to raising the funds necessary to sustain the school. As founding president of the Board of Trustees, Susan is the reason that the Jewish High School of CT is open and thriving. Susan strongly believes in the importance of each person's responsibility to better the world, and she hopes that the Jewish High School of CT will engage many generations of Jewish teens to come, so that when it is their turn to lead, they will do so with knowledge and passion.

anything extra! **Buy or donate through the JNF/USCJ button on our synagogue website and 20% will go back to Beth El.** Another 5% will go to United Synagogue to support congregational Israel programs. Help Israel through the work of JNF.

Spread the word to your friends and family! All orders and donations must originate from the JNF/United Synagogue button on our synagogue's website to be credited to this program. You can also call 1-800-542-TREE (8733) and mention our congregation.

Go to our website, www.congbethel.net and click on the box (sample below) located on our home page, under the photo of our building. Just follow the instructions to plant your trees or make a donation to JNF. And while you are there, take a look at our website as well!



Please note that all donations will be charged in U.S. dollars by JNF-US. All donors will receive an immediate electronic receipt from JNF-US.

CAMP RAMAH SCHOLARSHIPS

If anyone is interested in a Camp Ramah scholarship for next summer, please contact the synagogue office or Deborah Zuckerman at 203-261-0735.

Contact Info:

One of the most internationally respected commentators on Israel, Dr. Daniel Gordis, will be speaking at the gala. Dr. Gordis is President of the Shalem Foundation, and Senior Fellow at the Shalem Center in Jerusalem. He is a regular columnist for the Jerusalem Post and a frequent contributor to the New York Times. He is the author of many books on Jewish thought and current events in Israel.

JHSC is seeking individuals to help with the gala, specifically with preparing the lists and reaching out to companies and organizations in the regions. There will be a training meeting held on Thursday, February 9 from 9:00 - 10:00 AM at the high school. Attendees will learn more about the school and the gala. Please contact Carole Rubin, at savtacarole@msn.com, if you are able to attend. WE NEED YOU!

Thank you, Carole Rubin

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