

# BI Word

חשוון כסלו טבת 5772

November/December 2011



## Rabbi's Message

*Rabbi Steven Schwarzman*

The holidays are behind us. We prayed intensely together as a community, a fitting way for a faith community to begin the new year. And we also gathered to celebrate life's bounty in our sukkot. And, finally, we celebrated the gift of Torah together on Simhat Torah. Prayer, community, life's blessings, and Torah – these are what bind us together.



As the programming and educational year begin in full force, each of us is given the opportunity to put into action the resolutions we made during the holidays. There are so many opportunities to broaden and deepen our Jewish knowledge in the

various classes for adults, both here at Beth Israel and at the other synagogues in the Worcester area with whom we have partnered in our community-wide adult education offerings.

The Talmud tells the story of the person who approached Hillel, asking him to sum up the entire Torah while he stood on one foot. Hillel's answer, often quoted, was that we should not do to others what we wouldn't want them to do to us. Sometimes the quote ends there; sometimes people include the next part, which is that the rest of the Torah is really just commentary on that statement. Very often, the quote ends there. But what Hillel goes on to say is, "Now, start learning!"

Torah is not a theoretical project. It's a lifestyle. It's about how we should treat each other. And as Jews, it's our responsibility to live Torah and, by necessity, also to learn it. So – come, and start a new year of learning, which will enrich and inform your life.

# Updates and Events for Educational Programs

Me'ir Sherer



## Families with Young Children

### Keshet Services

Starting in November, Keshet Services are scheduled for the first Shabbat of each month, 11:00-11:45am (unless otherwise posted). Preschoolers will join the kindergarten and first graders for a service geared specifically for families with younger children. Infants and toddlers are welcome.

Please save the date, Saturday evening, February 11, 2012 for a special

program for families with young children.

For more information on activities and programs for families with young children, please contact Sara Jacobson at [sarajoy-jacobson@hotmail.com](mailto:sarajoy-jacobson@hotmail.com) or Deb Martin at [DeMartin@clarku.edu](mailto:DeMartin@clarku.edu). You may also visit our website at [www.bethisraelworc.org](http://www.bethisraelworc.org).

## Religious School

Religious School opened on Wednesday, September 14. There are 30 students in our school and the year is off to a great start. In November, our students, along with those of Temple Emanuel's Religious School, will participate in a month of chuggim (electives). This is just one of the programs being planned this year to introduce the two communities to each other and the types of programs they may expect out of the new Community Religious School set to open in the fall of 2012.

## Youth Programs

During the months of September and October, our teens helped lead Shabbat morning services during Synaplex, participated in Yom Sport, held a Sukkah hop and joined with

Temples Emanuel and Sinai's WESTY for a fun-filled time at Crystal Caves!

November and December will bring with them JFCM's Torahon, NERUSY's Turkey Dance, BI's Coffee House and Hanukkah Celebrations.

For more information about USY specifically, please contact

Laura Traiger at [lrtraiger@charter.net](mailto:lrtraiger@charter.net).

In the upcoming year we are also hoping to offer a few opportunities for our fifth and sixth graders to come together as a community, in addition to the opportunity they have to come together in our Religious School. The first of these opportunities was Sunday, October 23, 2011 when they went to see the Maccabeats in concert. You might know the Maccabeats from their Hanukkah song, "Candlelight." The following is a link to a clip of them performing this song <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qSJC4R4MuhU>. Yonatan Melamed and Ya'ar Persing, both teachers in BI's Religious School, serve as madrichim (advisors) for this group. You can find their profiles on the BI Website in the Religious School section.

The Youth Activities Committee, which supports programming for USY wishes to thank BI congregants for supporting our High Holiday Youth Tribute booklet and holiday challah sales!

For information about all youth activities, please contact Jodi

Hirschman at [jodihir@gmail.com](mailto:jodihir@gmail.com) or Me'ir Sherer, DCL, [meir.sherer@bethisraelworc.org](mailto:meir.sherer@bethisraelworc.org). You may also visit our website at [www.bethisraelworc.org](http://www.bethisraelworc.org) for information on all youth activities.

## Adult Education

Adult study at BI around the Central Massachusetts Jewish community has begun in earnest. Some BI Adult Ed courses started in October. The following classes, however, will begin this November. To learn more about these courses and/or to register for them, please contact Me'ir Sherer, Director of Congregational Learning at 508-756-6204 or [meir.sherer@bethisraelworc.org](mailto:meir.sherer@bethisraelworc.org).

## Stories from the Talmud

Study the stories in "Ein Ya'akov" with Rabbi Steve Schwarzman. "Ein Ya'akov" is a compilation of all the Aggadic (legends) material in the Talmud together with commentaries. It was compiled by Rabbi Jacob ibn Habib who lived 1460-1516. Habib was born in Zamora, Spain. In 1492, when Jews were

expelled from Spain, he settled in Salonica, Greece where he wrote "Ein Ya'akov."

Dates: Wednesdays; Starts: November 2

Time: 7:40-9:00PM (Following Minyan)

Location: BI

Instructor: Rabbi Steve Schwarzman

Cost: \$36 Non-Members (15 sessions)



*Religious School gets off to a good start this fall*



## Conversational Hebrew

Dates: Wednesdays; Starts: November 9  
Time: 7:30-8:30PM  
Location: BI  
Instructor: ZivaRosenhand  
Cost: \$18 BI Members; \$36 Non-Members (15 sessions)

## Yoga

Yoga is an excellent way to exercise our bodies and minds, so we stay healthy physically and mentally. Please check with your doctors first if you have special health concerns or recent injuries. Most poses may be modified to be safely practiced for all levels of students.

Dates: Thursdays; Starts: November 3  
Time: 5:00-6:00PM  
Location: BI  
Instructor: Yeong Chang  
Cost: \$60 BI Members; \$80 Non-Members (8 sessions)

## Srugim – Take 2

We are back for Season 2. Join us Thursday evenings to watch, and then discuss, episodes from the second season of the Israeli TV drama “Srugim.” “Srugim,” which refers to the knitted cippot, deals with the lives of religious twenty and thirty-somethings in the Katamon neighborhood of Jerusalem.

Dates: Thursdays; Starts: November 10  
Time: 7:30-8:30PM  
Location: BI  
Instructor: Me’ir Sherer; Director of Congregational Learning, Congregation Beth Israel

Cost: NO CHARGE

## Beginner’s Hebrew

Hebrew is the language of Torah and the Jewish people. The ability to read Hebrew opens up an amazing connection to stories, prayers and traditions of the Jewish people. If you don’t know an aleph from a bet or you want to review the alphabet and practice your reading, we hope you will join us for Beginners Hebrew for Adults. We will learn the Hebrew alphabet and acquire some basic vocabulary as we read words and verses from the Torah and the siddur. Let this New Year be the year you take the first step into Hebrew.

Dates: Wednesdays; Starts: November 9  
Time: 6:30-7:30PM  
Location: BI  
Instructor: ZivaRosenhand  
Cost: \$18(15 sessions)



*Our youth have fun in the succah*



## Community Education

Torathon, sponsored by JFCM will be held Saturday, November 12, 5:45-11:00PM at Temple Emanuel, Worcester. For more information and to register, please go to <http://jewishcentralmass.org/Section.aspx?id=2345>.

Our annual Hanukkah Celebration will be held this year on December 17th; it’s a Worcester area community event, supported by the Jewish Federation of Central Massachusetts and will be held at Congregation B’nai Shalom in Westboro. Look for more information on the BI website at [www.bethisraelworc.org](http://www.bethisraelworc.org).

*The Conservative Yeshiva is proud to announce fall learning opportunities:*

## New Cycle of Mishnah Yomit

On October 30, the Conservative Yeshiva will begin a new cycle of Mishnah Yomit taught by Dr. Joshua Kulp. Sign up and receive a Mishnah in your inbox each day, with translation and explanation. Josh will respond to your comments and help all participants to understand the Mishnah. We hope that many CY alumni and friends will take part in this free, daily learning program. Sign up at: <http://www.conservativeyeshiva.org/category/mishnah-yomit>

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# The Evolving USCJ

Ken Turkewitz



This Spring, I had the privilege of hearing Rabbi Steven Wernick speak. Rabbi Wernick is the Executive Vice President and CEO of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism (USCJ). Rabbi Wernick spoke about reimagining the synagogue.

The USCJ is the predominant organization for conservative synagogues, and is an umbrella organization under which Congregation Beth Israel falls. Over the last year and a half or so, the USCJ has been engaged in an effort to examine and redefine its direction and vision. This resulted in a commission report called, “*A Strategic Plan for the New United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism.*” The plan, which can be found on the USCJ web site ([www.uscj.org](http://www.uscj.org)), was adopted by the USCJ Board of Trustees in March.

Rabbi Wernick outlined some of the key points of the plan, focused on strengthening our Kehillot – our sacred communities. First, though, a word on the term, “kehillah,” which is how the USCJ is beginning to refer to their constituent organizations. From a letter from the commission’s co-chairs: “Most members of the USCJ will continue to refer to themselves as congregations or synagogues. The Plan recognizes this, but it is important that we constantly remind ourselves of what synagogues are – that is, Jewish sacred communities, and that we welcome less formal Jewish sacred communities such as chavurot or minyanim as well as the more established form of sacred community – the synagogue.” With this, the USCJ shifts from service to synagogues, to service to any conservative-oriented community. (And the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism plans to change its name at some point in the near future to reflect this shift.)

Rabbi Wernick talked about the strategies to create the new USCJ. Quoted from the executive summary of the plan, they are:

- Focus on core functions
- Build new models of membership, participation, leadership and governance
- Create an effective and integrated regional presence
- Expand and redeploy financial resources

Focusing on core functions means that USCJ will refine the long list of functions and programs they currently offer, and narrow them down to ones that enhance our sacred communities. While this may sound like a reduction (and USCJ is working on figuring out how to cut dues), they are also working on expanding their reach in to areas that aren’t covered very well. In particular, the USCJ would like to invest more in engaging young adults, and looking beyond our synagogues. There is also a renewed emphasis on education, including working with other conservative Jewish organizations, such as Ramah, Schechter, etc.

I would likely do a poor job paraphrasing Rabbi Wernick, and I’m not going to try. I encourage everyone to go to the USCJ website and take a look at the plan.

## Strategic Plan for the New USCJ

### The Vision

The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism is a community of kehillot – sacred communities – committed to a dynamic Judaism that is learned and passionate, authentic and pluralistic, joyful and accessible, egalitarian or traditional.

Our kehillot create the conditions for a powerful and vibrant Jewish life, empowering Jews in North America to seek the presence of God, to seek meaning and purpose in Torah and mitzvot, to fully engage with Israel, and to be inspired by Judaism to improve the world and the Jewish people.

The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism creates the spiritual, intellectual and managerial network that enables each of our kehillot to fulfill its sacred mission and connects all our kehillot with a common sense of community, shared mission and purpose. Together with other centers of energy identified with Conservative Judaism, we articulate and disseminate our approach to Judaism.

### The Mission

- To transform and strengthen our kehillot in their effort to:
  - inspire meaningful prayer
  - sustain a culture of lifelong Jewish learning
  - nurture religious and spiritual growth
  - promote excellence in kehillah leadership
- To ensure educational excellence true to the vision of Conservative Judaism for children and adults in our kehillot
- To engage the next generation of kehillah leadership
- To encourage and build new kehillot

Dear Fellow Congregants,

Thank you for the opportunity to address our congregation on Yom Kippur on behalf of Israel Bonds. With the chagim past, I wish to remind you to complete the cards distributed on Yom Kippur. Please return your card to the BI office or, if you need a card, you may get one from Executive Director Ken Turkewitz. You may also choose to contact the Development Corporation for Israel directly. Alice Golub has worked with the Worcester community for many years and is most helpful: (617) 723-2400 Ext 126 Email: [alice.golub@israelbonds.com](mailto:alice.golub@israelbonds.com) <<mailto:alice.golub@israelbonds.com>>.

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## Membership News

*Ellen Benz*

Chag Sameach!

What a busy time of year this has been for all of us! The Membership Committee had two very successful events in September - the last Cocktails and Kabbalat Shabbat for this season and a successful first ever Yom Sport, which pitted USYers against older congregants in a competitive whiffle ball match! As the holidays rolled in, it was wonderful to see new faces join us – some visitors and some new members! I would like to thank Rabbi Schwarzman and Executive Director, Ken Turkewitz, as well as the office staff in helping orchestrate and welcome prospective members into our community. It is a very exciting time.

As always, the Membership Committee is looking for new and exciting ways to bring people into Beth Israel. Our second annual coffeehouse will be held on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> – more information to follow. In addition, we are planning a genealogy lecture, which we hope to co-sponsor with another committee; date and time will be determined soon. If you have some thoughts or ideas, I would welcome your suggestions. Please feel free to contact me at [membership@bethisraelworc.org](mailto:membership@bethisraelworc.org).

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An Israel Action committee is being formed at Beth Israel. Mazel tov to Ben Lyons, who has accepted the chairmanship of this committee. For those with a passion for the state of Israel, contact Ben at [benbiz2454@yahoo.com](mailto:benbiz2454@yahoo.com) or at 508-523-2454. More details will follow.

## The BI Family welcomes new members:

Gene Jura and Jessie Berrick

Jacob & Joelle

Terry Lubarsky

Howard and Nan Sobel

## HAFTORAH SCROLL

I'm seeking information about an existing Haftorah Scroll at Beth Israel. If anyone can provide information on its source, please contact me.

Ken Turkewitz  
Executive Director

## Social Action

Social Action at BI is off to a great start.

- We've had a very successful school supplies drive which provided students in the Worcester School system with much needed items.
- Members of our Congregation contributed to our annual Yom Kippur food appeal chaired by Ruth Margolis collecting food which was distributed by Rachel's Table to benefit needy families within Worcester County.
- We will be restarting our Knitwhits group. If you already know how to knit or crochet or want to learn, please consider joining us for a worthwhile activity and an enjoyable time.
- We've had our first shelter meal of the year and had 3 new families join us! And we'd love to have more families participate.

Important upcoming dates to remember

- Shelter meals: Sundays November 20 and December 18 at 11am in the BI kitchen.
- Monthly Collections:
  - October: Baby Supplies
  - November: Winter clothing
  - December: Children's Holiday Gifts and Books

### BI Closings Due to Weather

For inclement weather during the winter, Beth Israel Religious School will be closed when the Worcester Public Schools are closed. In addition, notification of office and school closings will be available on 7NEWS (NBC and CW), on the [www.whdh.com](http://www.whdh.com) web site, and on BI's phone system and web site.



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- Global Hunger Weekend: November 4-5. We will join other congregations around the country to focus on the issue of hunger in our nation.
- Thanksgiving: We will once again be collecting food for St. Paul's Outreach program to supply them with the necessary items to make and distribute holiday food baskets for families in need. Some of the food we collect will also be used to make baskets for other groups in the area
- Thanksgiving and Christmas: We will be preparing meals at various sites in Worcester County.

There are a lot more great things happening at BI this year. Please consider joining one or more of these great Social Action activities. We are always thrilled to have fresh ideas and new people participating. For more information, please contact Michelle Cochran at [weefishe@charter.net](mailto:weefishe@charter.net) or at 508-347-7333 or Nancy Spitulnik at [spitulnn1@yahoo.com](mailto:spitulnn1@yahoo.com).

Thank you

## Brotherhood

The Beth Israel Brotherhood's new year has started off well. We had a hugely successful BBQ on August 31st. Our first breakfast was on September 11th and featured our new rabbi, Steven Schwarzman, who told the story of how he chose to become a rabbi as his second career. Our second breakfast was held on October 9th. The speaker was Alan Gordon, the Charlton, MA town planner. Now we have a better understanding as to the duties of a town planner.

We have 13 more breakfasts planned for this year as well as our April 21, 2012 Shabbat and our May 16, 2012 paid up member's dinner. All of these events are included in our \$55.00 annual dues. It's not too late – please join us. We are a very warm and friendly group that would love to have you join us – you won't be disappointed.

### BI Word Editorial & Production

Andrea Goodman  
Rachel Herzberg  
Kenneth Turkewitz

### January/February BI Word Deadline

The deadline for input for the January/February BI Word is December 6<sup>th</sup>. If you're contributing to that issue, please be on time. All input should be submitted to [Office@BethIsrael-Worc.org](mailto:Office@BethIsrael-Worc.org).



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- Tues 10/25/11      Book club to discuss *The Postmistress* 7:30pm  
Home of Lydia Borenstein, 7 Hartshorn Ave (off June St) 508-757-7869  
All are welcome-even if you have not read the book
- Sun. 10/30/11      Sisterhood Walk-a-thon with Sherry's House  
1:15-1:45pm—registration at BI, 2:00pm walk starts
- Sun. 12/11/11      Sisterhood Chanukah Program, BI
- Thu. 12/15/11      Sisterhood dues- Region deadline
- Wed. 2/8/12        Tu B'Shevat event-community wide-Temple Emanuel
- Sat . 2/11/12        Go Red Shabbat in support of American Heart Association  
Wear Red to Services and Enjoy a Heart Healthy Kiddush
- Wed. 3/7/12        Purim event**
- Sat. 5/5/12        Sisterhood/Torah Fund Shabbat  
Shabbat services run by Sisterhood and Torah Fund Benefactors honored  
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\*Please note Board meetings will be scheduled as needed

For more information about joining Sisterhood or these events, please contact:

Lydia Borenstein, 508-688-7926 or [sisterhood@bethisraelworc.org](mailto:sisterhood@bethisraelworc.org)

## November / December Calendar

### Tues, November 1, 2011

4<sup>th</sup> of Cheshvan 5772  
7:00AM Morning Minyan  
7:00PM Evening Minyan

### Wed, November 2, 2011

5<sup>th</sup> of Cheshvan 5772  
7:00AM Morning Minyan  
4:00PM Religious School  
7:00 PM Evening Minyan  
7:40PM Stories From the Talmud

### Thurs, November 3, 2011

6<sup>th</sup> of Cheshvan 5772  
7:00AM Morning Minyan  
5:00PM Yoga  
6:30PM Hebrew High  
7:00PM Evening Minyan

### Fri, November 4, 2011

7<sup>th</sup> of Cheshvan 5772  
7:00AM Morning Minyan  
5:20PM Candle Lighting  
Cantor Elise Barber  
6:00PM Kabbalat Shabbat

### Sat, November 5, 2011

8<sup>th</sup> of Cheshvan 5772  
Cantor Elise Barber  
Parashat Lech – Lecha  
Global Hunger Shabbat  
9:00AM Shabbat Services  
9:30AM Religious School  
5:00PM Afternoon Services  
6:20PM Shabbat Ends

### Sun, November 6, 2011

9<sup>th</sup> of Cheshvan 5772  
8:30AM Morning Minyan  
11:00AM Learning the Shabbat Musaf Service  
6:00PM Israeli Folk Dancing  
7:00PM Evening Minyan

### Mon, November 7, 2011

10<sup>th</sup> of Cheshvan 5772  
7:00AM Morning Minyan  
9:30AM Music Together  
11:30AM Five Megillot: The Sexiest and Most Holy Books in the Bible (at JCC)  
4:00PM Religious School  
7:00PM Evening Minyan  
7:00PM Introduction to Judaism (at Temple Emanuel)

### Tues, November 8, 2011

11<sup>th</sup> of Cheshvan 5772  
City of Worcester Elections  
Office Closed  
7:00AM Morning Minyan  
7:00PM Evening Minyan

### Wed, November 9, 2011

12<sup>th</sup> of Cheshvan 5772  
7:00AM Morning Minyan  
4:00PM Religious School  
6:30PM Beginner's Hebrew  
7:00PM Evening Minyan  
7:30PM Conversational Hebrew  
7:40PM Stories From the Talmud

### Thurs, November 10, 2011

13<sup>th</sup> of Cheshvan 5772  
7:00AM Morning Minyan  
6:30PM Hebrew High  
7:00PM Evening Minyan  
7:30PM JFCM Daniel Gordis Lecture (at BI)  
7:30PM Srugim – Take 2

### Fri, November 11, 2011

14<sup>th</sup> of Cheshvan 5772  
Veteran's Day  
7:00AM Morning Minyan  
4:12PM Candle Lighting  
6:00PM Kabbalat Shabbat

### Sat, November 12, 2011

15<sup>th</sup> of Cheshvan 5772  
ParashatVayera  
B'not Mitzvah of Kayla and Amy Nouriel  
9:00AM Shabbat Services  
9:30AM Religious School  
4:00PM Afternoon Services  
5:12PM Shabbat Ends  
5:30PM Community Torathon (at Temple Emanuel)

### Sun, November 13, 2011

16<sup>th</sup> of Cheshvan 5772  
8:30AM Morning Minyan  
9:30AM Brotherhood Breakfast  
11:00AM Learning the Shabbat Musaf Service  
6:00PM Israeli Folk Dancing  
7:00PM Evening Minyan

### Mon, November 14, 2011

17<sup>th</sup> of Cheshvan 5772  
7:00AM Morning Minyan  
9:30AM Music Together  
11:30AM Five Megillot: The Sexiest and Most Holy Books in the Bible (at JCC)  
4:00PM Religious School  
7:00PM Evening Minyan  
7:00PM Introduction to Judaism (at Temple Emanuel)

### Tues, November 15, 2011

18<sup>th</sup> of Cheshvan 5772  
Office Closed  
7:00AM Morning Minyan  
7:00PM Evening Minyan  
7:30PM Executive Committee Meeting

### Wed, November 16, 2011

19<sup>th</sup> of Cheshvan 5772  
7:00AM Morning Minyan  
4:00PM Religious School  
6:30PM Beginner's Hebrew  
7:00PM Evening Minyan  
7:30PM Conversational Hebrew  
7:40PM Stories From the Talmud

### Thurs, November 17, 2011

20<sup>th</sup> of Cheshvan 5772  
7:00AM Morning Minyan  
5:00PM Yoga  
6:30PM Hebrew High  
7:00PM Evening Minyan  
7:30PM Srugim – Take 2  
7:30PM Board Meeting

### Fri, November 18, 2011

21<sup>st</sup> of Cheshvan 5772  
7:00AM Morning Minyan  
4:06PM Candle Lighting  
6:00PM Kabbalat Shabbat

### Sat, November 19, 2011

22<sup>nd</sup> of Cheshvan 5772  
ParashatChayei Sarah  
Bat Mitzvah of Alexandra Malofsky  
9:00AM Shabbat Services  
9:30AM Religious School  
3:45PM Afternoon Services  
5:06PM Shabbat Ends

### Sun, November 20, 2011

23<sup>rd</sup> of Cheshvan 5772  
8:30AM Morning Minyan  
6:00PM Israeli Folk Dancing  
7:00PM Evening Minyan

### Mon, November 21, 2011

24<sup>th</sup> of Cheshvan 5772  
7:00AM Morning Minyan  
9:30AM Music Together  
11:30AM Five Megillot: The Sexiest and Most Holy Books in the Bible (at JCC)  
4:00PM Religious School  
7:00PM Evening Minyan  
7:00PM Introduction to Judaism (at Temple Emanuel)

### Tues, November 22, 2011

25<sup>th</sup> of Cheshvan 5772  
Office Open  
7:00AM Morning Minyan  
7:00PM Evening Minyan

### Wed, November 23, 2011

26<sup>th</sup> of Cheshvan 5772  
No Religious School  
No Adult Ed Classes  
7:00AM Morning Minyan  
7:00PM Evening Minyan  
NERUSY Turkey Dance

### Thurs, November 24, 2011

27<sup>th</sup> of Cheshvan 5772  
Thanksgiving Day  
Office Closed  
No Adult Ed Classes  
No Hebrew High  
8:30AM Morning Minyan  
7:00PM Evening Minyan

### Fri, November 25, 2011

28<sup>th</sup> of Cheshvan 5772  
Office Closed  
8:30AM Morning Minyan  
4:01PM Candle Lighting  
6:00PM Kabbalat Shabbat

### Sat, November 26, 2011

29<sup>th</sup> of Cheshvan 5772  
ParashatToldot  
Rosh Chodesh Kislev  
No Religious School  
9:00AM Shabbat Services  
3:45PM Afternoon Services  
5:01PM Shabbat Ends

## November / December Calendar

### Sun, November 27, 2011

1<sup>st</sup> of Kislev 5772  
Rosh Chodesh Kislev  
8:30AM Morning Minyan  
6:00PM No Israeli Folk Dancing  
7:00PM Evening Minyan

### Mon, November 28, 2011

2<sup>nd</sup> of Kislev 5772  
7:00AM Morning Minyan  
11:30AM Five Megillot: The Sexiest and Most Holy Books in the Bible (at JCC)  
4:00PM Religious School  
7:00PM Evening Minyan  
7:00PM Introduction to Judaism (at Temple Emanuel)

### Tues, November 29, 2011

3<sup>rd</sup> of Kislev 5772  
Office Closed  
7:00AM Morning Minyan  
7:00PM Evening Minyan

### Wed, November 30, 2011

4<sup>th</sup> of Kislev 5772  
7:00AM Morning Minyan  
4:00PM Religious School  
6:30PM Beginner's Hebrew  
7:00PM Evening Minyan  
7:30PM Conversational Hebrew  
7:40PM Stories From the Talmud

### Thurs, December 1, 2011

5<sup>th</sup> of Kislev 5772  
7:00AM Morning Minyan  
5:00PM Yoga  
6:30PM Hebrew High  
7:00PM Evening Minyan  
7:30PM Srugim – Take 2

### Fri, December 2, 2011

6<sup>th</sup> of Kislev 5772  
7:00AM Morning Minyan  
3:58PM Candle Lighting  
6:00PM Kabbalat Shabbat

### Sat, December 3, 2011

7<sup>th</sup> of Kislev 5772  
Parashat Vayetzei  
Federation Shabbat  
9:00AM Shabbat Services  
9:30AM religious School  
3:45PM Afternoon Services  
4:58PM Shabbat Ends

6:00PM Grades K & 1 Family Ed. Program Shema Bedtime Ritual (at Temple Emanuel)

### Sun, December 4, 2011

8<sup>th</sup> of Kislev 5772  
8:30AM Morning Minyan  
9:30AM Brotherhood Breakfast  
6:00PM Israeli Folk Dancing  
7:00PM Evening Minyan

### Mon, December 5, 2011

9<sup>th</sup> of Kislev 5772  
7:00AM Morning Minyan  
11:30AM Five Megillot: The Sexiest and Most Holy Books in the Bible (at JCC)  
4:00PM Religious School  
7:00PM Evening Minyan  
7:00PM Introduction to Judaism (at Temple Emanuel)

### Tues, December 6, 2011

10<sup>th</sup> of Kislev 5772  
Office Closed  
7:00AM Morning Minyan  
7:00PM Evening Minyan

### Wed, December 7, 2011

11<sup>th</sup> of Kislev 5772  
7:00AM Morning Minyan  
4:00PM Religious School  
6:30PM Beginner's Hebrew  
7:00PM Evening Minyan  
7:30PM Conversational Hebrew  
7:40PM Stories From the Talmud

### Thurs, December 8, 2011

12<sup>th</sup> of Kislev 5772  
7:00AM Morning Minyan  
5:00PM Yoga  
6:30PM Hebrew High  
7:00PM Evening Minyan  
7:30PM Srugim – Take 2

### Fri, December 9, 2011

13<sup>th</sup> of Kislev 5772  
7:00AM Morning Minyan  
3:57PM Candle Lighting  
Cantor Elise Barber  
6:00PM Kabbalat Shabbat

### Sat, December 10, 2011

14<sup>th</sup> of Kislev 5772  
Cantor Elise Barber  
Parashat Vayishlach  
9:00AM Shabbat Services  
9:30AM Religious School  
3:45PM Afternoon Services  
4:57PM Shabbat Ends  
7:00PM Coffee House sponsored by the BI Membership Committee

### Sun, December 11, 2011

15<sup>th</sup> of Kislev 5772  
8:30AM Morning Minyan  
11:00AM Sisterhood Hanukkah Event  
6:00PM Israeli Folk Dancing  
7:00PM Evening Minyan

### Mon, December 12, 2011

16<sup>th</sup> of Kislev 5772  
7:00AM Morning Minyan  
11:30AM Five Megillot: The Sexiest and Most Holy Books in the Bible (at JCC)  
4:00PM Religious School  
7:00PM Evening Minyan  
7:00PM Introduction to Judaism (at Temple Emanuel)

### Tues, December 13, 2011

17<sup>th</sup> of Kislev 5772  
Office Closed  
7:00AM Morning Minyan  
7:00PM Evening Minyan

### Wed, December 14, 2011

18<sup>th</sup> of Kislev 5772  
7:00AM Morning Minyan  
4:00PM Religious School  
6:30PM Beginner's Hebrew  
7:00PM Evening Minyan  
7:30PM Conversational Hebrew  
7:40PM Stories From the Talmud

### Thurs, December 15, 2011

19<sup>th</sup> of Kislev 5772  
7:00AM Morning Minyan  
5:00PM Yoga  
7:00PM Evening Minyan  
7:30PM Srugim – Take 2  
7:30PM Executive Committee Meeting

### Fri, December 16, 2011

20<sup>th</sup> of Kislev 5772  
7:00AM Morning Minyan  
3:58PM Candle Lighting  
Cantor Elise Barber  
6:00PM Kabbalat Shabbat

### Sat, December 17, 2011

21<sup>st</sup> of Kislev 5772  
Cantor Elise Barber  
Parashat Vayeshev  
9:00AM Shabbat Services  
9:30AM Religious School  
3:45PM Afternoon Services  
4:58PM Shabbat Ends  
6:00PM Community Wide Hanukkah Celebration (at Congregation B'nai Shalom)

### Sun, December 18, 2011

22<sup>nd</sup> of Kislev 5772  
8:30AM Morning Minyan  
9:30AM Brotherhood Breakfast  
6:00PM Israeli Folk Dancing  
7:00PM Evening Minyan

### Mon, December 19, 2011

23<sup>rd</sup> of Kislev 5772  
7:00AM Morning Minyan  
11:30AM Five Megillot: The Sexiest and Most Holy Books in the Bible (at JCC)  
4:00PM Religious School  
7:00PM Evening Minyan  
7:00PM Introduction to Judaism (at Temple Emanuel)

### Tues, December 20, 2011

24<sup>th</sup> of Kislev 5772  
Office Closed  
Erev Hanukkah  
Hanukkah: 1 Candle  
7:00AM Morning Minyan  
7:00PM Evening Minyan

### Wed, December 21, 2011

25<sup>th</sup> of Kislev 5772  
Hanukkah  
Hanukkah: 2 Candles  
7:00AM Morning Minyan  
4:00PM Religious School  
6:30PM Beginner's Hebrew  
7:00PM Evening Minyan  
7:30PM Conversational Hebrew  
7:40PM Stories from the Talmud

# November / December Calendar

**Thurs, December 22, 2011**

26<sup>th</sup> of Kislev 5772  
 Hanukkah  
 Hanukkah: 3 Candles  
 No Hebrew High  
 7:00AM Morning Minyan  
 5:00PM Yoga  
 7:00PM Evening Minyan  
 7:30PM Srugim – Take 2  
 7:30PM Board Meeting

**Fri, December 23, 2011**

27<sup>th</sup> of Kislev 5772  
 Hanukkah  
 Hanukkah: 4 Candles  
 7:00AM Morning Minyan  
 4:01PM Candle Lighting  
 Cantor Elise Barber  
 6:00PM Kabbalat Shabbat

**Sat, December 24, 2011**

28<sup>th</sup> of Kislev 5772  
 Cantor Elise Barber  
 Parashat Miketz  
 Hanukkah  
 Hanukkah: 5 Candles  
 No Religious School  
 9:00AM Shabbat Services  
 3:45PM Afternoon Services

5:01PM Shabbat Ends

**Sun, December 25, 2011**

29<sup>th</sup> of Kislev 5772  
 Hanukkah  
 Hanukkah: 6 Candles  
 8:30AM Morning Minyan  
 6:00PM No Israeli Folk Dancing  
 7:00PM Evening Minyan

**Mon, December 26, 2011**

30<sup>th</sup> of Kislev 5772  
 Rosh Chodesh Tevet  
 Hanukkah  
 Hanukkah: 7 Candles  
 Office Closed  
 No Hebrew School  
 No Adult Ed Classes  
 7:00AM Morning Minyan  
 7:00PM Evening Minyan

**Tues, December 27, 2011**

1<sup>st</sup> of Tevet 5772  
 Rosh Chodesh Tevet  
 Hanukkah  
 Hanukkah: 8 Candles  
 Office Open  
 7:00AM Morning Minyan  
 7:00PM Evening Minyan

**Wed, December 28, 2011**

2<sup>nd</sup> of Tevet 5772  
 Hanukkah  
 Hanukkah 8<sup>th</sup> Day  
 No Religious School  
 No Adult Ed Classes  
 7:00AM Morning Minyan  
 7:00PM Evening Minyan

**Thurs, December 29, 2011**

3<sup>rd</sup> of Tevet 5772  
 No Adult Ed Classes  
 No Hebrew High  
 7:00AM Morning Minyan  
 7:00PM Evening Minyan

**Fri, December 30, 2011**

4<sup>th</sup> of Tevet 5772  
 7:00AM Morning Minyan  
 4:05PM Candle Lighting  
 6:00PM Kabbalat Shabbat

**Sat, December 31, 2011**

5<sup>th</sup> of Tevet 5772  
 Parashat Vayigash  
 No Hebrew School  
 New Year's Eve  
 9:00AM Shabbat Services  
 3:45PM Afternoon Services  
 5:05PM Shabbat Ends

## BI Thanksgiving Meat Sale

Beth Israel is offering the service of purchasing kosher meat to arrive and be picked up prior to Thanksgiving.

- All orders must be in to the office no later than Thursday, Nov. 10th, 4:00 pm.
- All weights are estimates. We'll do the best we can to match orders to requests.
- Prices are best estimates, based on current pricing from our vendor. Actual pricing will be set when the meat arrives, but is not expected to differ much, if at all, from these estimates.
- Total order pricing is by weight.
- Meat will arrive either Nov. 16 or Nov. 17. Please provide a contact e-mail and phone for those days, so the meat can be pickup promptly.
- Available offerings:

Type of Meat	Packaging	Pricing
Briskets	10-15 lb. pieces (specify pref. in this range and we'll try to match, but can't guarantee)	approx. \$7.00/lb.
Chicken (cut in 1/8s), Frozen	Sold in bags equivalent to one chicken	approx. \$2.40/lb.
Ground Beef, Frozen	10 lb. tube	approx. \$4.10/lb.

For more information, please contact the office at (508) 756-6204 or [BIExecDir@BethIsraelWorc.org](mailto:BIExecDir@BethIsraelWorc.org).

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