



# Beth El News

Beth El Synagogue, Omaha, NE January 5, 2011 - 29 Tevet, 5771

## Our Beth El Family

See the **\*NEW\*** photos in our [photo gallery](#)

\* USY Kinnus

\* BESTT Chaverim Cupcake Decorating & PE101

See this week's [Birthdays](#)  
See this week's [Yarzheits](#)

Mazel Tov to ... Martha and Dick Lerner on the birth of their granddaughter.

Beth El sends sincere condolences to Lloyd Roitstein on the death of his mother, Ann Roitstein.

Would you like to remember a loved one or celebrate a simcha? Consider a contribution to one of Beth El's many funds. We sincerely appreciate your kind donation. You may either make a contribution by [sending an email to the office](#) or [charge your contribution](#) on Beth El's website.

## Shabbat Service Times

**Friday, Jan. 7, 6:00 pm**

**Saturday, Jan. 8, 9:30 am;  
4:55 pm**

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## Upcoming Activities

### BESTT Winter Break Ends

BESTT Classes will resume on Wednesday, January 5.

### Beth El Community Survey

The Beth El needs assessment survey is finished, online, in print and ready for the congregation! We ask that every adult and teen (9th grade and up) in the household who would like to take the survey please do so. Surveys are [available electronically by clicking here](#) or in print format. To obtain the paper format, please contact Beth El's office. Please return the paper copy to Beth El's office marked for Richard Wiener or Roni Reiter-Palmon. Please complete the survey as soon as possible as data will be analyzed beginning January 31.

### Life Lessons from the Hebrew Bible

*Resumes Jan. 6, noon*

Rabbi Levin's weekly year-long class that examines what the text has to say about topics such as families, parenting, faith, failure, and about the great personalities in the Bible will resume. We meet in the Library.

### Women's Rosh Hodesh- Judaism in Cyberspace

Thursday, Jan. 6, 7:00 pm social, 7:30 pm program  
Learn how to find Jewish information online & what's available on Beth El's website. Discover Jewish online games to play with kids and grandkids. Come click through the possibilities with us! RSVP to co-hosts [Margie Gutnik](#) or [Judy Rubin](#) or call the synagogue at 492-8550.

### Kadima Board Meeting

*Thursday, Jan. 6, 5:30 - 6:30 pm*

The board will be meeting to plan the remaining activities for the school year.

### USY Lounge Night

*Thursday, Jan. 6, 7:00 - 9:00 pm*

Find us on Facebook 

### Become a Facebook

Friend of:

[Rabbi Mordechai Levin](#)  
[Cantor Beth Schlossberg](#)  
[Larry DeBruin](#)  
[Judy Rubin](#)  
[Margie Gutnik](#)

### Earn Cash for Beth El

Shop online at Amazon  
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Beth El's Online Gift Shop  
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We will be making Tzedakah boxes to donate to our Synagogue and the Blumkin Home. Pizza for dinner, no charge to attend. Be sure to join us!

### Tot Shabbat

*Friday, Jan. 7, 6:00 pm services, 6:30 pm dinner*

Join us for our popular Tot Shabbat, a warm and joyous family service for the kindergarten and under crowd led this month by "Miss Holly" Weill. Cost for dinner is \$5 per person for Beth El members, \$7.50 for non-members. ALL children 6 and under are free. [RSVP](#) by Wednesday, Jan. 5, or the cost to attend doubles.

### Say Shalom To Shabbat

*Friday, Jan. 7, 6:00 pm services, 6:30 pm dinner*

This fun, creative, musical interactive service led by Morah Deborah Kronick with Jeff Taxman on guitar. All children in first grade and older will be celebrating a rocking Shabbat in their own fun way. Cost to stay for dinner is \$5 per person for Beth El members, \$7.50 for non-members. ALL children 6 and under are free. [RSVP](#) by Wednesday, Jan. 5, or the cost to attend doubles.

### Shabbat School

*Saturday, Jan. 8, 10:00 am - 12:30 pm*

All students in grades PreK-7th will be treated to an activity filled morning consisting of learning with their regular Sunday teachers, games, prayer, camaraderie, celebrating Shabbat & lunch for the entire congregation, sponsored by Men's Club. Parents are encouraged to participate in any or all of the activities that morning including lunch. In lieu of a D'var Torah, our BESTT students in grades 5 - 7 will present a parasha play during services for the entire congregation and Rabbi Levin will be leading a discussion session for parents from 10:00 - 10:30 am in room B about parashat Bo. BESTT classes on Sunday, January 9 will not be in session. For more information and to RSVP for Shabbat school, please contact [Judy Rubin by email](#) or call 498-0904.

### The Mystique of Judaism

*Sunday, Jan. 9, 10:00 - 11:00 am*

Join Andy Greenberg for this interactive class that will explore witchcraft, angels, ghosts, potions, golems and many other psychic phenomena in Judaism. Cost: \$36 for Beth El members, \$45 for non-members. [Click here to register](#), and [click here](#) for more information.

**Jewish Images on The Big Screen**

*Resumes Sunday, Jan. 9, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm*

Join teacher Susi Frydman-Levin as she resumes her popular class after winter break. We will continue viewing and analyzing images and issues in films to explore Jewish values.

**USY Sushi Making**

*Sunday, Jan. 9, 3:00 - 4:30 pm*

Come learn how to make sushi and enjoy eating what you've made! Rabbi Levin and Judy Rubin will be there to roll up their sleeves and learn right alongside the USY members! No charge to attend, but please [RSVP to Youth Director, Shiri Tene](#), so we have enough supplies and food on hand.

**Let's Wine About it!**

*Monday, Jan. 10, 6:30 pm*

Join Cantor Schlossberg at Del Mare Italian and Seafood Restaurant (169th and Pacific). We'll discuss anything and everything Jewish while enjoying some wonderful wines! Open to everyone, what a terrific opportunity to spend time with friends & enjoy great conversation.

**Parasha & Pizza**

*Tuesday, Jan. 11, 6:15 - 7:15 pm*

Grab a slice of pizza (or two!) and join Cantor Beth to discuss the week's Torah portion. Class will meet once a month. \$3 per session for members, \$4 per session for non-members. [Click here to register](#) or call the office at 492-8550.

**Sisterhood Shabbat**

*Saturday, Jan. 15, 9:30 am*

Shabbat services led by members of Beth El Sisterhood. Services will be followed by a sweets Kiddush sponsored by Sisterhood. Please join the women of Sisterhood as together we celebrate a warm Shabbat together

**PJ Havdalah**

*Saturday, Jan. 15, 5:45 - 7:30 pm*

We'll begin with Havdalah services, then be our guest for a kid-friendly dinner. After dinner, stay for more fun, **a super-secret surprise program presented by The Children's Museum**. Before you go home, join us for a pre-bedtime snack of milk and cookies. Don't forget, COME DRESSED IN YOUR PAJAMAS! No charge to

attend, but we MUST have your RSVP so we know how much food to prepare To RSVP, call the office at 492-8550 or [email Margie](#).

### **BESTT Chaverim to Bounce U!**

*Monday, Jan. 17, 1:00 - 3:00 pm*

Meet at Bounce U for a fabulous and fun afternoon program since there is no school! Drop off and pick up is at Bounce U, located at 13211 Chandler Road in La Vista. Cost is \$3 to participate. Please [RSVP to Shiri](#) by the 13th of January.

### **Creativity & Philanthropy: An Art Extravaganza**

*Saturday, Jan. 29, 7:00 pm*

A fantastic evening of art, and song filled with color, texture, and sound! Join us for a cocktail hour, silent and live auction featuring both original art & fine art pieces. The evening will even include a short musical cabaret. This annual fundraiser is a benefit for Beth El Synagogue's Youth Scholarship Program, providing opportunities for our youth to attend Jewish summer camps, visit Israel or attend Jewish youth conventions. To donate and purchase tickets, [click here](#).

## **In the Community**

### **USY Celebrates 60 Years!**

2011 Marks the 60th Anniversary of United Synagogue Youth! Get Plugged In and connect with old USY friends! Register as a USY Alum at the [Project: Reconnect website](#); join us on [Facebook](#); Follow us on [Twitter](#); or [donate](#) to one or more of four new funds established in honor of USY's 60th Anniversary to support USY in the decades to come.

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