

# This Week at Etz Hayim

Week of: November 27 – December 3, 2017

## CANDLE LIGHTING & HAVDALAH TIMES

**Candle Lighting** – Friday, December 1: 4:29pm

**Havdalah** – Saturday, December 2: 5:29pm

*View our [Calendar](#) for upcoming events*

## Weekly Services

**14 Kislev 5778:** Parashat Vayishlach

- Thursday Minyan, 7:00am
- Friday Shabbat Services with Potluck, 6:15pm
- Saturday Shabbat Services, 10:00am

*[CLICK HERE](#) for discussion and notes on the weekly Torah portion*

## – Monthly Recurring Events

- **Potluck Shabbat:** 1st Friday of each month
- **Musical Shabbat:** 2nd Friday of each month
- **Shabbat Unwrapped:** 3rd Friday *and* Saturday of each month
- **9:30 Club:** Meditation on 2nd Saturday of each month at 9:30am; Parashat HaShavuah (Torah portion discussion) on 3rd Saturday of each month at 9:30am.  
*Sponsored by the Samuel & Jean Koshar Rothstein Memorial Fund*
- **Israeli Folk Dancing Classes:** 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month, 8pm-10pm

## + Bikkur Cholim (Helping the ill) & Bereavement Committees

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### Etz Hayim Events & Notices

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- Adult Education class “Judaism, Folklore, and Feminism” part 2: **This Saturday, December 2 (during Kiddush)** – *NOTE: The story “The Goblet” (pp. 90-97) will be discussed on December 2.*
- Artist Expo & Craft Fair: **This Sunday, December 3, 11:30am-4:00pm**

- Adult Education: Shabbaton with Rabbi Julia Watts Belser: **Saturday, December 9 (during Kiddush), and Sunday, December 10, 10:00am**
- State of the Congregation Fall Meeting: **Sunday, December 10, 11:30am**
- Congregational Chanukah Party: **Wednesday, December 13, 6:00-7:30pm**
- 9:30 Club Parshat HaShavuah: **Saturday, December 16, 9:30am**
- B'nai Brith Shabbat: **Saturday, December 16, 10:00am**
- Monthly Mitzvah Mission – Feed the Homeless: **Thursday, December 28, 6:00-7:00pm & Friday, December 29, 5:30am-11:30am** at *Central United Methodist Church of Ballston*



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## November Articles from the Blog



CEH Annual Artist Expo

**#GIVING**  
TUESDAY™

## **#GivingTuesday Opportunity: Help a family who has escaped domestic violence**

Former Etz Hayim member and preschool teacher, Laura Tinter, has made us aware of a family she is helping. We are sharing this information with the community for greater impact. From Laura's posting:

“Friends, I’m helping a friend get out and stay out of a domestic abuse situation because I’ve been there, done that. She left with her son and left everything behind. Also been there, done that. She’s safe right now, but has nothing. We’ve created an Amazon wish list of some of the things she needs. We are also collecting gently used baby clothes in size 12-18 months.”

For access to the wish list, please email Marcy Burka ([accounting@etzhayim.net](mailto:accounting@etzhayim.net)).

Double your impact by making sure you order through AmazonSmile with **Etz Hayim as your benefiting charity!**

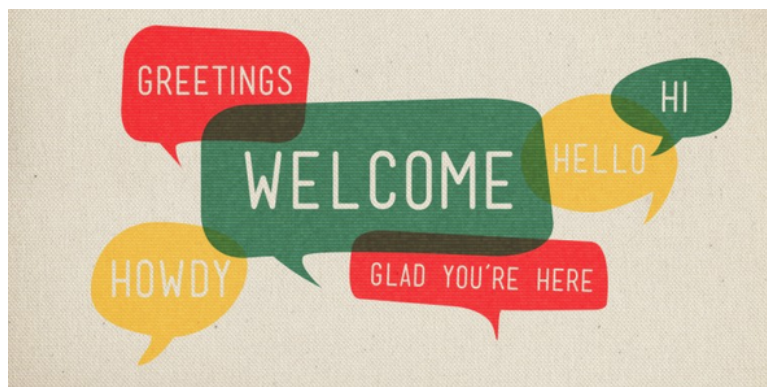
## The 8th Day of Chanukah Fundraiser is Here!

At Chanukah we often give a gift on each of the eight days. As you are considering your year-end giving, please reserve your 8th day of Chanukah gift for Etz Hayim.

Your generosity helps us fund our programs and activities during the year.



Download [this form](#) to see our wish list for Chanukah. All you need to do is fill out the form, add your check, and submit it to the Etz Hayim office – we’ll do the “shopping” for you!



## Welcome New Members!

Joel and Nancy Poznansky

## Save the Date: State of the Congregation Fall Meeting

Sunday, December 10, 11:30am



## Adult Education: Shabbaton with Rabbi Julia Watts Belser – **RSVPs requested**

Saturday, December 9 (during Kiddush) AND Sunday, December 10, 10:00am

On Saturday, Rabbi Julia Watts Belser will teach an interactive text study on “Joseph, Dreams, and Dreamers in the Talmud.” **Please RSVP to the office if you plan to attend.**

On Sunday, Rabbi Watts Belser will teach an interactive text study based on her new book, “Rabbinic Tales of Destruction: Gender, Sex, and Disability in the Ruins of Jerusalem.” Together, we’ll examine how rabbinic stories grapple with Roman brutality and sexual violence—and lay out a striking theological claim: that God suffers with those who experience violence and is present with survivors.

**Next classes:** “Is Teshuvah Possible? Rethinking Mass Incarceration” (Sunday, January 7, 2018, 10:15am); “Modern Day Slavery and Our Ethical Responsibility” (Sunday, January 21, 2018, 10:15am)

## Congregational Chanukah Party – **JUST ADDED: Lego Hanukkah!**

Wednesday, December 13, 6:00-7:30pm

Celebrate the festival of lights with your friends at Congregation Etz Hayim. Bring your own hanukkah and candles for a community hanukkah-lighting extravaganza!

**JUST ADDED:** As an extra-special treat, we will build a 10-foot high Lego hanukkah! We need as many helpers as possible to help with construction.

**SOCKS COLLECTION:** During the Chanukah party, we will be collecting new children’s socks & underwear for [Bridges to Independence](#), which provides services to homeless women/families and

those at risk of homelessness.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the full event announcement on our blog!



### Commemorate Someone Special on our Tree of Life Wall-hanging!

Looking for a beautiful and lasting way to honor a loved one's birthday, mitzvah, or other accomplishment? Dedicate a plaque on our Tree of Life wall-hanging in the back of the sanctuary! The standard "Bronze" leaf costs \$360, with space for up to five lines of text.

To order, [complete this form](#) and submit it to the office with payment. "Silver" and "rose gold" colored leaves are also available to dedicate at a higher price point; see order form for pricing.

### Tzedakah Touts

*The following represents contributions made to the synagogue from September 1 to October 31, 2017. We apologize for any errors or omissions.*

#### Annual Fund

- Anonymous
- Marla Allentoff



- Scott & Marcy Burka in memory of Gloria Rosenthal
- Scott & Marcy Burka in memory of Jesse Rosenthal's father
- Scott & Marcy Burka in memory of Robyn Norrbom's father
- Scott & Marcy Burka in honor of Benjamin Rosenthal's Bar Mitzvah
- Dean Kimelheim and Rose-Ella Slavin in honor of Andrew Lovinger reading Torah at Ethan's Bar Mitzvah
- Dean Kimelheim and Rose-Ella Slavin in honor of Jerry Jacobs for his assistance during Ethan's Bar Mitzvah
- Dean Kimelheim and Rose-Ella Slavin in honor of the great Etz Hayim staff
- Dean Kimelheim and Rose-Ella Slavin in honor of Laura Jacobs for a beautiful Kiddush lunch
- Abraham Raizen in memory of Nathaniel Raizen
- Dan & Elisa Rosman in memory of Norman Rosenthal
- Ray & Roslyn Samuelson in memory of Philip Freiman
- Ray & Roslyn Samuelson in memory of Dorothy Levy Freiman
- Alan Savada & Will Stevenson representing the proceeds of Will's cabaret
- Lynwood & Jill Shenk in memory of Norman Rosenthal
- Brian Stern in memory of his father
- Dawn & Whitney Wilson in memory of Norman Rosenthal
- Beth Wolffe in memory of Henrietta Wolffe
- Beth Wolffe in memory of Gloria Rosenthal
- Beth Wolffe in memory of Samuel Friedberg
- Beth Wolffe in honor of Edgar Rendon's new granddaughter
- Beth Wolffe in honor of Merle and Bernie Wexler's new grandson

#### **CEH Endowment Fund**

- Dan Dinsmoor & Jeanne Briskin in memory of Lawrence Briskin

#### **Enhancement Fund**

- Robert Rothstein & Christie Phillips for landscaping

#### **Molly Sandler Children's Book Fund**

- Phyllis Sandler and Family in loving memory of Molly Sandler, beloved Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother & friend
- Lila Shapiro donation in memory of Bertha Seldin

#### **Prayerbook Fund**

- Dean Kimelheim and Rose-Ella Slavin in honor of Ben Simon for being a stellar Gabbai

#### **Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**

- Betty Cohen in memory of Jeffrey Cohen
- Dan Dinsmoor & Jeanne Briskin in memory of Joseph Lazar
- Jason Katz in memory of Helen Katz
- Dean Kimelheim and Rose-Ella Slavin to thank Rabbi Bass for her spiritual leadership and support during Ethan's Bar Mitzvah
- Andrew & Eleanor Lovinger in memory of Miriam Emily Saoul



- Philip Rosenthal
- Alan Savada & Will Stevenson in thanks to Rabbi Bass for her continued support of Frosch Travel

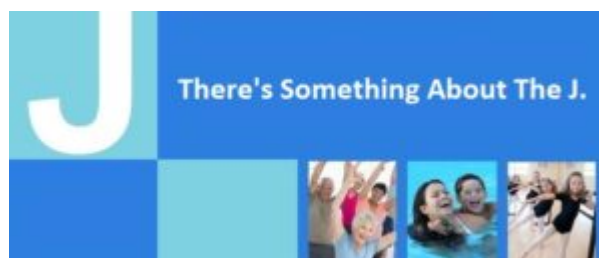
### Scholarship & Awards Fund

- Sylvia Gordon in memory of Norman Rosenthal

### Torah Fund

- Jason & Susan Hamm

## JCCNV Adult Outreach Program for 55+ Adults – December Programs



### Upcoming programs:

- Thursday, December 7, 10:30am: **Private Tour and Artist Demonstrations at the Torpedo Factory, Old Town Alexandria**
- Thursday, December 14, 1:00pm: **2017 Chanukah Celebration at the J: What's So Special About "The Bronx?"**
- Wednesday, December 20, 10:30am: **Special Film: *Theodore Bikel: In the Shoes of Sholom Aleichem***
- LOOKING AHEAD: Wednesday, February 28: ***Becoming Dr. Ruth* at Theater J**

[CLICK HERE](#) for complete program details and descriptions.

Unless otherwise specified, all events are held at Beth El Hebrew Congregation and cost \$5/person. For programs at the synagogues, bring a dairy lunch and stay for coffee and dessert. This program is a warm and friendly group of men and women age 55+. They are funded by the JCCNV and graciously supported by Beth El Hebrew Congregation and Etz Hayim Congregation. For more information contact Shelly at Shelly.Rosenstein@jccnv.org or 703-537-3062.

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### Events Out & About in the Community

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## Join us for the Jewish Community's Northern Virginia Legislative Reception

**Tuesday, December 12, 7:00pm**

*Location: JCCNV, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax, VA*

Make your voice heard through one-on-one discussions with your state legislators on issues that matter to you! Reception begins at 7:00pm; dinner and program begin at 7:30pm.

Join us for the Jewish Community's  
**NORTHERN VIRGINIA  
 LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION**

Make your voice heard through one-on-one discussions with your state legislators on issues that matter to you!

**Tuesday, December 12, 2017**  
 7:00 PM Reception | 7:30 PM Dinner & Program

JCC of Northern Virginia  
 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax, VA 22031

[www.jcouncil.org/NOVAreception](http://www.jcouncil.org/NOVAreception)  
Registration Required. \$18 includes light kosher buffet dinner.

**Mark your calendars:**  
 Insider's Briefing on Wednesday, January 24, 2018 &  
 Virginia Jewish Advocacy Day, on Tuesday, January 30, 2018  
[www.jcouncil.org/VAAAdvocacy](http://www.jcouncil.org/VAAAdvocacy)

**Cost:** \$18 (includes light kosher buffet dinner). Registration required:  
[www.jcouncil.org/NOVAreception](http://www.jcouncil.org/NOVAreception)

## New Year's Family Camp at Capital Camps

December 29 – January 1

*Location: Nesiya Lodge at Capital Retreat Center, 12750 Buchanan Trail East, Waynesboro, PA 17268*



There's something for every member of the family at Capital Camps! Bring your family to sit around a campfire together, make s'mores, fly on the zip-line, create art, play on the sports fields and so much more. Come to learn, have fun, and share meaningful moments with family and friends. In addition to program opportunities for families to enjoy together, our counselors run separate programs for kids, providing 'grown-up' time for adults to enjoy being with one another. Everything is included – food, accommodations, program, fun and memories. [Click here to learn more and register!](#)