

Shofar



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Rabbi's Message

Transformational Jewish Experiences

Something extraordinary happens when our young people go to a Jewish camp or Israel, a NFTY Kallah, or the L'taken Seminar at the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism (RAC) in Washington, DC. They return excited and motivated to become more engaged in Jewish life. We see it time and again. There is something magical about the formula of an experience that is rich in Jewish content, of living according to the rhythm of Jewish time, and spending significant time in the company of Jewish peers.

A few weeks ago our tenth graders participated in the RAC seminar, and the magic happened again, on many levels. Our students were challenged to think about issues that are current in American political life, and to do

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Shabbat Shirah

Friday, January 22

8:00 p.m. Shabbat Services with the Choir
"A Sermon in Song"

[See page 4 for Cantor Pincus' article.](#)

Tu BiShvat

January 30

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Minyan Service

Noon: Tu BiShvat Seder and Pot-Luck Luncheon

1:15 p.m. Meditation with Gifts from the Earth

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NFTY Hagigah Comes to TBE

February 27-28

Hosts needed!

[Read Dan Merer's article on Page 12 to learn more.](#)

Worship Schedule

JANUARY

Friday, January 1

6:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, January 2

Parashat Sh'mot, Exodus 1:1–6:1

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Minyan Service and Torah Study

Friday, January 8

7:00 p.m. Family Shabbat Service Showcasing our URJ Camps and Summer Youth Programs

Saturday, January 9

Parashat Va-eira, Exodus 6:2–9:35

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Minyan Service and Torah Study

Friday, January 15

6:00 p.m. Shabbat for Tots

8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service with Social Action

Saturday, January 16

Parashat Bo, Exodus 10:1–13:16

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study with Bat Mitzvah of Danielle Reynolds

Friday, January 22

8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service — Shabbat Shirah

Saturday, January 23

Parashat B'shalach, Exodus 13:17–17:16

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Minyan Service and Torah Study

Friday, January 29

8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, January 30

Parashat V'itro, Exodus 18:1–20:23

10:00 a.m. Camp-style Shabbat Minyan Service and Torah Study

Noon Tu BiShvat Seder

FEBRUARY

Friday, February 5

8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service with Brotherhood

Saturday, February 6

Parashat Mishpatim, Exodus 21:1–24:18

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study with B'nei Mitzvah of Julia Hopson and Joshua Lavroff

Friday, February 12

7:00 p.m. Family Shabbat Service

Saturday, February 13

Parashat T'rumah, Exodus 25:1–27:19

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study with Bar Mitzvah of Joshua Fox

Friday, February 19

8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service with Choir

Saturday, February 20

Parashat T'tzaveh, Exodus 27:20–30:10

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Minyan Service and Torah Study

Friday, February 26

8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service — Shabbat B'Shir, with the Tefilah Band

Saturday, February 27

Parashat Ki Tisa, Exodus 30:11–34:35

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study with NFTY-GER Hagigah

Celebrate Tu BiShvat, New Year of the Trees

Saturday, January 30

Our clergy, the Sisterhood, Ritual, Israel Matters, Cultural Arts, Religious School Committees invite you to join us for a pot luck Kiddush lunch and our multi-generational Tu BiShvat Seder.

The day begins with a camp-style Shabbat morning minyan service at 10:00 a.m. followed by the pot-luck luncheon and seder at noon. RSVP for the lunch at www.tinyurl.com/TBETuBiShvat2016 or via email to Susan.Walters@TempleBethElNJ.org.

Please bring one of these parve/dairy items for the luncheon based on the first letter of your last name:

- A through F: Green or other kind of side salad
- G through L: Parve or dairy entrees such as tuna or egg salad, lox, bagels and cream cheese, quiche, kugel, etc.
- M through T: Appetizer items
- U through Z: Desserts

After lunch, consider staying for a special session led by our own Shari Czar entitled "A Meditation with Gifts from the Earth." Have you ever taken the time to really notice details of the wonderful gifts from the earth: the design in the center of a flower, the design on a rock, or the feeling of dirt between your fingers? Come spend time with us as we discover what we may have not previously noticed.

Hope to see you there!



Temple Calendar Webpage

<http://www.ourbethel.org/luach-beth-el>

Shofar Submissions and Deadline

The next issue of the Shofar will be March-April 2016. PLEASE NOTE: The deadline for submissions is February 15. Submit articles via email to:

ShofarEditor@templebethelnj.org.

In the subject line, please use the following naming convention: Shofar Month/Shofar/Committee Name or Professional Staff Name.

Torah Portions

You can read a Weekly Torah Commentary by visiting the Union of Reform Judaism's web page: www.reformjudaism.org/learning/torah-study

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so through the lens of Jewish values. They went to the Holocaust museum and confronted the painful realities of the *Shoah* in ways they had never done before. Together with several hundred other Jewish teens, they experienced an entire Shabbat that began with the traditional blessings, continued with *tefilah*, both evening and morning, and concluded with a moving candlelight *Havdalah* service on the steps of the Jefferson Memorial. On Sunday evening the students worked intensively to craft statements on the issues they felt most passionate about. And the next day the weekend culminated with them going up to Capital Hill, all dressed up, to lobby in the offices of their senators and members of Congress. It was, as in the past, a tremendous experience of learning and growth. But the not so hidden element that made the weekend transformational for our kids was the time they spent bonding with their classmates and other Jewish teens.

I'll be the last one to say that learning doesn't matter. It certainly does. We saw this in Washington as we watched the light go on for our students when they achieved a deep understanding of how the value of justice is played out in the real world. But we also saw something transformational happen during the simple act of sharing meals with their Jewish peers. If, with regard to our health, it is true that "we are what we eat," then, when it comes to identity formation, it seems that "we are who we eat *with*."

Our sages of old knew this well when they codified the Jewish dietary laws. Their agenda was twofold; to separate Jews from the Romans and their pagan practices, and to bind us to each other. Today we have no interest in being apart. We place a high value on being fully integrated into American society. But if we want to do so as Jews, we need to spend time with our fellow Jews, learning, playing, and breaking bread.

The time our students spend together at temple in religious school is not enough to foster the kind of deep connections that help to solidify a Jewish identity. They need longer and more intensive experiences of living in

Jewish time and space with other Jewish kids. Our temple youth programs, shul-ins, retreats, and regional NFTY *kallot* provide such opportunities. But the gold standards are Jewish summer camp and Israel travel because they provide longer, more immersive Jewish experiences.

As the secular New Year arrives, it is time to register for summer camp. Our congregation has special connections and a great track record with the camps and programs of the URJ (Union for Reform Judaism), and we recommend them highly. Over the years we have sent scores of our students to Camp Harlam in the Poconos, to Kutz Camp in upstate New York (for teens), Mitzvah Corps programs (for teens), NFTY Israel trips (also for teens), and in recent years to the URJ's new specialty camps, 6 Points Sci-Tech, and 6 Points Sports Academy. Our kids rave about the times they have on these programs, and we see how they grow personally and Jewishly from these experiences. (See box on this page for information on our Family Shabbat Service showcasing these camp programs.)

There are excellent opportunities for young adults and college students, as well. Birthright Israel trips are fantastic, and they are free! There are other opportunities in Israel, including gap year programs, and extended stay options through Masa. Here in the States, our young adults have worked as counselors and staff at URJ camps, and there is a great summer program for college students at the RAC in Washington, DC that we highly recommend.

Scholarships are available for all of these programs, so please do not discount these opportunities because of financial constraints. See information on the Brotherhood Youth Scholarship Fund in this issue (page 16). Or be in touch with me, Lisa Friedman, Sarah Gluck or Dan Merer for information or to discuss options for your family.

May 2016 be a year of significant growth and learning, and of good health, prosperity and happiness.

L'shalom,

Rabbi Arnold S. Gluck

LEARN MORE ABOUT JEWISH SUMMER CAMP

Family Shabbat Showcasing URJ Camps and Summer Youth Programs

Friday, January 8, 7:00 p.m.

We will be joined by the senior staff of URJ Camp Harlam, URJ 6 Points Sci-Tech Academy, and URJ 6 Points Sports Academy, who will speak about the value of Jewish camp during services and will be "on hand" during the oneg to answer specific questions. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to learn more and to speak directly to the professionals from our camps.



A Note From Our Cantor

Shabbat Shirah: Celebrating with Song

On Shabbat Shirah (the Sabbath of Song), Moses sings a song of thanksgiving to God for the parting of the Sea of Reeds and the escape from Egypt. This famous song is known as “Shirat Hayam” or “Song of the Sea”.

Immediately following, Miriam and the women take timbrels in hand to sing their own song of praise to God. This outpouring is just one example of the feminine liturgical expression, but in reality, Jewish canonic text and music are full of such examples.

This Shabbat Shirah, our music and liturgy will celebrate the feminine in a variety of ways, including feminine visions of God (the *Shechinah*), the land of Israel (*Eretz Yisrael*), the Jewish people (for example, *Shoshanat Yaakov*,

Tzion, etc.), Shabbat herself, or personified Jewish heroines of the bible.

Please join us with the choir, Kathy Shanklin, the Temple Beth-El Tefilah Band and Dan Merer on Friday, January 22 at 8:00 p.m. as we explore new ways of celebrating one of the defining moments in our story of the Jewish people.

Cantor Emily Pincus

by Emily Wigod Pincus



From Our President

Why Was Biennial So Great?

A Report from the Reform Movement Biennial

Hello, and happy New Year! I'm writing this on the last night of Chanukah, as my candles flicker down. I can still feel the warmth and the glow of the celebration at home with my family, and with our temple family at the Chanukah service and at the Chanukiah Making Contest. I hope your holiday was filled with light and joy, and that you managed to find some down time as the year drew to a close. As the New Year is upon us, may 2016 be a good year, bringing joy, happiness and peace to each of us, to our TBE community as a whole and to all.

One of my highlights from 2015 was attending the URJ (Union for Reform Judaism) Biennial. Before I share with you what made my experience so special, let me first tell you what Biennial is, for those who don't know. Biennial is an event in which 5,000 Reform Jews from across North America come together to learn, pray, share ideas, dance and sing, hear from inspiring speakers, reunite with old friends, create new connections, and make policy decisions for our movement.

Twenty-two of us (staff members, lay leaders and members ages 13 through 86) headed to sunny Orlando in November for four wonderful days of learning, worship, inspiration and the delight of being in each other's company away from home. At 22 strong, our TBE delegation was one of the larger delegations, even though we are a mid-size congregation.

I attended many excellent sessions that left me energized and inspired. One outstanding speaker was the director of community engagement from a large congregation in Philadelphia. Given our proximity, four of us have since made a road trip to Philly to learn more about community engagement from her. We have come

back with great ideas that we are translating into new initiatives at TBE.

For me, the magic of Biennial was in the moments of connection. Being together away from home for four days was a great bonding experience for our gang. Whether we were attending sessions together, lunching by the pool, having dinner out or walking on beautiful hotel grounds, we truly enjoyed each other's company and got to know one another better. Sitting together amidst a crowd of 5,000 in a spectacular Shabbat service while listening to an all-cantor choir is a moving and unforgettable experience. And I felt immensely proud as TBE was one of 27 congregations recognized as an Exemplar Congregation for excelling in the area of inclusion.

But it didn't stop with our congregation. As members of the URJ, we are part of something much greater than our own intimate, dynamic community. You can't help but feel pride in being part of a movement that is known for being on the leading edge of social justice in America, as Vice President Joe Biden pointed out when he addressed the group. Watch Joe Biden's Biennial speech here. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZdCT9f3uNO4>

Another highlight was reconnecting with friends I made earlier this year at the Scheidt Seminar. The Scheidt Seminar is a four-day training program that I attended in April in Atlanta, along with 90 other incoming and current temple presidents. But if I had to choose my favorite Biennial moment, it would be dancing hand-in-hand with



by Robin Osman



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Rabbi Grisha Abramovich at the Shabbat service while the Torahs were making their way around the very large room. In 2006, we at TBE donated a Torah scroll to Congregation Emunah, a Progressive (Reform) community in Vitebsk, Belarus, one of several congregations served by Rabbi Abramovich. Our gift of Torah was a profound gesture from our people to theirs, and dancing hand-in-hand with Rabbi Abramovich nine years later felt symbolic of the everlasting bond between our congregations.

Jay Lavroff, Debbie Herman and Leigh Freeman were Biennial first-timers. They share their first impressions of Biennial.

First Impressions – Jay Lavroff

Prior to this year, I had resisted attending the URJ Biennial. This year, I signed on to attend basically because, as first vice president of TBE, I felt obligated to do so. Going in, I expected Biennial to be a lot like other large conventions I've attended; people looking to spend time at a boondoggle under the guise of hearing some semi-interesting speakers they really didn't care to pay much attention to. I was pleasantly surprised to find out it was nothing of the kind. The attendees were heavily invested in their faith, their congregations and their concern for the world around us. There was ample opportunity to grow as a temple leader through helpful training sessions, some of which were unforgettable. I especially enjoyed hearing Ari Shavit of Haaretz and Stav Shaffir, a member of the Knesset, talk about current issues affecting Israel and the larger Jewish world. I was so caught up in what they had to say that when I ran into them later at an outdoor restaurant, I broke one of my own cardinal rules and inserted myself into their conversation (after properly introducing myself, of course, and explaining that after hearing them speak I simply had to continue the discussion). They were polite and engaging, and our brief



Jay Lavroff and Robin Osman at a plenary session.

talk was one of the highlights of my week.

In addition to programming that exceeded my expectations, I particularly enjoyed meeting people from all over North America, and sharing thoughts, ideas and stories. A number of times I purposely separated myself from our large contingent so I could meet and

talk to folks I did not know. This led to some of my most enjoyable moments, including a thoroughly wonderful,



Rabbi Gluck (l) and Steve Weitz (r) reconnect with Rabbi Grisha Abramovich whom they met in Belarus when delivering a Torah scroll donated by TBE in 2006.

mind-opening breakfast with Ray Capelouto from Tallahassee, Florida. Ray was one of the Biennial co-chairs, a huge undertaking even for the most ambitious among us. I saw him in a video during the first plenary session. The next morning I was going to breakfast and spotted him in line behind me. I introduced myself and asked him what being co-chair of such a large, important event was like. We ended up eating together, and he told me all about himself and his work on the URJ Board and committees. He, in turn, wanted to know all about TBE and our community. We also talked about a subject I have always found fascinating, Jewish communities in the American Deep South, where Ray was born and raised. Who knew that just saying hello to the guy in line behind me could lead to something so fulfilling.

By the end of my time at Biennial, I was converted from skeptic to true believer. As I danced on Shabbat with dozens of people I had never met before, all I could think of was "I can't wait for Biennial 2017 in Boston!"

First Impressions – Debbie Herman

The Biennial plenary sessions incorporated a power-packed line-up of speakers and panelists, including Vice President Joe Biden, Rev. Cornell Brooks, president and CEO of the NAACP, and New Jersey's own Paul Fishman, United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey. Fishman talked about how his experiences as a teen participating in Urban Mitzvah Corps in New Brunswick helped to shape his life and the work he does today.

My favorite plenary panel was on Israel. Moderated by Jodi Kantor of the *New York Times*, the panel included Stav Shaffir, the youngest member of the Knesset and a leader of the Tel Aviv protest movement, *Haaretz* columnist Ari Shavit, and URJ President Emeritus Rabbi Eric Yoffie. All three panelists talked about the importance of the North American Reform Movement to Israel and its future. Shavit also educated the audience in great detail on the divergent points of view about Israel being expressed and debated by students across U.S. college campuses today.

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This panel alone made the entire trip worthwhile! (Watch now: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=duOVyCtj_zs)

One of my favorite parts of the trip was getting to know our TBE Biennial delegates even better. The Biennial schedule allowed time for shared meals or walks around the Marriott's large campus. Some of us also logged considerable time together in the Starbucks line, while others teamed up together to strategically save 20+ seats for each of the large Shabbat services. During this informal time, we exchanged personal stories, made deeper connections, and shared key learning from the sessions we attended each day. With 20+ delegates, there was a whole lot of sharing to do! My four days in Orlando resulted in a greater connection to both the URJ movement and our own Temple Beth-El community.

First Impressions – Leigh Freeman

I had been looking forward to Biennial in Boston in 2017, but an opportunity to connect with family had me making plans for the Orlando Biennial with only three weeks to go. I was really excited, as I had heard how great Biennial is!

I had lots of help, tips, and suggestions from prior attendees and Debbie Herman, plus a roommate, Cantor Pincus. I checked out all the programming, and basically had most of my three days fairly well planned.

The learning sessions and plenaries provided a lot of food for thought, so I was fortunate and blessed to come back with some ideas for IHN, and with renewed enthusiasm. The inspiring music and worship, and many messages of justice, humanity, peace and congregational support, put my spirituality into high gear throughout the three days.

There is nothing like a gathering of 5,000 Reform Jews in a beautiful worship service. The first night's service, "How Good It Is To Be Back Together Again," was my favorite. There was an excitement in the air, with beautiful music and song, prayer and reflection. It was the very best way to end my first day and throw me into the Biennial orbit for the next two days.

There were multiple worship services each morning and evening—one just had to choose. I was too exhausted

to make any morning services, but the evening services continued to enchant me through the incredible music, song and singers. I was thrilled to be enveloped in lots of different music, with guitars, violins, cellos, drums, piano and many beautiful voices. The varied music was most certainly a highlight.

I didn't attend every session I had on my schedule, but I followed suggestions and my heart. I came home thinking more intensely about the refugees, racial justice, homelessness, and being Jewish. I was very proud when Temple Beth-El was named an Exemplar Congregation for our disabilities inclusion efforts, and was pleased to be at the session where Lisa Friedman, Rabbi Gluck and Robin accepted the award. The fact that Temple Beth El is special is something I've always known, but now everyone knows!

The Biennial was very special. Learning and worshipping with such a large gathering of Jews almost has to be...but I was not prepared for all that I would take away from this experience. I'm so very glad I went, and I can't wait for the next Biennial in Boston. Yes...I'm going.

I hope you will join us at the next URJ Biennial in Boston on December 6–10, 2017. Let's see if we can have a delegation of 30 next time! It promises to be a great experience.

Robin Osman

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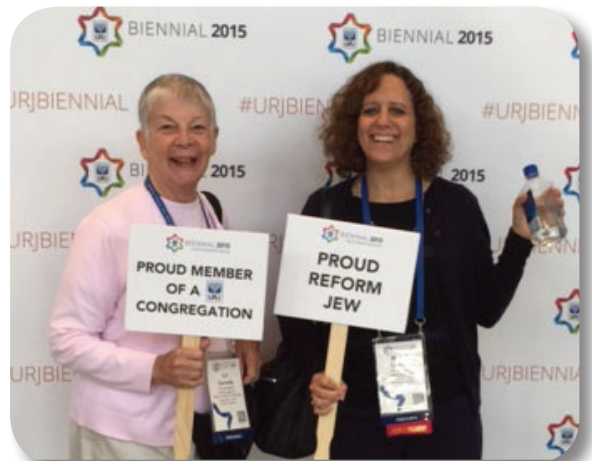
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Our youngest attendee, 13-year-old Talia Rubin.



Both Amy Rubins were in attendance.



Lil Swickle and Robin Osman getting their pride on!

MENSCH OF THE MONTH

Our January Mensch of the Month is Jodi Siegal



Many of you already know Jodi Siegal from her work coordinating the blood drive, volunteering for the TBE booth at the 4-H Fair, managing the Friday night oneg schedule, signing up folks for the Bone Marrow Registry or any one of a broad number of activities. It's no surprise that she's January's Mensch of the Month. Over the years, she's worked on family programming and retreats, Social Action (currently the co-chair with Dave Cohen), been a trustee and served on the Ritual Committee.

Jodi teaches Spanish at Bridgewater-Raritan High School, where she co-sponsors the Spanish National Honor Society and mentors new teachers. She was honored as Teacher of the Year last year, which she calls "Very cool."

In her free time, she likes to read, ride bikes with her husband, Oscar, and keep up with her kids, Josh and Hannah, who live in California.

Our February Mensch of the Month is Debbie Engler



Our February Mensch is Debbie Engler. Debbie and her husband, Howard, have been members of Temple Beth-El for nearly 14 years, ever since moving to Whitehouse Station.

For the last five years, Debbie has served on the Religious School Committee, perhaps encouraged to do so as her children, Michael (20), Matthew (16) and Michelle (12), were advancing through the school.

She's been involved in a number of ways, most notably organizing grade-level Shabbat dinners, working on a group fostering relationships for religious school parents, or serving as chair of the committee for two years. She served on the Board of Trustees and recently participated in the leadership development program. In her spare time, Debbie enjoys cooking and reading.

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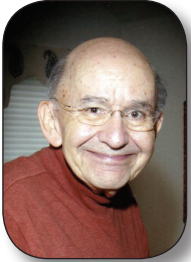


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Chai, my name is Bob Taber. Born and raised in Perth Amboy, I earned an undergraduate degree in pharmacy at Rutgers and then a PhD in pharmacology at the Medical College of Virginia. I never dreamed I would move on to graduate studies, but I became fascinated with finding out how drugs work and have maintained that passion ever since.

I've spent my career in pharmaceutical and biotechnology research, focused on drug discovery and development. I've held senior management positions in research at a number of major pharmaceutical companies, including Shering-Plough, DuPont-Merck and Synaptic, and I was CEO of Message Pharmaceuticals, a start-up. I'm most proud of directing the discovery of some important drugs, such as Claritin and Cozaar, and of building several world class research departments.

My wife Fran and I met as Young Judea members, and we've now been married for 55 years. We have three wonderful children, two terrific children by marriage and four exceptional (of course) grandchildren. Our son Scott, a biostatistician, and his wife Lisa, an epidemiology professor, live in Massachusetts with their two daughters: Jessie, a senior at Columbia College and Adina, a high school freshman. Scott's twin sister, Stacy, is a family medicine physician in Connecticut. Her husband Chris is involved with technology licensing at Yale. Their older son Joseph is a junior at SUNY Stony Brook; his younger brother Samuel is a high school sophomore. Our youngest daughter Jennifer is an actress and singer, living too far away in Phoenix.

My career has led us to live in many wonderful and interesting places throughout New Jersey and

Pennsylvania. We've also lived for short stints in both Cambridge, Mass. and Cambridge, England. Through my work, we have traveled widely. Since we retired, our most memorable trips have been a Jewish heritage tour of Eastern Europe, a tour of Israel and cruises to Alaska and the Mediterranean. We are looking forward to a tour of Bryce and Zion in the spring.

Fran and I are "culture hounds" who thoroughly relish our vacations in the Berkshires and Sarasota, where we gorge on a steady diet of concerts, theater and lectures. We are also passionate about Broadway musicals. Leonard Bernstein, with his ability to bridge popular and classical music, has always been a hero of mine. My love of music and singing led me to join the temple choir, which has been very fulfilling for me. For my listening moments, I choose an eclectic array of classical, jazz, Broadway and Jewish music. My reading tastes run to mysteries and thrillers, with some history and biographies blended in. As movie buffs, we often find ourselves at the Montgomery Cinema, one of our favorite theatres. We are suckers for the old movie musicals of Fred Astaire and Gene Kelly.

On the comedic front, I laugh most at the humor of Mel Brooks, Carl Reiner and the old style stand-up comics; *The Producers* and *The Book of Mormon* are two of my favorite shows.

TBE has been a revelation to me and Fran. Both of us were brought up in Orthodox synagogues, and never would have believed that we would find so much spirituality and stimulation, not to mention friendliness and warmth, in a Reform congregation. We've become regular Friday night attendees and come to Saturday morning minyan services whenever we can, and I particularly enjoy reading Torah. We've also loved our courses in the Adult Education programs.



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SUNDAY

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January 17, 24; February 7, 21, 28; March 13; April 3, 10
9:00-9:50 a.m.

ALEF ISN'T ENOUGH

January 17, 24; February 7, 21, 28; March 13; April 3, 10
10:00-11:00 a.m.

INTERMEDIATE BIBLICAL HEBREW

January 17, 24, 31; February 7, 21, 28; March 13; April 10,
May 1 • 11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

RABBI'S BREAKFAST

Eilu d'varim she-ein lahem shi'ur —

Values Beyond Measure

Rabbi Gluck will continue to guide us through texts on
foundational Jewish values. Bring your own breakfast and
come share your thoughts!
January 31 • 9:15-10:45 a.m.

iEngage 2: A Shared Homeland for a Divided People

January 24; February 7; March 13; April 10; May 22; June 5
4:00-6:00 p.m.

TUESDAY

THE LAST SPEECH OF MOSES: THE BOOK OF DEUTERONOMY

January 5 • 7:30 p.m.

BEIT MIDRASH WITH RABBI GLUCK

The classic setting for Jewish learning is the Beit Midrash.
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dynamic dialogue with some of the great passages, issues,
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January 26; February 2, 9; March 1, 8 • 7:30 p.m.

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Discussing great Jewish writing from medieval times to
the present (Nachmanides' defense of Judaism against
attacks from Christianity; poetry by Judah HaLevi and
Moses Ibn Ezra; the writing of Rabbi Nachman of Bratslav;
contemporary writers such as Malamud, Bellow, and
Roth; and Jewish science fiction), we will take a historical
perspective and examine the influence of the writers'
background on their work.
March 29, April 5, April 12 • 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

ISRAELI DANCING

Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.

January 7, 14, 21, 28; February 4, 11, 18, 25; March 3, 10,
17, 24, 31; April 7, 14; May 12, 19, 26; June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
7:30 p.m.

YOGA

Gentle Yoga Flow

Session 3 continues: January 7, 14
Session 4: January 21, 28; February 4, 11, 18, 25
Session 5: March 3, 10, 24, 31, (no class 3/17); April 7, 14
Session 6: April 19 (Tues.), 26 (Tues.);
May 3 (Tues.), 12, 19, 26
All sessions at 6:30 p.m.

Yoga Nidra Deep Relaxation

January 14; February 11; March 10; April 14; May 12
7:45-8:15 p.m.

For more information and to register for Gentle Yoga Flow
and Yoga Nidra, contact Shari Czar at
Shari@InfiniteHeartSpace.com or 908-963-6365.

JEWISH FILM SERIES

March 5; April 9; May 21; June 18
All films begin at 7:00 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS AROUND THE COMMUNITY

Alice Eve Cohen will discuss ***The Year My Mother Came
Back (A Memoir)***

Thursday, January 7 • 12:00 p.m. at the JCC

Falafel and Films—The Irma Horowitz Film Series

Havana Curveball and Q & A with the filmmakers (in
California, via Skype)

Thursday, January 14 • 6:30 p.m. at the JCC

Chaya Deitsch will discuss ***Here and There: Leaving
Chasidim, Keeping My Family***

Thursday, February 4 • 12:00 p.m. at the JCC

Jay Michaelson will discuss ***The Gate of Tears:
Sadness and the Spiritual Path***

Thursday, February 25 • 12:00 p.m. at the JCC (co-
sponsored with JFS)

Save the Date!

4th Annual Celebrate Israel evening, with guest
speaker Malcolm Hoenline, Executive Vice Chairman of
the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish
Organizations
Tuesday, April 12 at Raritan Valley Country Club,
Bridgewater • Watch for more details to come!

For questions about Jewish LIFE and to register for special
events, contact the Birnbaum JCC at 908-725-6994 x201. To
register for synagogue-hosted classes and special events,
contact the host synagogue directly.

Pinat Halvrit, Hebrew Corner

Pinat HaIvrit — Hebrew Corner How Are You?

Shalom, and happy secular New Year! In this issue of the Shofar, Pinat HaIvrit looks at the root ש-ל-ם (*shin-lamed-mem*), which conveys the idea of being “completed” (or “finished, ended”). Most of you are familiar with the word שָׁלוֹם (*shalom*), which is used in comings-and-goings to say “hello” and “good bye,” but which really is a noun meaning “peace, quiet, well-being, welfare.”

The greeting שָׁלוֹם (*shalom*) finds its way into a number of well-known phrases, of which the most familiar is probably שְׁבַת שָׁלוֹם (*Shabbat shalom*), “Good Sabbath!” A somewhat old-fashioned exchange is שָׁלוֹם עָלֶיכֶם (*shalom aleichem*), “Peace be upon you!” to which one replies, הַשָּׁלוֹם עָלֶיכֶם (*aleichem ha-shalom*), “Peace be upon you!” In colloquial Hebrew, after saying hello, one might inquire about a friend’s welfare with מַה שְׁלוֹמְךָ (*mah sh’lomcha; fem. מַה שְׁלוֹמֶיךָ, mah sh’lomeich*), “How are you?” to which one hopes the friend can reply שְׁלוֹמִי טוֹב (*sh’lomi tov*), “I’m fine” (loosely translated). When saying good bye, one often sends דְּרִישַׁת שָׁלוֹם (*d’rishat shalom*), “regards” or “best wishes,” to another’s family, often abbreviated as דָּשׁ (dabsh) or דָּשׁ חַם (*dabsh cham*), “warm regards.”

A beautiful example of how modern Hebrew assimilates and renews the language of tradition is the phrase צֵאתְכֶם לְשָׁלוֹם (*tzeit’chem l’shalom*), “Bon voyage!” or “Travel safely!” (literally, “go out in peace”). You may recognize this from the hymn “Shalom Aleichem” that we sing to welcome Shabbat or from the word לְשָׁלוֹם (*l’shalom*), which we often use at Temple Beth-El in closing many of our communications (see * below). Personally, I get a huge kick out of leaving an Israeli town or city and seeing a sign that says צֵאתְכֶם לְשָׁלוֹם (*tzeit’chem l’shalom*), instead of the prosaic “Leaving...”

Israel’s capital, יְרוּשָׁלַיִם (*Y’rushalayim*), Jerusalem, is known as and, we hope, always will be עִיר שָׁלוֹם (*ir shalom*), the “City of Peace” — a place where שְׁלוֹם בַּיִת (*sh’lom bayit*), “domestic harmony,” or, more broadly, the peace or welfare of a community or nation, reigns. Whether this results from convening a וַעֲדַת שָׁלוֹם (*v’idat shalom*), “peace conference” (doesn’t seem too likely at the moment) or because each citizen of the city acts, in the words of Pirkei Avot, as a רוֹדֵף שָׁלוֹם (*rodeif shalom*), a “pursuer of peace,” it is something we must continue to hope and pray for, especially given the harsh reality of these challenging times.

From the root comes the beautifully expressive שָׁלֵם (*shaleim*), an adjective meaning “whole, entire, intact, complete; safe, healthy; peaceful.” We see the word in the grammatical term for “regular” (“sound”) verbs (גִּזְרַת הַשְּׁלֵמִים, *gizrat ha-sh’leimim*), the mathematical term for “whole number” (מִסְפָּר שָׁלֵם, *mispar shaleim*), and the prayer offered for a person’s complete recovery from illness (רְפוּאָה שְׁלֵמָה, *r’fuah sh’leimah*).

Nothing is מְשָׁלֵם (*mushlam*), “perfect,” but if every soul were to strive for personal שְׁלֵמוּת (*sh’leimut*, “completeness, wholeness, integrity”), we all might have a chance to see a world at peace.
L’shalom,
Sarah Gluck

*From the Talmud (Berachot 64a): R. Abin the Levite said: When a man takes leave of his fellow, he should not say to him, “Go in peace,” but “Go to peace.” For Moses, to whom Jethro said, “Go to peace,” *l’shalom*, went up and prospered, whereas Absalom [*Av Shalom*, “father of peace”], to whom David said, “Go in peace,” *b’shalom*, went away and was hanged.

Youth Engagement

by Dan Merer, Director of Youth Engagement

TBE To Host NFTY-GER's *Hagigah*

Come late February, 200 high school teenagers will be raining down on our synagogue. Temple Beth-El has been given the great honor of hosting NFTY-GER's *Hagigah*; a two-day event for teenagers focused on the arts taking place on Feb. 27 to 28. What is *Hagigah*? What is NFTY? Let's start from the beginning. I apologize ahead of time for all of the abbreviations!

NFTY (The North American Federation of Temple Youth) is Reform Judaism's teen movement. NFTY is an organization made up of 19 different regions and encompasses over 750 TYGs (temple youth groups) across the continent. Our NFTY region is GER (Garden Empire Region) and our TYG is SMOOCHY. For decades NFTY has been a vital organization that engages our teens in dynamic Jewish programming that develops young Jewish leaders and cultivates friendships that will last a lifetime. We at TBE are proud to have one of the most vibrant and active TYGs in the region.

NFTY-GER hosts multiple *kallot* (overnight retreats) each year. One of the most popular is *Hagigah*, an event hosted by a local congregation with programming based around the arts. We are thrilled that our senior youth group, SMOOCHY, alongside the regional board of NFTY-GER, will have the opportunity to plan this two-day, one-night event.

This event requires a whole community to come together in order to make this a successful event. We need many congregant families (whether or not you have high school-aged children) to host teens in your homes.

Hosting teenagers in your home includes:

- Picking up teenagers on Saturday (Feb. 27) in the late afternoon and bringing them to your home.
- Feeding them dinner on Saturday night.
- Bringing them to an offsite event on Saturday night (time and location TBD) and picking them up at the end of that offsite event. (Host families, with children of any age, are encouraged to participate in havdallah on Saturday night at the offsite event.)

- Having the group of teens sleep in your home on Saturday night.
- Driving them back to the temple on Sunday (Feb. 28) morning (time to coincide with the start of religious school).



Hosting is a wonderful way to help these teens build relationships with one another and with our community. This is also a fantastic first event for a teen in grades nine through twelve who has yet to discover the joy of NFTY. Finally, serving as a host family gives younger children the opportunity to learn what they have to look forward to in the years ahead.

To sign up to host a group of teenagers please click on this link and fill out the online form: <https://urjyouth.wufoo.com/forms/ger-host-family-application/>

Another way to get in involved in *Hagigah* is to teach an arts elective. In the past, electives have included knitting, photography, cooking, quilting, music, etc. We need as many teachers as we can find. If you have a skill and want to teach an elective please reach out to me.

If you have any questions about hosting a group of teenagers, teaching an elective, other event details or about NFTY involvement in general, please feel free to reach out to me at any time!

L'shalom,

Dan Merer

Director of Youth Engagement
danmerer@templebethelnj.org

Events for Young Families

Shabbat for Tots

Friday, January 15 at 6:00 p.m., ages 0 to 7.

Led by Cantor Pincus and Amy Rubin, Shabbat for Tots is an interactive, musical service perfect for young minds and energetic little bodies. Pizza and craft to follow.

Register at www.tinyurl.com/TBEShabbat4Tots

Friday, March 4 at 6:00 p.m., ages 0 to 7,

Followed by congregational dinner for Shabbat Across America.

Pajama Havdallah

Saturday, January 23 at 5:30 to 8:00 p.m., grades PK to 3.

Fun-filled activities for the kids, while their parents get to socialize! Stay tuned for details....

SILVER JUBILEE WEEKEND ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE

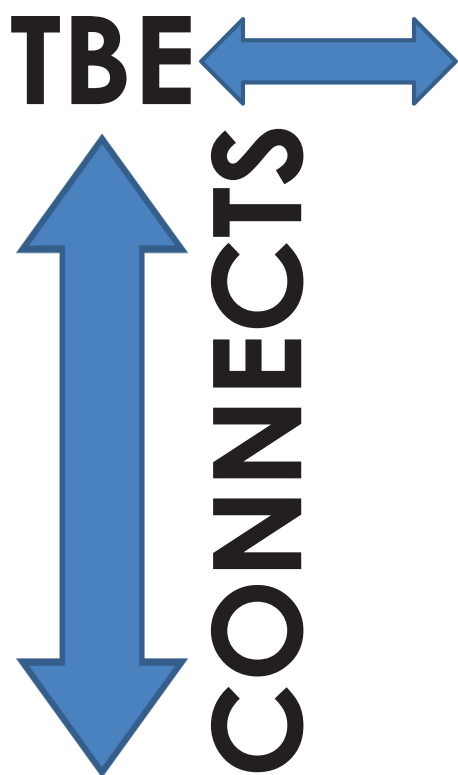
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Make the Connection

Are you interested in sharing an interest, hobby or passion with other like-minded congregants?

Are you looking for a way to become more deeply engaged in our temple community?

Do you just want to meet other temple members?

If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, we hope that you will sign up for a new pilot program rolling out later this year at Temple Beth-El. The program, called TBE Connects, seeks to increase our congregants’ engagement with one another here at Temple Beth-El and to expand and strengthen friendships in our community.

Therefore, this winter, we will be forming a number of small affinity groups at the temple. Groups will be formed around a common theme or interest. For the first year of the program, these groups will explore a wide range of interests and themes, from gourmet foodies to cyclists, congregants living near each other, those at various stages of life, and other shared topics or interests. Groups will gather for an enjoyable, engaging group activity or social event every three or four months. Each group will also gather for Temple Beth-El based events of their choosing at least twice in the coming year.

A trained congregant will facilitate each group. If you are interested in serving as a small-group guide, please contact one of us, and we would be glad to share more details. Stay tuned for more information about TBE Connects in the weekly E-bulletins and in upcoming issues of the *Shofar*.

Jeff Resnick and Debbie Herman

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Wellness Chavurah

Celebrating wellness through the sharing of personal experiences

By Michael Herzog

Martin Buber advises us to “meet the world with the fullness of your being and you shall meet God.” To me, the “fullness of my being” includes my body, mind, and soul.

I grew up with a type of Judaism which seemed more focused on obligation and history, rather than experiencing joy or meaning. At Beth-El, we celebrate Shabbat with uplifting songs and prayers. We attend inspiring talks and classes, engage in tikkun olam at IHN and the 4H fair, and connect with others at movies and dinners.

People at Temple Beth-El are warm, engaged, and fun. There is sanctity to this good energy. I sense a divinity amidst the laughter and caring.

I often have to choose between obligations and healthy living — work, family, and community vs. sleep and exercise. I certainly have not found a perfect balance, but I will say it helps to listen to what is going on inside of me. I get in a bad mood if I don’t exercise regularly. I’m blessed with a fast metabolism, so I don’t spend a lot of time worrying about what I eat or drink. But I feel bad when I eat unhealthy food. About 20 years ago, I saw a video of open heart surgery, which motivates me to keep my arteries from clogging.

While writing this article, I found an amusing diversity

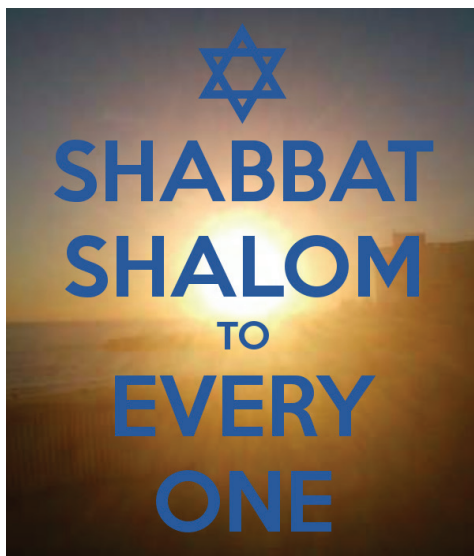
of opinions regarding whether Judaism really values personal wellness. In the movie *Airplane!*, a flight attendant, when asked by a passenger for some light reading material, offers a thin pamphlet entitled “Famous Jewish Sports Legends.” Some believe we should focus on mitzvot, not more self-focused activities such as sports.

This year, I rode my bicycle over 2,000 miles. I ride year-round, often for over two hours at a time. During the summer, I race for prize money against people half my age. My wife has no interest in vigorous exercise, but walks the dogs several times a day. Thanks in part to her gentle and more regular exercise, she will probably outlive me.

I think wellness is largely a matter of just listening to that “still, small voice” within you, and acting accordingly. What is your body telling you? What does the present moment demand?

I’m going to stop typing this and go to bed. Perhaps I’ll see you at temple, on a bicycle ride, or just outdoors, enjoying the weather.

If you would like to share a wellness experience or inspiration, contact Michael Herzog (mherzog@acelity.com) or the *Shofar* editors (ShofarEditor@templebethelnj.org).



Save the Date

Shabbat Across America

Dinner and Shabbat Seder

March 5; 6:30 p.m.

*More than Jews have kept Shabbat,
Shabbat has kept the Jews
Ahad Ha'am*

Watch for more information.

Adult



Upcoming Dates:

**January 30
February 27**

Both at 7:00 p.m.

Mah Jongg Anyone?



Do you play mah jongg? Want to learn how to play?

A new group is starting Mondays at 7:00 p.m. and there has been some interest expressed in a daytime game. Contact Donna Tischfield (njbird@optonline.net) either about the Monday evening game or the possibility of a daytime game.

Brotherhood

by Brian Wood, Co-Chair

Brotherhood Youth Scholarship Applications Now OPEN

The Brotherhood Youth Scholarship Fund was established to provide Temple Beth-El member families' children with the opportunity to attend meaningful educational, cultural and social programs that will deepen their connection to their Jewish heritage. The fund accomplishes this goal by providing financial grants to eligible applicants.

Since its inception, the Youth Scholarship Fund has disbursed over \$30,000 to temple youth. In 2015 a record 17 recipients were provided funds to assist them in attending programs of Jewish learning and life outside the temple, including NFTY Kallot, Jewish camps, and Urban Mitzvah Corps, to name a few.

Awards are granted during the year as applications are received. Applications for the upcoming year should be completed by all interested students as well as proofread and initialed by one parent. **All applications must be received by the firm deadline of February 1, 2016 for consideration of available funds.**

We need your help to continue supporting the growing number of young people in our community who wish to enrich their lives! Please consider sending a check to the temple with "TBE Brotherhood Youth Scholarship Fund" on the memo line. Your support is graciously appreciated as we try to strengthen this fund and help the young people of temple family continue to enhance their Jewish journeys!

Visit the Youth Scholarship page on our website to learn more or to download a copy of the application. Or contact the brotherhood at TBEBrotherhood@gmail.com if you have any questions about the process.

Web address for more information: www.ourbethel.org/temple-life/our-brotherhood/our-brotherhood-youth-scholarship

Save the Date – April 3, 11:00 a.m.

Brotherhood's Person of Honor Breakfast Supporting the Youth Scholarship Fund

Brotherhood is pleased to announce that this year's Person of Honor will be Steve Lieberman.

Watch for more details in the coming months. In the meantime, put April 3 on your calendar.

College Connection

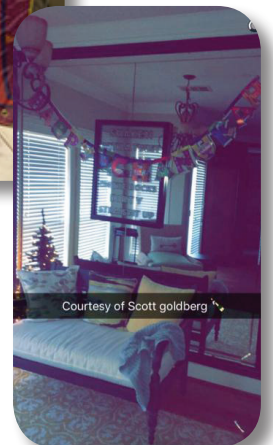
by Cindy Scott, Chairperson

Staying Connected with Our Students

College Connection recently sent Chanukah care packages to over 65 TBE students. This year, freshmen received a battery operated e-menorah, gelt, two chocolate pretzels, a dreidel and a card. Upper classmen received a colorful Chanukah banner, a magentic Chanukah game, gelt, chocolate pretzels and a card.

Feedback from the students has been great – they love their gifts, and being thought of during this time of year. Check out the picture of the Chanukah banner on display in a dorm room and group meeting.

Sarah Gluck also sent students an email with Chanukah greetings from the clergy, staff and religious school. If your student is not yet part of this program, it is never too late to join! Please contact Cindy Scott at c.scott93@yahoo.com.



Cultural Arts

by Simona Rivkin, Chairperson

Cultural Arts Happenings for January, February, and March

Israeli Folk Dancing

Everybody start the New Year on the right foot!

Those who have belonged to our dance group for a very long time cherish the joyful, spiritual experience of Israeli dancing. Come see why we love it so much. Drop in to the multipurpose room at Temple Beth-El any Thursday at 7:30 p.m. The cost is just \$10 for a one and a half hour session (sometimes longer), including refreshments. All levels are welcome, beginners to advanced. For registration and questions, contact Simona at chairculturalarts@templebethelnj.org

Jewish Film Series

Looking ahead, on Saturday, March 5, at 7:00 p.m., we will screen *Epilogue*. The Cultural Arts Committee and the Social Action Committee are teaming up to present this award-winning Israeli film about the founding socialist values that inspired the early settlers, and what has become of those ideals today. A discussion of the film and its implications for Jews both in Israel and the diaspora, by Social Action Committee co-chair David Cohen, will follow the presentation.

Awards: Best Actor, Best Actress, 2012 Israeli Film Academy, Bratislava International Film Festival 2012, Gijón International Film Festival 2012, Jerusalem Film Festival 2012, Thessaloniki Film Festival 2012.

About: Hayuta and Berl, early migrants to the very young state of Israel, were pioneers and activists of the first order. Aged, they no longer recognize much about the ideals of their youth in Israeli society today. It's a tale of an octogenarian couple struggling through their disconnect with modern life in Israel. This movie is a real gem. Do not miss! Pick up flyers in the lobby, check out the poster, and see the flyer in the *Shofar*.

The doors open at 6:45 pm. If you like to schmooze, snack and relax, but most of all to see a good movie and get involved in an invigorating discussion afterwards, come to the temple on Saturday, March 5. RSVP to Simona: chairculturalarts@templebethelnj.org

A Backwards Glance...

Many thanks to all who were involved in putting together our November 14 cabaret/open mike and December 12 *Deliman* movie presentations.

Our third cabaret had almost 100 people in attendance, all enjoying comedy sketches, music, and singing performed by our temple members, our own talents. It was a very joyful evening, and as Robin Osman wrote me, "Not only was it entertaining, but it was truly a community-building event. It is not often enough that we pull that many people together to socialize and enjoy spending time together." I am so thankful to all and, of course, to my organizing partner, Steve Landau. To my talented room decorator, Claudia Rodrigues, thank you for everything. Thanks also to our volunteer bakers, Lil Swickle and Esther Kaufman, for their delicious creations. Thanks to Rhona Ferling, who lent her hat collection, to Ruth Southland, who lent candle bowls, and to Harriet Thaler, for helping arrange desserts. Also thanks to all who helped clean, to those who gave donations, and to all who came.

In December, our *Deliman* screening was another amazing night. We had an audience of 60 people, curious and interested in preserving the fading Jewish/Ashkenazi culture of deli restaurants, which is also the goal of documentary filmmaker Erik Greenberg-Anjou. And there was a loud hurrah when we all spotted the name of our Cultural Arts Committee and our temple in the film credits. Everybody told me how great the film was and how interesting the presentation by the director of the film was.

My deepest thanks go to Harriet Thaler and the Renaissance group for creating a nice deli atmosphere and deli bites before the screening of the movie. This is why it is so wonderful to work with different committees, to include their ideas and bring a wider scope to our Jewish movie series.

Toda raba to all.

B'shalom,

Simona Rivkin

Thanks to Royal Cleaners of Bound Brook!

Royal Cleaners graciously and skillfully cleaned many of our ritual textiles for the high holy days – tallitot, clergy robes, challah covers, etc. If you're ever in the market for a careful cleaner, consider Royal. And while you're there, thank them for supporting Temple Beth-El over the holy days.

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March 5, Saturday
7:00 p.m.

Awards:

Best Actor, Best Actress, Israeli Film Academy 2012; Bratislava International Film Festival 2012; Gijón International Film Festival 2012; Jerusalem Film Festival 2012; Thessaloniki Film Festival 2012

About:

Hayuta and Berl, early migrants to the very young State of Israel were pioneers and activists of the first order. Now aged, they no longer recognize the ideals of their youth in Israeli society today, and find it hard to adjust to the social changes surrounding them. After years of struggle, the two refuse to let go of their communal dreams, and of their revolutionary plans to build a welfare state in Israel. During a night of painful disillusionment, the two decide to leave their apartment for a last journey.

“This touching tale of an octogenarian couple struggling through their disconnect with modern life in Israel is a real gem.” (CineVue)



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Renaissance Happenings

by Diane Morrison, Renaissance Group

The Renaissance Group is a 50+ social group that welcomes temple members/non-members, singles/couples. We get together for informational and fun activities. Should you wish additional information about the group, please call Harriet Thaler at 908-788-0269 or thalerz@embarqmail.com.

We thank Fran and Bob Taber for hosting our Chanukah brunch at their lovely home, and we enjoyed the delicious food brought by all. We had a wild and crazy time opening grab bag gifts. The actual name of this exchange is "Yankee Swap." If you want to Google the rules of this game, we will be discussing it at the Paid-Up Membership Luncheon.

Our plans for the year were discussed, and our calendar is filling up:

March 20

Paid Up Membership Luncheon 1:00 p.m. Spain '92

Not sure you have paid up? Call Bob Taber (732-469-1393). See flyer from Stan Mendelson for more information.

May 8

Me and My Girl – Voorhees High School

See flyer from Barry Skolky for more information.

Additional Activities

Harold's Deli

Winery Tour and Tasting

Dessert Theater in Hopewell

Walking Tour/Tasting Lower East Side

Ballgame and Girasol Restaurant

Watch for details on the above.

Meet The Wallachs, Who Have Recently Joined Renaissance!



My husband Harvey and I have just joined the Renaissance Group from TBE and have been asked to introduce ourselves by way of a short communique.

Well, we're obviously senior citizens. But we are in denial all the way! Being retired for eight years, like most retirees, we can't imagine that we ever worked AND still got to do all the things we did. I, for one, am enjoying sleeping in! But besides that, I enjoy cooking and baking, which is a challenge, as we've recently become Paleo diet enthusiasts!

I also love to create Hanukkah crossword puzzles for my grandkids in California. (I've already started on the 2016 challenge.) Of course, there is always a prize involved. And I am a devotee of Israeli dancing, which I do weekly at TBE (thank you, Simona!).

My husband Harvey has always been an avid woodworker, but as a retiree, he is unstoppable! He loves his shop, which takes up half of our ranch house basement, and enjoys being a member of the Central Jersey Woodworkers Association.

We lived in Israel on kibbutzim when our kids were little, learned pidgin Hebrew after three years there, and loved absorbing the culture as a family. There are sentimental pictures of that time right on the wall in front of me as I am typing this. Our special memories of that experience will never fade.

We are looking forward to sharing time with the Renaissance members and learning about how their life experiences have chartered their course.

Esther Wallach

It's Time to Plan for Passover!

Bring your family and your guests to Temple Beth-El for the Second Seder led by Rabbi Gluck and Cantor Pincus.



Saturday, April 23, 6:30 p.m.

Enjoy a delicious catered Seder meal with roast chicken, brisket, or vegetarian entree options. The price for adults is JUST \$39, and there is no charge for children under the age of 13.

Registration opens in February.

Sisterhood

by Marcy Rosenfeld and Cindy Scott, Co-Presidents

Woman of Valor – Cindy Andrews



This year's Sisterhood Woman of Valor is well known to our Temple Beth-El community, not just in her capacity as past-president of the congregation, but for her longstanding personal involvement with so many of the programs and events held at Temple Beth-El. She is a source of strength not just for Sisterhood, but for the temple community and the community at large; and it was our privilege to honor

her with a wonderful potluck dinner on Thursday evening, December 17.

There were testimonials from Marcy Rosenfeld, Sisterhood co-president; past Temple Beth-El presidents Caren Bateman, Lillian Swickle, and Liz Cohen; education director Sarah Gluck; and Rabbi Gluck. Finally, Sisterhood presented Cindy with flowers and a beautiful framed art piece that included the Woman of Valor text from Proverbs both in Hebrew and English. Although many of you may recognize Cindy or even know her personally from your collaborations with her, we wanted to take this opportunity to share some of the details of Cindy's personal story.



Standing on the Shoulders

Our past and present Women of Valor: front row, l-r: Marcy Rosenfeld, Cindy Andrews, Irene Lieberman; back row, l-r: Barbara Johnston, Lil Swickle, Marsha Malberg, Carol Ahlert, Karen Kaplan and Ronnie Weyl.

Cindy's story begins with her childhood in Paterson, New Jersey, where her formal education culminated with a BA in Elementary Education from William Paterson University. She has been married to Mark since 1983 and boasts of her three wonderful children: David (27), Stacy (26) and Michael (24). Cindy has developed an expansive variety of job skills and talents that she has brought to the Temple Beth-El community. She is currently working as an operations manager for an insurance agency. She previously worked as an elementary school aide and subsequently fourth grade teacher in the Bridgewater-Raritan school system. She has also worked for a savings bank as an assistant vice president in accounting.

From the perspective of temple leadership, Cindy has put her talents and energy to work for: the Sisterhood as treasurer; the Religious School as Religious School Committee chair; and the Temple Executive Committee over the span of six years as secretary, vice president, and president of this congregation. Cindy has brought her keen analytical powers and clarity of thought to tackling the daunting work of co-chair of the Constitutional Review Committee. As a fully-engaged member of this community, Cindy is involved with all types of activities, from reconciling the temple's bank statements, to participating in game night, to volunteering for the 4-H Fair, to lending a hand wherever she is needed. Sisterhood is also indebted to Cindy for applying her technological savvy and creativity in developing and supporting its web presence. Next month we will also benefit from Cindy's gifts of insight, when she will lead the Women's Torah Study group discussion on January 6.

But our Woman of Valor is not just a member of the Temple Beth-El community. As a devoted parent, Cindy has supported her children's activities, serving as treasurer and secretary of the high school band parents organization, and as treasurer and vice-president of the intermediate school parent teacher organization, in addition to being the flag seamstress for many of her daughter's color guard shows. As a caring member of the community at large, Cindy has volunteered with the Interfaith Hospitality Network, the Somerset County Food Bank, and the Literacy Volunteers of Somerset County. More recently, Cindy has also become involved with the Chevrah Kadishah.

Cindy's husband Mark, wanted everyone to know that Cindy always gives a double batch of blood at every blood drive, always makes every effort to live a life consistent with Jewish values and *tikkun olam*, and, in addition to everything else, looks out for all of her mom's needs. Ironically, Cindy's motto is "simply!" Perhaps the illusion of simplicity enables Cindy to do all that she accomplishes. She is a true wonder and we are incredibly grateful to have her in our midst! Thank you for being our Woman of Valor!

Thanks for Your Mitzvah Day Rummage Donations!

The Sisterhood Mitzvah Day rummage collection was huge success! Sisterhood thanks everyone in our temple family for their generous donations. Here's what your donations provided:



Above: Barbara Johnston (r) handing off the Giving Network donations.

Left: Cindy Scott (l) and Caren Bateman (r) with a portion of the over 3,400 pounds of donations bound for Big Brothers-Big Sisters.

- Over 20 bags of towels and linens in addition to many household items for the Giving Network;
- 6 bags of coats for the JCC Winter Coat Drive; and
- 125 bags of rummage, 3,426 pounds for Big Brothers-Big Sisters, which provided Sisterhood with a check for \$712.

Thank you for your support!

Sisterhood and Religious School Food Drive for IHN and HomeSharing

Right: The Thanksgiving Assembly Team

Below: Thanksgiving Delivery



Interfaith Hospitality Network

Leigh Freeman, Coordinator — IHN / Temple Beth-El

Our next hosting date is January 17-23

The Interfaith Hospitality Network of Somerset County (IHNSC) is a not for profit organization that provides many layers of services for homeless families with children. IHNSC is, generally speaking, one of a kind — as most other shelters and programs for homeless families with children do not provide the many layers of service that seek to end homelessness for each family in its program.

IHN began when Karen Olson was rushing to a business meeting in NYC and passed a homeless woman on the street. On impulse, Karen bought her a sandwich. The woman, Millie, accepted the sandwich but asked for something more — a chance to be heard. Karen stayed with Millie and listened. What she heard made her understand that homelessness brought profound feelings of diminished self-worth and disconnection from society. Soon after, Karen and her two sons began delivering lunches to homeless people on the streets of New York.

When Karen learned that homelessness was affecting families right in her own community in New Jersey, she knew she had to do something. But this was much more than giving sandwiches. She brought together people in need and people who wanted to help. Existing community resources could provide shelter, meals, and housing. Volunteers could use their skills, knowledge, and compassion to help their homeless neighbors find employment, reconnect with society, and restore their dignity.

She approached the religious community. Congregations offered hospitality space within their buildings. The YMCA provided showers and a family day center. A car dealer discounted a van. The first interfaith hospitality network opened on October 27, 1986 in Union County, NJ.

In 1992, IHN of Somerset County was formed with Rabbi Arnie Gluck on the board and Temple Beth-El a hosting congregation. Twenty-three years later, the IHNSC program is more robust and dedicated than ever to helping homeless families with children achieve and maintain a home of their own.

Temple Beth-El hosts six times a year. Volunteers from our congregation, as well as Immaculate Conception, our support congregation, and other friends and acquaintances give their time to assure that the families have a warm and welcoming stay with good food, compassion, movies, books, games and lots of good conversation.

2016 IHN Hosting Schedule

April 3-8	June 12-18	August TBA
November 6-12	December 25-31	

**Mara White, the Coordinator of Foods and Supplies, needs about three to five volunteers each hosting week to shop for and purchase snacks, beverages and paper goods for lunches and school snacks. This is a wonderful mitzvah. Anyone can do this: b'nei mitzvah students, shopping mavins, and anyone interested in helping our families. Sign up on SignUpGenius and Mara will be in touch with what supplies are needed.*

Getting involved requires only a few hours from one to six times a year...you choose your level of involvement. Our volunteers range from the young children who accompany their parents, teenagers who raise funds for birthday presents or holiday gifts, to adults who prepare meals, host a shift, straighten up the lounge area and supply necessities like diapers. Every volunteer is an important mentor to our IHN families.

Volunteers are needed for the following shifts and tasks. Sign up using SignUp Genius (www.tinyurl.com/TBEIHNSignup) or contacting the coordinator in the box below.

Meals: Delivered hot to the temple 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Dinner is served at 6:00 p.m. Provide a complete nutritious dinner with dessert, suggestions can be provided by the coordinator.

Dinner Shift: 5:00 – 7:30 p.m. Two adults welcome the families, set up and clean up the evening meal. Volunteers share dinner with guests.

Evening Shift: 7:30 – 10:00 p.m. Two adults talk with guests, play with children, or just relax.

Overnight Shift: 10:00 p.m. – 6:00 a.m. (weekdays, or 8:00 a.m. on weekends). Two adults lock up, sleep, awaken guests at 5:00 a.m. and see the families off on the bus or their car.

Food/Supplies:* Purchase snack foods, beverages and paper goods in advance or restock during the week.

Set Up/Breakdown - early Sunday mornings: Dave Cohen sets the schedule and can always use some help on each Sunday (1 week apart).

Email is our primary method of communication

Please make sure Leigh Freeman and the coordinators have your email address. Emails announce scheduling for an upcoming hosting week with contact information, provide the guest roster and room assignments, and provide the link to [SignUpGenius](http://www.tinyurl.com/TBEIHNSignup) (www.tinyurl.com/TBEIHNSignup) to volunteer for a shift. If you don't have email, please let the coordinator know so we can remind you in some other way.

It is critical that a volunteer keep their commitment to assist during a shift or make a meal. Someone must be present to support and assist the clients. Emergencies do happen, and when they do, it is imperative that a **phone call** is made to the coordinator in charge of the shift as soon as possible, preferably within 24 hours notice. While an email can be sent to the coordinator, an immediate response to an email is virtually impossible. The coordinator will make the necessary effort to fill the slot; we do not currently have an "on call/emergency" volunteer list.

If you haven't helped with hosting for IHN, give it a try. Your time is really appreciated by our guests.

IHN Coordinators Contact List

Function	Name	Main Phone	Other Phone	Email Address
Coordinator	Leigh Freeman	908-359-2724	908-391-1397 (c)	dancer.leighfreeman@att.net
Dinner Shift Volunteers	YOUR NAME HERE			
Evening Shift Volunteers	Julie Hirsch	732-580-8246		jbghirsch@gmail.com
Overnight Shift Volunteers	Sharon Sietz		908-256-6483	sharon.sietz@gmail.com
Meals	Nicole Goldstein	908-874-0899		npgoldstein@comcast.net
Food/Supplies	Mara White	908-231-1518	301-704-6066 (c)	mara@alumni.brown.edu
Linen Pick-Up	Cindy Andrews		908-635-6858 (c)	cjrandrews@gmail.com
Set-Up/Breakdown	Dave Cohen	609-683-5766		david@decarchitect.com
IHNSC/Day Center	Karen Donohue	908-704-1920	908-217-0217 (c)	karen@ihnsc.org

Interfaith Hospitality Network

by Leigh Freeman, IHN Coordinator

IHN Training

If you have ever considered volunteering for IHN, but are skeptical that you would “know what to do,” this training session will erase all your doubts and answer any questions you may have.

Once a month, there will be a one-hour training session from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. No need to register...just drop in to room 112 (also known as the IHN Lounge) on any of the following dates:

January 24
February
March 6
April 10
May 22

The training will review the homeless population in general and closer to home in Somerset County, IHN of Somerset County and the services they provide, and the guidelines for hosting at Temple Beth-El.

It's a lot to cover in an hour, but there will be handouts and guidelines to take with you.

Anyone can attend...teens and children who would likely accompany their parents when covering a shift, B'nei Mitzvah students, adults (TBE members or friends), Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops...just about anyone interested in helping the homeless.

Please join me for a session. You will be glad you came.



Volunteers at a recent evening included the Lerner, Raines-Moshe and Oberti-DiRico families.

IHN Dinner Shift Coordinator Needed!

We have an open position within the TBE IHN Team of Coordinators—the Dinner Shift Coordinator.

The Dinner Shift Coordinator schedules the 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. shift for each day during each of our six hosting weeks. A few weeks prior and up until the hosting week, the coordinator will send some emails and make some phone calls. Our recent move to use of SignUpGenius has helped streamline the sign-up process.

Pam Cohen has done a fabulous job the past few years, but multiple commitments have made it

necessary for her to relinquish this volunteer effort. I offer my profound thanks to Pam for her diligence and hard work.

If anyone is interested in joining our IHN Team, please call or email me with any questions or an “I would love to do this!”

Shalom,
Leigh Freeman
TBE IHN Coordinator
908.391.1397
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Ways and Means

Shoppers Wanted!

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Your shopping experience will be unchanged. Once you access the Amazon site [from our special TBE link](#), everything will look just like Amazon — same selection, same pricing. As long as you use the link when you shop, TBE will get credit. Use the link any time you shop at Amazon to access their huge selection of products. Bookmark the link to make it easy to return.

Since we signed up with the program last year, TBE has earned \$416 in referral fees.

Amazon Smile is a similar program whereby shoppers can designate a charity for Amazon to support. Amazon Smile uses a parallel website offering all of the same features, selection and benefits of the regular Amazon site. Donations from purchases on the Amazon Smile site are 0.5% rather than 4% to 6% through the Amazon Associates Program. So, while we're pleased that you would support Temple Beth-El in the Amazon Smile site, navigating to the Amazon site [from the special TBE link](#) (http://www.amazon.com/?_encoding=UTF8&tag=tembetelo2-20) results in a better donation for the temple.

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Lifecycle

Temple Beth-El Family News for January/February

Our Condolences to...

Barbara Blake, on the passing of her husband, Jules Blake
 Patrick Bradley, on the passing of his father, Eugene Bradley
 Gregg Hirsch, on the passing of his father, Jerry Hirsch
 Mitchell Stein, on the passing of his mother, Ruth Stein
 Pat Galler, on the passing of her husband, Justin Galler
 We also mourn the passing of our former congregant, James Flax

Siman Tov u' Mazal Tov

Irene and Steve Lieberman on the marriage of their son, Mark,
 to Stacy Goldin of Gulfport, Mississippi

B'Nei Mitzvah

Danielle Reynolds, daughter of Paul and Grace
 Joshua Lavroff, son of Jay and Pam
 Julia Hopson, daughter of Jennifer and Stephen
 Joshua Fox, son of Jason and Alisa

Welcome to New Members

Ran and Tatiana Raines Moshe and their children, Daniel, Liel, and Liam
 Elizabeth and William Winters

Our Caring Community

Kesher Network: For those who are unable to attend our worship and simcha events and some adult education classes, our video streaming service is the next best thing to being there. Navigate to new.livestream.com/OurBethEl from a personal computer or mobile device (apps are available for [apple](#), [android](#) and [roku](#) devices) for a list of upcoming and recent livestream events from Temple Beth-El.

Shiva Minyans: For a leader or participants, call Amy Rubin or Cantor Pincus.

Mitzvah Committee: To offer or request help, please contact Carol Ahlert, carolahlert@yahoo.com, or 908-359-9357.

In the event of a loss during the evening or on the weekend, call Rabbi Gluck at 908-722-0674, ext. 111, or 908-229-1618.

To share your family's news in the *Shofar*, call Susan Walters in the temple office. Please contact Susan with information about significant occasions, hospitalizations, or the loss of a loved one.

Prayer for Healing Cards: Cards are available in the temple lobby to let those in need of healing know that their names were included in our Mischebeirach prayer. The cards can be mailed as postcards by writing the address over the Temple Beth-El watermark or directly inserted into get well cards.

Welcome TO THE WORLD

Owen Leonard Spinner

November 9, 2015
 Son of Ben and Jess Spinner
 Grandson of Mike and Wendy Spinner
 Great grandson of Max and Jackie Spinner

Penelope Judith von Loewenfeldt

December 23, 2015
 Daughter of Rebecca and Michael von Loewenfeldt
 Sister of Maia and Abby
 Granddaughter of Ed and
 Marsha Malberg



Richard Eugene Walters IV

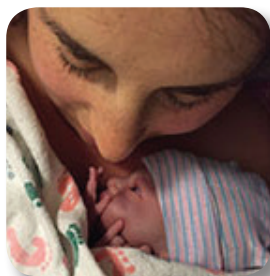
December 4, 2015
 Son of Richard and Diane Walters
 Grandson of Richard and Susan Walters



And IHN's Newest Addition

Savannah Marie

November 11, 2015
 Daughter of Kim and Devon



Yahrzeits January

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We extend our deepest sympathy to those of you who will be marking a loved one's Yahrzeit in the coming month. Below are the dates for the Yahrzeits we will be reciting during Shabbat services.

To be read January 8

Libby Rita Friedman, mother of Neil Friedman
Sol Goldberg, father of Michael Goldberg
George Rugg, father of Stuart Rugg
Annaliese Stuart, aunt of Robert Adler
Fannie Febesh, mother of Ilene Rothschild
Harold Gliksman, brother of Michael Gliksman
Stephanie L. Graham, wife of James Graham
Ben Lavin, father of Liz Cohen
Esther Rubin Polokoff, grandmother of Ken Rubin
Harry Schwartz, uncle of Sylvia Rubin
Sophie Brown, mother of Marvin Brown
Milton Spivack, father of Geri Lane
Rose Della Ventura, grandmother of Stephen Swinick
Betty Weiss, mother of Michael Weiss
Max Adler, father of Robert Adler
Jack Cudzynowski, uncle of Joseph Cudzynowski
Julian Freedman, stepfather of Cindy Weiss

To be read January 15

David Maxham, father of Debbie Youngerman
Harry Brody, father of Bruce Brody
Charles Lowenthal, grandfather of Lynn Small
Richard Schiff, uncle of Rick Miller
Ethel Tischfield, mother of Jay Tischfield
Albert Waldorf, father of William Waldorf
Louis Faer, father of Beverly Bober
Philip Garber, father of Harry Garber
Norman Miller, father of Rick Miller
Joseph Silverman, father of Lloyd Silverman
Shalom Weyl, father of Lewin Weyl
Leona Berkowitz, mother of Steve Berkowitz
Rebecca Cohen, mother of Saul Cohen
Maurice Goldberg, father of Gari Bloom
Ina Roistacher, grandmother of Mara White
Ida Vogel, sister of Max Spinner
Leon Blitman, stepfather of Mara White
Larry Hillman, father of Lillian Swickle
Rosalie Weitz, mother of Steve Weitz
Toby L. Allaway, sister of Carol Levison
Rose Greenberg, mother of Elaine Krantz
Anne Marie Lavranchuk, mother of Jim Lavranchuk
Morris Bailin, father of Gary Bailin
Lawrence Bouchonville, father of Maria Landau
Ida Drexler, grandmother of Howard Engler
Marilyn Engler, mother of Howard Engler
Bella Falk, mother of Laura Marshall
Lillian Giniger, grandmother of David Kornberg
Herman Rubin, husband of Sylvia Rubin
Selma Smith, mother of Joseph Smith

To be read January 22

Mary Maynes Maxham, mother of Debbie Youngerman
Lorraine Perlin, sister-in-law of Beatrice Cohen
Samuel Gerber, father of Jennifer Gerber
Shana Rudnitsky, mother of Jennifer Haftel
Irvin Goldman, brother of Shari Albin
Rebecca Spevack, mother of Gail Wohl
Philip Tesser, father of Laurie Novak
Morris L. Wang, father of Andrea Auerbach
Arnold Sietz, father of Sharon Sietz
Raymond Taub, husband of Goldie Taub
Ida Toborowsky, mother of Robert Taber
Rachel Goldsmith, mother of Richard Goldsmith
Ann Gordon, grandmother of Julie Hersh
Elaine Wedeen, mother of Ken Wedeen
Anna Herskowitz, grandmother of Helene Fine
Gail Ellen Gold, mother of Sarah Gold

To be read January 29

Bernard Simon, father of Carol Landesman
Howard Strand, father of Thomas Strand
Seymour Bender, father of Beth Garber
Cindy Cipos, sister of Barry Hoffner
Rosalie Stark, mother of Simon Stark
Herbert Landesman, father of Glen Landesman
Lucien Sabah, uncle of Ghislaine Silverman
Paula Mittleman Edelson, cousin of Goldie Taub
Peter Stein, brother of Mitchell Stein
Sandra Haftel, mother of Benjamin Haftel
Florence Zatz, mother of Iris Naroden
Fannie Kaplin, mother of Phyllis Greenberg
Sol Weinstein, father-in-law of Ann Weinstein
Alice Bober, mother of Michael Bober
Morris Katchen, father of Beverly Cohen
Simon Schutzman, grandfather of Cheryl Nelson
Abraham Small, grandfather of Brian Small

Yahrzeits February

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We extend our deepest sympathy to those of you who will be marking a loved one's Yahrzeit in the coming month. Below are the dates for the Yahrzeits we will be reciting during Shabbat services.

To be read February 5

Edward M. Fink, husband of Rita Fink
Lillian Jurgrau, mother of Fern Schiffman
Ida Springer, aunt of Gerald Shubitz
Rebecca Taub, mother-in-law of Goldie Taub
Farra Tebbi-Lewis, daughter of Farajollah and Mahin Tebbi
Raymond Bateman, brother of Caren Bateman
Joseph Beck, father of Michael Beck
Sidney Spector, father of Susan Plan
Norma Albin, mother of Robert Albin
Bernard Levin, father of Harold Levin
Loretta Block, mother of Felicia Falzone
Lillian Etkins, mother of Donna Etkins
Sophia Tentler, mother of Simona Rivkin
Eva Brooks, aunt of Cindy Mangel
Paul Fleischer, father of Richard Fleischer
Norman Weitman, father of Nanette Mantell
Stanley Engler, father of Howard Engler
Norman Freeman, father of Amy Freeman-Ivanov
Augusta Koen, mother of Peter Koen
Martin Leeds, father of Jodi Bloom
Bert Schneider, father of Arthur Schneider

To be read February 12

Perry Goldfeder, great uncle of Lynn Small
Norman Kohn, father of Hal Kohn
Rose Reinhart Sayne, mother of Morton Reinhart
Roslyn Sietz, mother of Sharon Sietz
Charles Mangel, father of Howard Mangel
Sarah Zerring, mother of Judith Goldberg
Janice Hoffner, mother of Barry Hoffner
Ralph B. Jackson, father of June Greenbaum
Paul Novak, father of Dr. Gerald Novak
Henry Schwartz, father of Vicki Schwartz
Harry Cohen, father of Rita Fink
Sara Rechtleben, mother of Deborah Tompa
Lillian Freed, mother of Diane Morrison
Jessica Schoenberg, sister of Isa Beck
Bernard Weigl, grandfather of Lynn Small
Irene Cohen, sister of Stanley Kanterman
Marion Friedberg, mother of Morton Friedberg
Miriam Halpern, mother of Morris Halpern

To be read February 19

Vincent Falzone, father of Scott Falzone
Miriam Meyer, aunt of Alan Fass
Byron Nierenberg, father of Lisa Ahern
Stuart Benowitz, father of Marc Benowitz
Joseph Farber, father of Edith Hurwitz
Bette K. Lewin, mother of Carol Levison

Bertha Posner, aunt of Marcy Rosenfeld
Irv Rabinowitz, father of Sarah Gluck
Pauline Fried, mother of Michael Fried
Cary E. Goldberg, father of Lisa Goldberg
Joseph Nelson, brother-in-law of Karen Andell
Rose Spinner, mother of Max Spinner
Adam Goldberg, brother of Carl Goldberg
Mary Beth Lieb, mother of Wendy Spinner
Benjamin Wald, father of David Wald
Rabbi Matthew Derby, father of Frank Derby
Estelle Freeman, mother of Richard Freeman
Ruth Papier, grandmother of Shelley Drozd
Harold Jurgrau, father of Fern Schiffman

To be read February 26

Gus Friedman, father of Marc Friedman
Alfred Goldberg, grandfather of Shavaun Glikzman
Anna Rosenthal, mother of Arlene Hysen
David Marcus, father of Richard Marcus
Marjorie Silverman, wife of Lloyd and mother of Jeff Silverman
William Knauer, father of Len Knauer
Martha Lottman, mother of Liz Cohen
Beverly Weitman, mother of Nanette Mantell
Dorothy Dallow, mother of Brian Dallow
Ellen Fischer, mother of David Fischer
Charles Insler, father of Elayne Weitz

To be read March 4

Max Chanoch, father of Keith Chanoch
Anne Finkelstein, mother of Beth Lavranchuk and Lori Blond
Morris Goldstein, father of Marcia Shubitz
Daniel Wachtel, loved one of Ann Weinstein
Anne Feurman, mother of Ileen Bradley
Paul Glaser, father of Shelley Drozd
Karen Zweig, mother of Lauren Iannucci
Emma Galler, mother-in-law of Pat Galler
Morris Schenkman, father of Eugene Schenkman
Lotte Weyl, mother of Lewin Weyl
Walter Klimczak, father of Joan Weiss
Florence Naidorff, mother of Judy Schachter
George Okun, father of Charles Okun
Mary Rugg, mother of Stuart Rugg
Marion Seinfeld, grandmother of Dave Sandler
Robert Bradley, father of Robert Bradley
Rose Faer, mother of Beverly Bober
Charles Feurman, father of Ileen Bradley
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Myrna and Lou Binder
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Larry and Helen-Ann Epstein
 In memory of Jerry Hirsch
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January

Calendar of Events

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Friday, January 1

New Year's Day
Temple Offices Closed
6:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, January 2

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Minyan Service and Torah Study

Sunday, January 3

9:00 a.m. No Sunday School — Winter Break
11:00 a.m. Youth: Sh'lichim

Monday, January 4

4:30 p.m. Hebrew School Resumes
6:30 p.m. Youth Culture Committee
7:30 p.m. Ritual Committee Meeting
7:30 p.m. Religious School Committee Meeting

Tuesday, January 5

6:30 p.m. Youth Leadership Training Seminar
7:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Rabbi Gluck on: The Last Speech of Moses

Wednesday, January 6

4:30 p.m. Hebrew School
6:30 p.m. Confirmation Academy
7:30 p.m. Women's Torah Study

Thursday, January 7

6:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Gentle Yoga Flow
7:00 p.m. Israeli Dance Chavurah
7:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Israeli Folk Dancing

Friday, January 8

7:00 p.m. Family Shabbat Service Showcasing our URJ Camps and Summer Youth Programs

Saturday, January 9

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Minyan Service and Torah Study

Sunday, January 10

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:15 a.m. Brotherhood Breakfast
11:00 a.m. Madrichim Meeting

Monday, January 11

4:30 p.m. Hebrew School
6:30 p.m. Post-Confirmation
7:45 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting

Wednesday, January 13

4:30 p.m. Hebrew School
6:00 p.m. Sisterhood Board Meeting
6:30 p.m. Confirmation Academy

Thursday, January 14

6:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Gentle Yoga Flow
7:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Israeli Folk Dancing
7:30 p.m. Social Action Meeting
7:45 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Yoga Nidra

Friday, January 15

6:00 p.m. Shabbat for Tots
8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service with Social Action

Saturday, January 16

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study
6:30 p.m. SMOOCHY Shul-in

Sunday, January 17

IHN Hosting Week Begins
9:00 a.m. No Sunday School — MLK Weekend
9:00 a.m. Audit Committee Meeting
9:00 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Beginning Hebrew Reading
10:00 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Aleph Isn't Enough
11:15 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Intermediate Biblical Hebrew

Monday, January 18

Martin Luther King Day
Temple Offices Closed
IHN Hosting Week
4:30 p.m. No Hebrew School — MLK Day

Tuesday, January 19

IHN Hosting Week
7:30 p.m. Brit K'hillah Meeting

Wednesday January 20

IHN Hosting Week
4:30 p.m. No Hebrew School or Confirmation

Thursday, January 21

IHN Hosting Week
6:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Gentle Yoga Flow
7:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Israeli Folk Dancing

Friday, January 22

IHN Hosting Week
8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service -- Shabbat Shirah

Saturday, January 23

IHN Hosting Week
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Minyan Service and Torah Study
10:00 a.m. Committee Chair Shabbaton
5:30 p.m. Youth: Pajama Havdallah, PK-3rd Grade

Sunday, January 24

Youth: Grade 4-6 Event
IHN Hosting Week Concludes
9:00 a.m. Sunday School with Grade 2 Family Ed
9:00 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Beginning Hebrew Reading
9:00 a.m. IHN Training
9:15 a.m. Brotherhood Board meeting
10:00 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Aleph Isn't Enough
10:30 a.m. Constitutional Review Committee Meeting
11:15 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Intermediate Biblical Hebrew
1:00 p.m. Leadership Development
4:00 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Engaging Israel 2

Monday, January 25

4:30 p.m. Hebrew School
7:30 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, January 26

7:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Beit Midrash with Rabbi Gluck

Wednesday, January 27

4:30 p.m. Hebrew School
6:30 p.m. Confirmation Academy
6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class Parent Meeting

Thursday, January 28

6:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Gentle Yoga Flow
7:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Israeli Folk Dancing

Friday, January 29

8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, January 30

NJ and Friends URJ Shabbaton
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Minyan Service and Torah Study
12:00 p.m. Tu B'Shvat Seder
1:30 p.m. Tu B'Shvat Program: Meditation with Gifts from the Earth
7:00 p.m. Adult Game Night

Sunday, January 31

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Rabbi's Breakfast, sponsored by Outreach and Membership
9:00 a.m. Religious School Breakfast Fundraiser
11:00 a.m. Youth: Sh'lichim
11:15 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Intermediate Biblical Hebrew

Calendar of Events

Monday, February 1

4:30 p.m. Hebrew School
6:30 p.m. Post-Confirmation
7:30 p.m. Ritual Committee Meeting
7:30 p.m. Religious School Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 2

6:30 p.m. Youth Leadership Training Seminar
7:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Beit Midrash with Rabbi Gluck

Wednesday, February 3

4:30 p.m. Hebrew School
6:30 p.m. Confirmation Academy

Thursday, February 4

6:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Gentle Yoga Flow
7:00 p.m. Israeli Dance Chavurah
7:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Israeli Folk Dancing

Friday, February 5

8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service with Brotherhood

Saturday, February 6

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study

Sunday, February 7

9:00 a.m. Sunday School with Grade 5 Family Ed
9:00 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Beginning Hebrew Reading
9:00 a.m. Leadership Development
10:00 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Aleph Isn't Enough
11:15 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Intermediate Biblical Hebrew
4:00 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Engaging Israel 2

Monday, February 8

4:30 p.m. Hebrew School
6:30 p.m. Youth Culture Committee
7:45 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, February 9

7:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Beit Midrash with Rabbi Gluck

Wednesday, February 10

4:30 p.m. Hebrew School
6:00 p.m. Sisterhood Board Meeting
6:30 p.m. Confirmation Academy

Thursday, February 11

6:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Gentle Yoga Flow
7:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Israeli Folk Dancing
7:30 p.m. Social Action Committee Meeting
7:45 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Yoga Nidra

Friday, February 12

7:00 p.m. Family Shabbat Service
8:30 p.m. Youth: LTS Shul-in

Saturday, February 13

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study

Sunday, February 14

9:00 a.m. No Sunday School — Presidents' Weekend

Monday, February 15

4:30 p.m. No Hebrew School — Presidents' Day

Tuesday, February 16

7:00 p.m. Audit Committee

Wednesday, February 17

4:30 p.m. No Hebrew School or Confirmation

Thursday, February 18

6:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Gentle Yoga Flow
7:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Israeli Folk Dancing

Friday, February 19

8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service with Choir

Saturday, February 20

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Minyan Service and Torah Study
7:00 p.m. Brotherhood Poker Tournament

Sunday, February 21

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Beginning Hebrew Reading
9:00 a.m. Leadership Development
9:00 a.m. IHN Training
9:00 a.m. Technology Committee Meeting
10:00 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Aleph Isn't Enough
11:15 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Intermediate Biblical Hebrew

Monday, February 22

4:30 p.m. Hebrew School
6:30 p.m. Post-Confirmation

Tuesday, February 23

7:30 p.m. Brit K'hillah Meeting

Wednesday, February 24

4:30 p.m. Hebrew School
6:30 p.m. Confirmation Academy
7:00 p.m. Membership Committee Meeting

Thursday, February 25

6:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Gentle Yoga Flow
7:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Israeli Folk Dancing

Friday, February 26

8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service — Shabbat B'Shir

Saturday, February 27

TBE to Host NFTY Haggigah
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study
with NFTY-GER Haggigah
7:00 p.m. Adult Game Night

Sunday, February 28

TBE to Host NFTY Haggigah
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Beginning Hebrew Reading
10:00 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Aleph Isn't Enough
11:15 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Intermediate Biblical Hebrew

Monday, February 29

4:30 p.m. Hebrew School
7:30 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting

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