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Rabbi's Message

Israel Comes to TBE, TBE Goes to Israel

Temple Beth-El has always had a very strong connection with Israel, and I am pleased and proud to say that this bond is only growing stronger. Over the years we have been privileged to welcome luminaries from our Jewish State to visit with us and address our congregation, including

Ambassador Michael Oren, Anat Hoffman, Rabbi Michael Marmur, and many others. In the coming weeks, we will have the honor of hosting two more bright stars from Israel. We have also had a steady stream of members of our temple family going to Israel, including nearly a dozen congregational trips over the years. In the coming weeks we will welcome two extraordinary guests from Israel.

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Purim!

Megillah Reading and The Big Bang Theory: The Spiel Wednesday, March 23, 7:00 p.m.

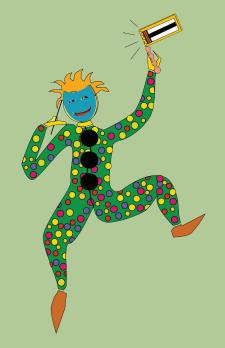
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Brotherhood Person of Honor

Honoring Steve Lieberman Sunday, April 3, 10:30 a.m. See page 16

Passover is Coming

First Seder, April 22 Come to TBE's Second Seder Saturday, April 23, 6:30 p.m. See page 19



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Worship Schedule

MARCH

Friday, March 4

6:30 p.m. Shabbat Across America dinner and Shabbat Seder National Day of Unplugging

Saturday, March 5

Parashat Vayak'heil, Exodus 35:1–38:20 10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study with Bar Mitzvah of Eric Braun National Day of Unplugging

Friday, March 11

7:00 p.m. Family Shabbat Service with Grade 7 and Girl Scout participation

Saturday, March 12

Parashat P'kudei, Exodus 38:21-40:38 10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study, with the B'nei Mitzvah of Jared Bendavid and Rebecca Stept

Friday, March 18

8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service with guest speaker Mohammad Darawshe

Saturday, March 19

Parashat Vayikra, Leviticus 1:1–5:26 10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study with B'nei Mitzvah of Max Miller and Noah Skoultchi

Wednesday, March 23

7:00 p.m. Megillah Reading and Purim Spiel – "The Big Bang Theory: The Spiel"

Friday, March 25

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

Saturday, March 26

Parashat Tzav, Leviticus 6:1–8:36
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study with the Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Kistler

APRIL

Friday, April 1

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

Saturday, April 2

Parashat Šh'mini, Leviticus 9:1-11:47 10:00 a.m. Shabbat Minyan Service and Torah Study

Friday, April 8

7:00 p.m. Family Shabbat Service

Saturday, April 9

Parashat Tazria, Leviticus 12:1–13:59 10:00 a.m. Shabbat Minyan Service and Torah Study

Friday, April 15

7:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service; Honoring Kathy Shanklin

Saturday, April 16

Parashat M'tzora, Leviticus 14:1-15:33 10:00 a.m. Shabbat Minyan Service and Torah Study

Friday, April 22

Erev Pesach, First Seder No scheduled services

Saturday, April 23

Yom Rishon shel Pesach Holidays: Exodus 12:37-42, 13:3-10 10:00 a.m. Shabbat Pesach Service 6:30 p.m. Congregational Second Seder

Thursday, April 28

9:00 p.m. Yom Tov Pesach and Yizkor Services

Friday, April 29

8:00 p.m. Shabbat B'Shir: Shabbat Evening Service with the Tefilah Band; Recognizing Jewish Family Services

Saturday, April 30

Parashat Acharei Mot I, Leviticus 16:1-18:30 10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service

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

Shofar Submissions and Deadline

The next issue of the Shofar will be May-June 2016. PLEASE NOTE: The deadline for submissions is April 15. Submit articles via email to: ShofarEditor@templebethelni.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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Mohammad Darawshe to Speak on March 18



March 18 will be the first time TBE will welcome a distinguished member of the Israeli Palestinian Arab community, Mohammad Darawshe, a leading and compelling voice for Democracy, pluralism, and shared society between Israel's Jewish and Arab citizens. Mohammad is the Director of Planning, Equality and

Shared Society at Givat Haviva, the Center for Shared Society in Israel. During the Reform Movement's Biennial Convention in Orlando in November, I had the honor of presenting a workshop together with Mohammad, and he was extraordinarily enlightening and challenging. Mohammad will speak during our Shabbat service, which begins at 8:00 p.m.

Rabbi Gilad Kariv to Speak April 8 and 9



On the Shabbat of April 8 and 9 we will welcome as our Scholar-in-Residence Rabbi Gilad Kariv, the President and CEO of the Israeli Reform Movement. Gilad is a sabra from Tel Aviv who is an attorney, a rabbi, and a former candidate for the Knesset. In each of these capacities he has been a trailblazer. As a rabbi

and leader of our Israeli movement Gilad has broadened and deepened the presence and profile of Reform Judaism in Israel, establishing new congregations and educational institutions, gaining the respect of Israeli leaders across a broad spectrum, and giving a powerful voice to our cause. As a lawyer, Gilad served with Anat Hoffman as the Associate Director of the Israel Religious Action Center. In this capacity Gilad helped to advance the fight for religious pluralism, women's rights, rights of immigrants, and social justice. As a politician, Gilad ran on the Zionist Union list for the Knesset in the last elections, and though he did not get elected, he had a profound impact upon the party's platform, influencing it to more fully embrace the cause of religious pluralism. Gilad will speak briefly during our Family Shabbat Service on April 8. Following the service, he will join us for a discussion forum over coffee and dessert. And on Saturday morning, Gilad will speak during our Shabbat Minyan Service in the sanctuary, followed by a kiddush lunch at which he will engage in dialogue with us and answer questions.

TBE Goes to Israel

Each year a significant number of our fellow TBE members travels to Israel. Some go as families, sometimes to celebrate a *simcha* like a bar or bat mitzvah. Others go on tours, some go on business, and some go on missions or study programs. We are delighted that five of our members recently participated in the Blank Leadership Fellows mission through our local Federation. They are Beth Borrus, Julie Hirsch, Leslie Kass, Roxanne Levinston, and Vicki Schwartz. (See page 18 for a photo of the group.) Julie Hirsch is currently back in Israel with her husband

Greg and their daughters Iris and Talia; Iris is participating in the NFTY EIE Semester in Israel program for high school students. Ben Walton just returned and Erica Milgram will be going on this fantastic program in the fall. For information about Israel programs and opportunities for youth and adults, please be in touch with me.



I have just recently returned from the annual convention of the Reform rabbis, the CCAR, which is held in Israel every seven years. It was a phenomenal experience that I have just written about for the URJ's Ten Minutes of Torah. As soon as that column is published, I will share it with you. During that convention, I joined over 100 Reform Rabbis who ran in the Tel Aviv Marathon to raise money for the Israeli Reform Movement. I ran a strong 10k, and it was a great experience. My thanks to those who sponsored me. Together the CCAR raised approximately \$30,000 for our cause.

Come with Me to Israel in June 2017

The planning process has begun for our next TBE Israel Experience, which will be at the end of June, 2017. As in the past, we will spend approximately 10 days touring the land from north to south, enjoying unique encounters with interesting personalities, while learning about the triumphs and challenges of our precious Jewish State. The trip is planned to meet the needs of young and old alike, first-timers, and repeat travelers. Please be in touch with me for additional information and to express your (non-binding) interest in joining us.

Wishing you a very happy Purim and Passover!

L'shalom,

Rabbi Arnold S. Gluck

From Our President

Help Me Honor Rabbi Gluck with a Great Celebration!

"If you were going to build a rabbi from scratch, Rabbi Gluck would be the model."

"It took a truly great man and passionate rabbi to inspire us to rediscover what Judaism truly is. We will be forever grateful."

by Robin Osman



"What a mensch!"

These are just a few excerpts members of our temple family shared during Rabbi Gluck's 18th anniversary with Temple Beth-El. It seems like that was just yesterday, but in May we will honor Rabbi Gluck for 25 years of outstanding and dedicated service and leadership.

"A gifted leader is one who is capable of touching your heart." – J. S. Potofsky

Rabbi Gluck has touched our collective heart as a community and touched each of us individually. Have you shared special moments with Rabbi Gluck? Has he celebrated with you in times of joy and seen you through your saddest days? Has he named your children or taught them Torah in preparation for their bar or bat mitzvah? Has he married you or your children? Have you been inspired by Rabbi Gluck's teaching, his kindness or his loving spirit? Did he offer you a taste of Judaism that was so delicious you decided to become Jewish?

Over the last 25 years we have been blessed with a spiritual leader who does all of this and more. He gives his heart and his soul to this community each and every day. On the weekend of May 13–15 we will have the opportunity to express our gratitude to Rabbi Gluck for all he gives of himself to us. We will honor our rabbi with many wonderful events: very special Shabbat services on Friday evening and Saturday morning, a shul-in for our young people on Friday evening, a fabulous dinner dance at the Bridgewater Manor on Saturday evening and, to conclude our weekend of celebration, a family-friendly concert with artist-in-residence Alan Goodis on Sunday afternoon.

This is going to be a great weekend of celebration, and everyone will have the opportunity to express their gratitude and affection for our rabbi. The Friday evening Shabbat service will have special guests, some surprises and a wonderful oneg. Our artist-in-residence, the talented musician Alan Goodis, will lend his musical talents to our Shabbat worship and at all the weekend's

events. The dinner dance at the Bridgewater Manor will be a fantastic Saturday night celebration, with an 18-piece live orchestra and also a DJ and host for traditional and contemporary music. Much food and drink will be shared by good friends gathered for an evening of honoring a man who has been such an important part of our lives for the last 25 years. To make the event as inclusive as possible, we have kept the cost as affordable as possible, passing along the out-of-pocket costs only. For those who are able, please consider sponsoring the event, placing a tribute in the journal or buying raffle tickets to help with the fundraising aspects of the weekend.

Much appreciation goes out to Myrna Binder, Karen Kaplan and their team of volunteers for all their work in planning this wonderful jubilee celebration, to Lisa Friedman and Dan Merer and their cadre of volunteers for planning the concert and youth event, and to Amy Rubin for her support across the board. Thank you all!

To make this weekend a success, we need everyone

to join us so Rabbi
Gluck feels loved and
appreciated. Please
mark your calendars
for Rabbi Gluck's Silver
Jubilee Celebration
Weekend, May 1315. As always, please
feel free to reach out
to me if you have
questions, suggestions
or would like additional
information. Hope to
see you there!

Robin Osman 908-295-5713 robinoz@optonline.net



Rabbi Gluck and family, circa 1991

Words for Rabbi Gluck

Wanted: Your words about Rabbi Gluck.

What does our rabbi mean to you? How do you feel about him? Please send me your thoughts in 100 words or less. Send them to robinoz@optonline.net with the subject line, "Words for Rabbi Gluck." If you don't have email, please mail them to me at 286 Riverview Dr., Bridgewater, NJ 08807. I will look for general themes to inform my remarks honoring Rabbi Gluck at the Shabbat service. We may even use some excerpts in the tribute journal (without names). Your input will be much appreciated. Thank you!



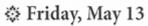
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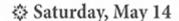
Week-long Events for the Entire Family

May 13-15, 2016



Family Shabbat Services with Guest Rabbi Bennett Miller and Musical Artist-in-Residence Alan Goodis Teen Shul-in with Alan Goodis





Shabbat Morning Services with Artist-in-Residence Alan Goodis Elegant dinner dance at the Bridgewater Manor

Sunday, May 15

Artist-in-Residence Alan Goodis in Concert

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Mohammad Darawshe To Speak at Shabbat Services, March 18, 8:00 p.m.



Mohammad Darawshe is the Director of Planning, Equality and Shared Society at Givat Haviva, the Center for Shared Society in Israel.

Like 20 percent of Israel's population, Mohammad is an Arab with an Israeli passport — a Muslim Palestinian citizen of the State of Israel. He is, as he puts it, a child of both identities. He brings an

unexpected way of seeing inside the Middle Eastern present and future.

Considered a leading expert on Jewish-Arab relations, Mohammad has presented lectures and papers at the European parliament, NATO Defense College, the World Economic Forum, Club de Madrid, US Congress, the Herzlia Conference, and Israel's Presidential Conference and been awarded the Peacemakers Award from the Catholic Theological Union, the Peace and Security Award from the World Association of NGOs, as well as the Leadership Fellow of the New Israel Fund. In 2008 he was elected as a council member in his hometown, Iksal.

Mohammad holds a B.A from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, an M.A. in Public Administration from Hartford University, and an M.A. in Peace and Conflict Management from Haifa University.

Rabbi Gluck calls Mohammad one of the strongest voices for Arab-Jewish coexistence, shared society and democracy in Israel and shared a panel with Mohammad at the recent URJ Biennial.

We are so honored to have him address us during our Shabbat Service. We hope to see you, Friday, March 18 at 8:00 p.m.

Scholar-in-Residence Rabbi Gilad Kariv Schedule of Events:

Friday, April 8

7:00 p.m. Family Shabbat Services with a brief presentation by Rabbi Kariv

During the oneg: Rabbi Kariv will speak extensively at a forum

Saturday, April 9

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Minyan Service with Rabbi Kariv Catered Dairy/Pareve Kiddush luncheon immediately following

Reservations requested on or before April 4.

Our thanks to an anonymous donor for enabling us to make the Kiddush luncheon available to all at no charge.

To reserve your spot at the luncheon, visit www.tinyurl.com/TBEGiladKariv2016 or

Contact Susan Walters on 908-722-0674, ext 112.

Scholar-in Residence, April 8 and 9 Rabbi Gilad Kariv, Dynamic Leader of Reform Judaism in Israel



The leaders of our Israeli movement are putting Reform Judaism on the map of Israel. Walk into the office of Rabbi Gilad Kariv, the President and CEO of the Israel Movement for Reform and Progressive Judaism, and you will see this in the clearest terms. Behind his desk is a picture of David Ben Gurion, the first Prime Minister of Israel, and on the wall across

from that is a map of the State of Israel with push-pins stuck in every place where there is a Reform Congregation or institution in one color, and pins representing the locations of future communities in another color.

The connection between the map and Ben Gurion is significant. Ben Gurion was the master builder of the State who employed the method known as "choma u'migdal," "a wall and a tower." You put up a wall and a tower, and voila, you have a fact on the ground— a new Jewish settlement. It was in this way that the pioneers of the Zionist movement established the Jewish presence in the Land of Israel and secured the borders that would define the State.

Gilad Kariv is no less ambitious about claiming the State of Israel as the homeland of Reform Judaism, and he, too, is doing it by establishing our presence on the map, employing the method of *choma u'miqdal*. Today there are 40 Reform congregations in Israel, and High Holy Day services were held last fall in another 20 locations. What's more, our existing congregations are growing, deepening their roots and extending their branches in outreach to their communities. Congregations are the core of our Israeli movement, but by no means are they the full extent of it. The Israel Movement for Reform and Progressive Judaism includes a network of schools, community centers, social justice work through the Israel Religious Action Center and beyond it, Arab-Jewish dialogue projects, a thriving Israeli branch of our seminary, the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Cultural Centers, two kibbutzim and more. In so many ways, our Israeli Reform Movement is on the move, and Rabbi Gilad Kariv is its dynamic and visionary leader.

How fortunate are we that Rabbi Gilad Kariv will be coming to Temple Beth-El to be our scholar-in-residence on the Shabbat of April 8 and 9. He will offer brief words during our family service on Friday night at 7:00 p.m., sharing with our families a bit of what it is like to be a Reform Jew in Israel. The service will be followed by a Shabbat Discussion Forum for those who would like to engage in dialogue with Rabbi Kariv. This will take place parallel to the Oneg Shabbat. All who are interested are invited to get a cup of tea or coffee and a treat and join in the discussion. On Shabbat morning Rabbi Kariv will speak during our informal Shabbat minyan service at 10:00 a.m., followed by lunch. (See box on page 4 for the schedule of events.)

This is a rare and exciting opportunity, not to be missed. We hope you will join us for all or part of Rabbi Kariv's visit.

From the Education Directors

Sarah Gluck and Lisa Friedman

JEWISH JOURNEYS

(update on the Bnai Mitzvah Revolution; follow-up to the article in the November-December 2015 Shofar)

Making Multiple Aliyot (Figuratively)

Really exciting things are happening! You may recall that the last BMR update described the transformation of the Grade 5 B'nei Mitzvah Parent Orientation into the "Bar Mitzvah and Beyond Family Meeting," at which the b'nei mitzvah experience is presented as one that begins in

early childhood, carries through the Religious School years before and after bar/bat mitzvah, and culminates (at least the Temple Beth-El part) when the student graduates from high school, equipped to take independent Jewish steps as a young adult. To help frame what's happened recently, here's a brief review of the background:

At the Grade 5 meeting, the journey toward bar/bat mitzvah is presented as a series of 13 *aliyot* ("ascensions") that each child makes throughout the Religious School years. These *aliyot*, steps on the journey, are:

Aliyah 1,	Grade 4:	Planning My Trip — Receiving My Bar/Bat Mitzvah Date
Aliyah 2,	Grade 5:	Getting Ready for the Journey — My First B'nei Mitzvah Family Meeting
Aliyah 3,	Grade 6:	Mapping My Route — Receiving My Torah Portion/Kabbalat Torah Ceremony
Aliyah 4,	Grade 6:	Packing the Essentials — Grade 6 Family Ed/Tallit Workshop
Aliyah 5,	Grade 7:	Updating the Itinerary — My Second B'nei Mitzvah Family Meeting
Aliyah 6,	Grade 7:	Arriving at My Destination/Taking My Place in My Community — Bar/Bat Mitzvah & First Torah Chanting
Aliyah 7,	Grade 7:	Continuing the Journey/Solidifying My Place in the Community — Second Chanting and Becoming a Ritual Leader
Aliyah 8,	Grade 8:	Expanding My Sense of Community — Moving Up to Confirmation Academy
Aliyah 9,	Grade 8 & 9:	Redefining Community — Going on the 8/9 Retreat
Aliyah 10,	Grade 10:	Finding My Own Voice — Going to the Religious Action Center
Aliyah 11,	Grade 10:	Reaffirming My Commitment — Confirmation
Aliyah 12,	Grade 11:	Transitioning to Jewish Adulthood — Moving Up to Post-Con
Aliyah 13,	Grade 12:	Stepping Into My Jewish Future — Taking a Look at What's Next

As you can see, the Jewish journey of making *aliyot* is likened to the stages of taking a big, special trip: first you decide where you're going, then you plan and prepare, then you have the experience of the trip itself, then the trip is remembered as a very special part of your overall life experience, and then, ultimately, it becomes an integral part of who you are.

At the Grade 5 Bar Mitzvah and Beyond Family Meeting, the discussion with the parents helped shift perspectives on the experience that already had begun to unfold, helping them see the bar/bat mitzvah learning and preparation not as a series of necessary to-do's to travel from Point A to Point B, but as a journey filled with opportunities for sacred moments, meaning, and inspiration, fostered by their warm, loving embrace of their children and gentle, lovingly transmitted words of Torah.

Similarly, the children came to understand that becoming bar/bat mitzvah would be for them just one Jewish trip, albeit a significant one, among the many that they would experience over the course of their lives. They were excited to learn about the many *aliyot* they would be making at Temple Beth–El in the years to come, including the one I wish to highlight here.

Making Multiple Aliyot (Literally)

From the beginning of our involvement with the BMR, we had dreamed of having our students return to the bimah to chant Torah a second time within three to six months of becoming bar and bat mitzvah, (and, we hoped, many more times after that). The idea was to make the honor and privilege of chanting Torah the norm at Temple Beth–El. In other words, we dreamt that this second Torah chanting (*Aliyah* 7) would be not just something that our kids would understand was expected of them, but something that they would aspire to. The idea was to build on the excitement around each student's positive bar/bat mitzvah experience and keep it going.

Success!

We are pleased to report that our first post-b'nei mitzvah seventh-grade chanters have stepped up and done beautifully. Since we implemented *Aliyah* 7 this January, four seventh graders and several older teens and adults have chanted during Shabbat morning b'nei mitzvah ceremonies and minyan services. The seventh graders' response to being "assigned" another Torah reading has

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Why Special Needs Camping is Extra Special

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By Marcy Rosenfeld

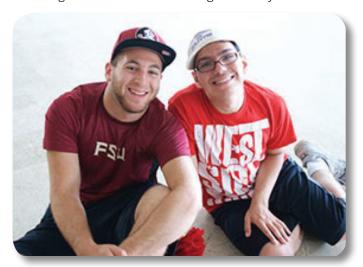
Our son Wayne was diagnosed on the autism spectrum somewhere around age three. We knew even before his diagnosis that he was "different," with a distinct disparity in his ability to use language expressively versus responsively. He was also intensely sensory-needy, craving deep pressure hugs and similar inputs for a long time. Between the speech and occupational therapy services that were both school-based and private, as well as the Special Olympics and Somerset County, New Jersey Therapeutic Recreational programs, we succeeded in keeping Wayne constructively busy and progressing. Somehow, between our local school district and the county parks programs, we managed Wayne's summers quite effectively. Then, as he entered his teen years and headed for high school, summer program opportunities became less abundant. We had first heard about the Kutz program peripherally through our older daughter, who was involved with NFTY programs and camps throughout her high school years. As she neared the end of her high school spring semester at NFTY EIE in Israel, we were desperately looking around for an appropriate summer program for Wayne and remembered seeing something about one of the Mitzvah Corps programs (our daughter had done Urban Mitzvah Corps the prior summer). We searched around on the NFTY website and thankfully found the Kutz program for teens on the autism spectrum. The framework of the program was really compelling, as it paired "typical" teens in a peer engagement capacity with teens on the spectrum, thus providing a strong social skills component.

Wayne began attending Kutz Mitzvah Corps, now Kutz Gibush, for one week in 2010. He was a sweet, 14-year-old, lovable boy who was transitioning from intermediate to high school. His father and I were understandably nervous about sending our cherished, but sometimes very needy son off for a week away with total strangers. Nevertheless, I was excited for his opportunity to have a week away from home in an inclusive Jewish content camp with a strong support framework in place to manage potential rough spots. I was also anxious, because the memories of a very turbulent pre-adolescent period were still very vivid, and, let's face it, the kid had his "unique issues." At the end of the week, we picked up our camper, who was glowing with joy. He had had a wonderful time, bonded with staff and typical peers, and couldn't wait to return the next summer. Camp management took the opportunity to greet us and fill us in on the main details of his week. They also told us that there would be special needs supports available to Wayne if he opted to participate in regional NFTY-GER programming offered throughout the year. Home run!!!!! The year-round NFTY programming that had sustained our daughter throughout her high school years would also be available to Wayne! What a great ride home that day, as we recognized all of the social opportunities that lay ahead for Wayne.

Thus began our son's induction into NFTY programming: school-year kallot and summers at Kutz. As our township's six-week extended school year program was reduced from five days per week to four, and from full days to half days, Kutz became an increasingly important part of Wayne's summers. In 2011 Wayne spent two weeks at Kutz and his older sister went as a Mitzvah Corps counselor. Both had

an incredible summer. More importantly, Wayne bonded with another teen on the spectrum, and the two became inseparable. All of the posted photos from camp showed Wayne and his friend together enjoying the pool, sitting together on the camp bus for trip days, bowling, at the funplex, at Shabbat worship, in song leading sessions — always together. After camp, there were phone calls back and forth between the fall and winter NFTY-GER kallot, when they would look forward to enjoying time together again. This relationship was a big deal. Despite all of the activities we managed to keep Wayne involved in, and the long history with his class peers, Wayne didn't really have friends to spend time with socially outside of school. Wayne now had a true friendship — long distance, but nevertheless a meaningful social relationship with a peer.

By the summer of 2013 Wayne was attending the full summer program and was an expert at all things Gibush. He looked forward to the yearly trip to New York City, including the excitement of seeing Broadway shows.



Wayne (r) shown with one of his counselors.

His love of music has been nurtured by his regular participation in the song leading curriculum, which has also promoted his active participation in Shabbat services both at camp and at our home synagogue, Temple Beth–El in Hillsborough, New Jersey. He also bonded with one counselor in particular, who returned the following summer and subsequently was able to attend last year's NFTY Convention in Atlanta as Wayne's assigned support person.

Last summer was a little disappointing for Wayne because his good friend had decided not to return to the Kutz program. Wayne had some anxious moments that required several reassuring phone calls home as well as an occasional email exchange with staff to suggest some strategies for managing anxious times. He didn't have the distraction or camaraderie of his friend, but he definitely had the support of highly motivated and caring staff that helped Wayne overcome his anxiety and ultimately enjoy his Kutz experience.

The past year has indeed been one of transition for Wayne. Wayne's friend has moved on to community

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Our March Mensch of the Month is Lisa Bendavid



Lisa Bendavid lives in Bridgewater with her husband, Bryan. Together they are the proud parents of three. Their eldest, Emily, is in her second year at Drexel University; Carlie is a junior at Bridgewater-Raritan High School. And the youngest, Jared, is preparing for his bar mitzvah in March.

Lisa has been a member of Temple Beth-El for about 15 years. She's served on the Youth Culture

Committee and has been a regular blood donor any chance she gets, provided she's eligible, that is.

Professionally she works as an administrator for a financial and college planning service. Lately she's been quite busy with bar mitzvah planning but when she has some free time, she enjoys reading, the beach, and needlecrafts.

It's this latter hobby that has earned her praise at temple lately. Lisa graciously and lovingly created new covers for the rabbi's amud (lectern) and Kiddush table. She worked with Donna Tischfield and Karen Kaplan of the Beautification Committee to select fabrics and trim that would complement our sanctuary décor. Lisa was the primary seamstress on the project and her careful attention to detail is evident. She made not one set of covers, but TWO — a Shabbat set in burgundy and a High Holy Day set in white. They are beautiful and enhance our worship space.

Next time you are in the sanctuary, be sure to admire Lisa's handiwork.

Our April Mensch of the Month is Julie Hirsch



One look at this photo of Julie Hirsch and you can tell that she loves running — and long-distance running at that! Julie has run in 27 marathons to date and will soon be running in the Jerusalem Marathon. Yes, you read that right — the Jerusalem Marathon!

Julie is a food scientist by training and has done research and development on many well-known foods and consumer products,

such as BandAid, SlimFast and Aveeno, to name a few. She currently teaches an undergraduate course on Food and Health at Rutgers.

For the last few years, Julie has been active in IHN, serving as the evening shift coordinator, (always looking for volunteers) and 4–H (also always looking for volunteers). She's been on the board of trustees and is currently chairing the Brit K'hillah Task Force. She's just recently returned from a mission trip to Israel with the Blank Leadership Fellows program.

Julie and her husband Greg, an ob/gyn, are celebrating their 20th anniversary this year. Together, they make their home in Branchburg with their two daughters, Iris (16) who is taking a high school semester in Israel with the EIE program, and Talia (13).

Returning to this great photo of Julie in her element... Julie runs with a special ID tag on which she writes this self-directed mission: "Set goal. Achieve. Smile." No wonder she's successfully completed 27 marathons! Good luck in Jerusalem, Julie!

Thank You All!

From Lil Swickle

I want to extend my thanks to everyone for all the support and offers of shelter (and anything else I may have needed) during my recent craziness.

For those of you who don't know....a week before I returned from Florida (for my first and probably last snowbird fling), there was a fire in my home. Evidently, an electric outlet on the exterior of the house shorted out and started the fire. The fire was working its way up the outside of house and would have soon hit the roof if it were not for my neighbor noticing the smoke and alerting the police. In fact, the fire department said if they had been called even a half an hour later, the fire would have been too far advanced

to control, and could very well have resulted in the house being destroyed. I'm so fortunate my neighbor was exiting his house right when he did.

There is damage to the rear of the house. A few rooms have holes in the walls which are boarded up. But the good news is that the house is livable. I have heat and electricity in most of the rooms and the smoke damage has been handled already. I'm functional.

I'm sure the repairs will take a while, but...it could have been a lot worse! Nobody was hurt and things can be fixed.

And I was blessed with the outpouring of affection from my community. Thanks to all who expressed their support!

CHAI my name is

Chaim



Only kidding, my name is actually Larry Osman.

I was born in Trenton, raised in Edison and currently live in Bridgewater. You may know my wife Robin Osman, our temple president. Nobody has yet instructed me on my duties as first gentleman, but it seems to be working out just fine so far, except for the time I sat next to her

at a Shabbat service and she told me I should walk down from the bimah and sit with the rest of the congregants.

We have three children, Eric, 23, Alex, 20, and Jamie, 17. Both of our sons live in Philadelphia. Eric studied entertainment management at Drexel University; he currently manages a number of popular bands and started his own record label. Alex is in his junior year, also at Drexel. He is studying computer science and finishing up a six month co-op at Comcast in Center City. Jamie is a junior at Bridgewater Raritan High School. With a passion for videography, she is an up-and-coming YouTuber.

I studied computer science at Rutgers College, where I met Robin, who was my sister's roommate. But we didn't date until many years later - reminiscent of When Harry Met Sally. I spent over 30 years working at Nabisco, which became RJR, which became Philip Morris, which became Kraft Foods, which became Mondelez International. Although the company changed names, Oreos and Mallomars were always by my side. I was an application developer for sales, manufacturing, and marketing, followed by a few years of web development and finally global management roles in e-business, consumer relations and service management. I enjoyed my rewarding career, but thought 30 years was enough, and I recently left to do something totally different that allowed me to pursue my passions for cooking, comedy and music. I also now have the flexibility to spend more time with my elderly parents, who still reside in Edison in the house where I grew up.

My post-corporate America career began just a few months ago, when I created a start-up food company, Uncle Larry's Schlumpia™. I make Filipino egg rolls (lumpia) filled with Jewish-inspired fillings. Schlumpia™. varieties include lox, eggs and onions, kasha varnishkes, pastrami Reuben, apple strudel and many more. I especially like that I'm able to re-create many of the recipes I've enjoyed over the years with my parents, grandparents and extended family at many holidays and simchas. I hope to do catering and participate in festivals and popup restaurants. There may even be an Uncle Larry's food truck in the future. I've brought and will continue to bring Schlumpia™ to many TBE events so you can try them. More details can be found at Schlumpia.com or at the top

social media destinations.

I currently play guitar in TBE's Tefilah band and keyboards in our unofficial temple klezmer group, and I also play with a rock band comprised of my former Mondelez colleagues. I'm self-taught and learned on an old kids' Magnus chord organ, so I can read numbers, but not music. My fellow Tefilah band-mates are all amazing and accomplished musicians, and I have learned so much from them all, as well as from Cantor Pincus. I hope to play at some coffee houses/open mics in the future.

I wrote an autobiographical comedy book a few years back called *Put It In Your Act!* that is available on Amazon (hint, hint), and I performed stand-up at the last two TBE Cabaret Night events. I think part of the reason Robin is so active in TBE is that it gives her a much needed respite from my jokes. Seriously, I'm very proud of her passion and accomplishments at our TBE and within our Jewish and local community.

I enjoy long walks at nearby Duke Farms, rooting for the Mets, seeing live music, eating new and interesting food, binging on NetFlix and working on displaying my vast Mr. Peanut collection in its allotted space within our basement.

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Fresh bagels, Coffee, Snacks, and Chillin' Together

Open 8:45 to 11:15 a.m. on Religious School Sundays



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Jewish LIFE

Lifelong Learning at Temple Beth-El 2015-2016 / 5776



ADULT EDUCATION AT TEMPLE BETH-EL

SUNDAY

BEGINNING HEBREW READING

March 13; April 3, 10 9:00-9:50 a.m.

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March 13; April 3, 10 10:00-11:00 a.m.

INTERMEDIATE BIBLICAL HEBREW

March 13; April 1; May 1 • 11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

iEngage 2: A Shared Homeland for a Divided People

March 13 • 2:00-4:00 p.m. (note early start time) April 10; May 22; June 5 • 4:00-6:00 p.m.

TUESDAY

GREAT JEWISH WRITERS AND GREAT JEWISH WRITING

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

March 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 5 continues: March 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

April 14; May 12 All films begin at 7:00 p.m.

JEWISH FILM SERIES

May 21; June 18 All films begin at 7:00 p.m.

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!

Click <u>here</u> to see the complete Jewish LIFE Program Guide of events at the JCC and around the community.

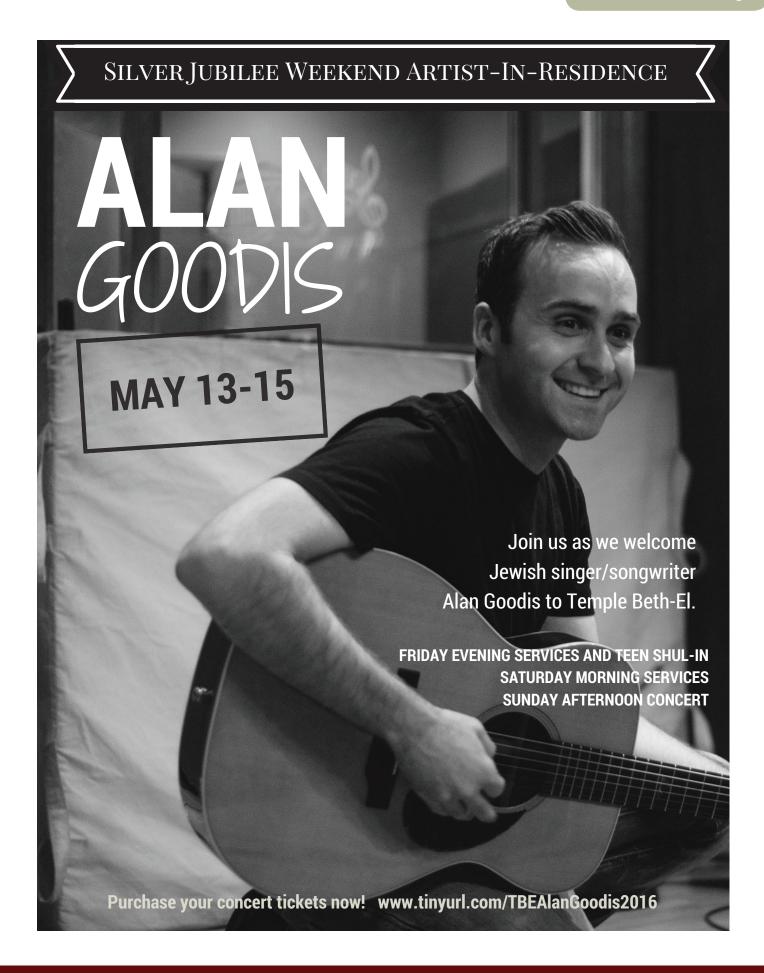
For questions about Jewish LIFE and to register for special events, contact the Birnbaum ICC at 908-725-6994 x201.

Honoring Kathy Shanklin

for 25 years of Inspiring Musical Accompaniment

Have you ever sat during services or the silent prayer and a particular riff from the piano elevated your soul or lifted your spirits?







the **SPIEL**

If you could, whom would you nominate from the cast of The Big Band Theory to take a starring role in the Megillah? Come see Sheldon, Leonard, Penny, Howard, Raj and the rest of the gang duke it out to see if the Jews will be saved once more from destruction in "Big Bang Theory: The Spiel!"

Purim Megillah Reading The Big Bang Theory: The Spiel Wednesday, March 23 7:00 p.m.

Written by Cantor Marni Camhi. Directed by Cantor Emily Wigod Pincus.



Meet Your Fellow Congregants Through TBE Connects

If you have yet to explore TBE Connects, you may find yourself missing out on one of our newest fun initiatives. TBE Connects is a pilot program designed to bring together small groups of congregants who share common interests and wish to pursue them with other temple members. It is a great way to expand and deepen the relationships you have with people in the Temple Beth-El community and to develop new friendships and interests with fellow enthusiasts. Debbie Herman (daherman@mac.com) and Jeff Resnick (jeffresnick@outlook.com) are coordinating this program. Reach out to them directly with questions about TBE Connects in general. For questions about a specific group, contact one of the group guides listed below.

Kavvanah Achat

Group Description: What is in your heart? Celebrate your spirit and the connections we share. Discuss inspiring passages from the Torah or Torah-inspired texts. Share personal reflections. Nourish your body and soul through activities such as music, meditation, or just going for a walk on a nice day.

When: Monthly gatherings at a time and place to be determined by participants.

Group Guide: Michael Herzog (mherzog@acelity.com)

(Dog) Walk And Talk

Group Description: This group is all about sharing fun conversation while helping your dog (and you) get some exercise. We'll gather together at different local parks to walk and talk, about anything and everything. Dog treats optional.

When: Monthly walks at a time and place to be determined by participants.

Group Guide: Mark Reynolds (mareynolds2000@yahoo.com)

Sunday A.M. Workout

Group Description: Connect with other congregants while working out! We'll gather one Sunday morning a month after Religious School drop-off for a 9:15-10:00 a.m. spin class at Go Ryde Studio in Somerville.

When: On an upcoming Sunday morning. The fee for each class is \$15. We will start with a series of spin classes and may decide to sample other group fitness class options based on group member interests.

Group Guide: Lara Schachter (lara_schachter@mckinsey.com)



Food For Thought

Group Description: We'll start by making connections together over wine and appetizers. During subsequent gatherings we'll enjoy dinner together, with each group member bringing part of the meal. The group might also decide to participate in a cooking class, enjoy an evening out at a restaurant or plan a Shabbat or holiday meal. When: Three to four weekend evening gatherings over the course of the year at a time and place to be determined by the participants.

Group Guide: Reach out to Jeff Resnick (jeffresnick@outlook.com) or Debbie Herman (daherman@mac.com) if you are interested.

Singles Together

Group Description: We're a group of single congregants (45+) in the TBE community. Every month we'll get together to eat, learn and play. We'll share a table together at the rabbi's 25th anniversary jubilee celebration on Saturday, May 14, and also make plans for several fun evenings out, or simply to enjoy Shabbat services together.

When: Monthly gatherings at a time and place to be determined by participants.

Group Guide: Reach out to Jeff Resnick (jeffresnick@outlook.com) or Debbie Herman (daherman@mac.com) if you are interested. We are looking for one or two congregants to facilitate this group. Let us know if you can help out. Training and coaching provided.

Cycling Connection

Group Description: Get to know other Temple Beth-El cyclists while cycling throughout central NJ.

When: We'll start riding soon once spring arrives in earnest. An initial group gathering will be scheduled soon in order to connect with another, and agree upon a few initial itineraries and dates.

Group Guide: Jerry Novak (GNovak1@its.jnj.com)



Canoe & Kayak, Spring Full Moon Lake Paddle /Camping Weekend in Bucks County, PA

Friday, May 20 to Sunday, May 22, 2016 A two night, three paddle excursion:



- Friday early evening: Arrive and setup camp, then go on a Full "Spring" Moon Paddle on Lake Towhee.
- Saturday: 3-5 hour paddle on Lake Nockamixon. (We will be staying at the same campground as Friday.) Exact plans TBD per makeup of the group.
- Sunday: Break camp, then paddle on Giving Pond, then a final meal out at The Bridge Cafe in Frenchtown, NJ.

Limit of 14 people for camping. Welcome to join us for one of the day's paddles, but must get permission from leader first. Preference will be given to people who own boats. The trip is organized around everyone having their own equipment. No rentals available on site.

RSVP by May 6. Please contact Brian at Brian.Horowitz@Yahoo.com to register or to ask any questions.

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had the support of highly motivated and caring staff that helped Wayne overcome his anxiety and ultimately enjoy his Kutz experience.

The past year has indeed been one of transition for Wayne. Wayne's friend has moved on to community college, and Wayne has gone onto post-graduate status in high school, spending half of his school day in a community work program. It has been a year without NFTY, as Wayne and his friend both participated in their farewell program at the 2015 NFTY-GER Spring Kallah, taking their walk around friendship circle together to hand out their candles to the younger NFTY members. And this summer Wayne will spend his last summer at Kutz, because he will age out of the program after his 20th birthday. The camp will mark the occasion with a special ceremony for Wayne and his fellow "graduates." For Wayne it will mark the culmination of seven wonderful summers at Kutz. Just as Wayne started Kutz in transition, he is ending his participation in transition, sad but excited about prospects for a next chapter.

Thanks to the summer program at Kutz, our young boy has experienced so much joy and has been so enriched, while growing into the young man that he is today. Wayne has found friendship, cultivated a caring support network, and nurtured his love of music, travel and Israel throughout his six years of Kutz programming. As Wayne will soon be a Kutz alumnus, we wonder about the next chapter. For the time being, it is our dream and Wayne's that sometime soon, there will be an opportunity for a KESHER Birthright trip — one that would be appropriate for the special needs alumni of Kutz. Now wouldn't that be a wonderful next chapter?!

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been overwhelmingly positive, and they are now motivated to chant again. Some are finding that they simply love chanting Torah. Others are excited to be present in this very special way for their peers at their b'nei mitzvah ceremonies. Some are excited about earning a beautiful yad (Torah pointer), as part of our Yad Chazakah program, which awards a yad to a member of our congregation who has chanted Torah three times post-bar/bat mitzvah. Whatever the motivation, all who have done it feel a special pride in their own accomplishments and in making such a special contribution to their community. And all understand that in carrying forward a meaningful and beautiful tradition they are making an essential contribution to the strength and survival of our people.

We are proud of everything our congregation has supported and accomplished in the almost four years that we have been participating in the Bnai Mitzvah Revolution, and we are so very proud of our young people, who have risen to the challenge of learning and sharing words of Torah. If the future of the Jewish people is in their hands, our future is indeed very bright.

L'shalom,

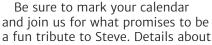
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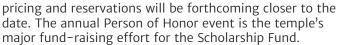
Brotherhood

by Brian Wood, Co-Chair

Brotherhood 2016 Youth Scholarship Fund Person of Honor: Steve Lieberman

The TBE Brotherhood is excited to announce that long—time temple member Steve Lieberman has been chosen as our Brotherhood 2016 Youth Scholarship Fund Person of Honor. Steve's numerous accomplishments serving Temple Beth—El and the greater Jewish community will be highlighted at a brunch and roast April 3 at 10:30 a.m.





For those of you who have not yet met Steve, here are a few details about his background:

- Steve and his wife Irene have been married for 42 years.
- They have two children; Mark, 36, an executive TV news producer in Biloxi, MS and Rachel, 32, an actuarial consultant in Seattle, WA.
- Steve's passion is bicycling the hillier the better.
- He's been a member of Beth-El since 1981 and has served on and led numerous committees. He was the congregation's president from 2003 to 2005.
- Steve is also past president of the Brotherhood. He has served on the Brotherhood board for about 10 years.
- In the broader Jewish community, Steve currently serves as the president of the Jewish Federation of Somerset, Hunterdon and Warren Counties. (Can you tell? He really likes the president role.)
- In the broader secular community, he has served on the Somerville Board of Education.
- In his day job as an attorney, Steve is certified in criminal defense law. He even volunteers for Legal Services of New Jersey.

The Youth Scholarship Fund was established to provide all Temple Beth–El member families' children 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 fund has awarded over \$30,000 in scholarships to temple youth. We appreciate your support of the fund, and of Steve, through the Person of Honor event on April 3. Register now at: www.tinyurl.com/TBEP0H2016.

Cultural Arts

by Simona Rivkin, Chairperson

Cultural Arts Happenings

Israeli Folk Dancing! A Temple Beth-El tradition for more than 12 years!

We create our own dancing Chavurot, with a bundle of social activities and fun. Would you like to join us?

Come for the joyful and spiritual experience of Israeli dancing. Get moving and get in shape. It's the best workout for mind, body, and soul!

Drop in to the multipurpose room of 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.

And don't forget, first time dancers get a free lesson. Come on, everyone loves a freebie!

Any questions, contact Simona at bakerec@comcast.net. Please note that the April 9 date for the movie *Three Sisters* has been changed to May 21.

This great movie was chosen by the Sisterhood ladies to be screened. Keep looking for the poster and flyers about it.

Have a sweet and happy Purim, Have a happy day every day. And see you at the movies, And maybe dancing,

L'shalom,

Simona Rivkin

Passover Begins April 22

Do you need a place to celebrate Passover?

Consider joining the congregational seder on April 23 (see flyer on page 19), or contact the temple office to be matched with someone who has an extra seat at their seder table.

Do you have an extra seat at your seder table?

Consider welcoming someone who doesn't otherwise have a place to celebrate the holiday. Contact the temple office if you have room at your seder table.

Contact Susan, 908-722-0674, ext 112, <u>SusanWalters@TempleBethElNJ.org</u>

Israel Matters

by Beth L. Lavranchuk, Chairperson

Prayer at the Western Wall

Just a few short weeks ago the Israeli government approved an egalitarian space for prayer at the Western Wall. The long-awaited plan is to create a new area by the Western Wall where the Conservative and Reform movements will be permitted to hold egalitarian prayer services.

The new 900-square-meter section is not expected to be fully functional for several more months. Under the agreement, this egalitarian prayer section will be located at the southern expanse of the Western Wall at the site where a temporary platform already exists. The agreement requires that the existing gender-segregated prayer areas and the new egalitarian section will be accessed by a common entrance, but both sections will have equal visibility.

Women of the Wall will move its monthly service to the new section as soon as it is functioning. In addition, the current custodian of the Western Wall will no longer control the area known as the "upper plaza" situated outside the official prayer areas. As a result, it will now be possible to hold official national ceremonies in this area where men and women can remain together. This is significant for national functions. Moreover, as a female visitor to the Western Wall, it is my hope that non-Orthodox women will no longer feel uncomfortable approaching the plaza and being told that their dress is not appropriately modest.

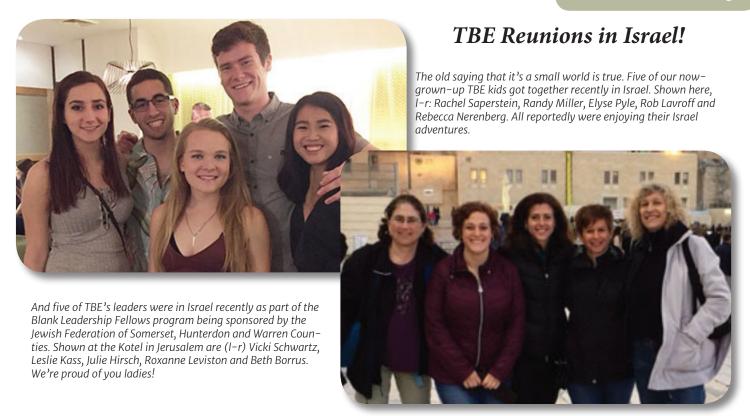
The agreement stipulates, that in the existing sections that remain under Orthodox control, prayer regulations

will continue to be governed by the Orthodox. The Reform and Conservative movements, as well as Women of the Wall, welcomed the agreement, acknowledging that it is a groundbreaking decision. Rabbi Gilad Kariv, executive director of the Reform movement in Israel, noted that this was the first time the government of Israel had provided official recognition to the pluralistic movements. This historic moment allowed the rabbis of the Reform movement (CCAR), at its recently concluded convention, to hold an egalitarian prayer service at the site with the knowledge that the group's ability to do so offers growing recognition of the legitimacy of liberal Judaism in Israel. The importance of this moment cannot be underestimated.

Therefore, it is with great excitement that we invite you to attend our Scholar-in-Residence weekend (April 8 and 9) at which we will have Rabbi Gilad Kariv as our guest. Please mark your calendars for this wonderful opportunity.

In addition, please join us on Friday, March 18 at our Erev Shabbat Service, at which we will have Mohammad Darawshe, Director of Planning, Equality and Shared Society at The Center of Shared Society at Givat Haviva. Mohammad's knowledge and expertise has been awarded several times, including the Peacemakers Award from the Catholic Theological Union, the Peace and Security Award from the World Association of NGOs, and the Leadership Fellow of the New Israel Fund. In 2008 he was elected as a council member in his hometown, Iksal.







Temple Beth- El Celebrates Israel and Shabbat!



Please Join the Israel Matters Committee, our Clergy and the Reform Jewish Community for

Israel Shabbat

Friday, May 6, 2016

Celebrate Shabbat!

with a delicious **catered** dinner at 6:00 p.m. featuring authentic Mediterranean cuisine (provided by Sahara) with our wonderful community;

Enjoy!

a beautiful musical presentation and reminisce about the sights and sounds of Israel; and

Worship!

at our warm and inspiring Shabbat Service. Rabbi Gluck will share some very important insights about Israel.

Adults \$15.00; Children \$8.00

RSVP by Monday, May 2 online at <u>www.tinyurl.com/TBEIsraelShabbat2016</u> or to Susan Walters (908-722-0674 or SusanWalters@templebethelnj.org).

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.

March 20

Paid-Up Membership Luncheon 12:00 p.m. Spain '92 1116 Rt. 206S in Raritan

\$19.00 per person.

Respond to Stan Mendelson, 30 Daulton Drive, Somerset, NJ 08873. Make all checks payable to the Renaissance Group of Temple Beth-El.

This is a member-only event. Not sure you have paid up? Call Bob Taber, 732-469-1393.

May 8

Me and My Girl - Voorhees High School

Sunday 2:00 p.m.

Brunch at 12 noon before the show is included. \$20 for center seating and \$15 for side seating. Send check to Barry Skolky, 12 Wexford Way, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

May 13 Friday Night Oneg

Renassance will join with others presenting a superlative Friday night oneg after Shabbat services to kick off the Silver Jubilee weekend.

Watch for details on these additional activities:

Harold's Deli Winery Tour and Tasting Dessert Theater in Hopewell Walking Tour/Tasting Lower East Side Ballgame and Girasol Restaurant

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.

Hope to see you there. Register at www.tinyurl.com/TBEPassover2016

Pulim in the Xitchen

"When Adar arrives, joy is increased" (Babylonian Talmud). The month of Adar brings with it an air of festivity culminating in the holiday of Purim, which takes place on the Fourteenth of Adar. What better way to prepare for the joy of Purim than by baking hamentaschen, the hallmark cookie of Purim, a triangular pocket of pastry filled with poppy seeds or a variety of jams such as prune, apricot, or raspberry.

Here's a classic hamentaschen recipe, and a triple chocolate version. If you enjoy foody experimentations, try some new varieties you can check out online, such as rosewater pistachio hamentaschen, coconut hamentaschen with cheesecake filling. Or go savory with rosemary hamentaschen with balsamic caramelized onion jam, or margarita hamentaschen. Kids may love the Rice Krispie hamentaschen recipe. Happy baking!

Classic Hamentaschen

Ingredients

1/2 cup butter (or margarine) 3/4 cup granulated sugar

- 1 egg
- 1 Tbsp milk (or almond milk)
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 tsp grated lemon zest
- 1 1/4 cups all purpose flour
- 1/4 tsp baking powder





Directions

- 1. Beat the butter and sugar together until smooth. Add egg, milk, vanilla and lemon zest until mixed thoroughly.
- 2. Sift together the flour, baking powder and salt. Add dry mixture to wet mixture until incorporated. Note: if the dough is too soft, increase flour amount by ½ cupfuls until firm.
- 3. Chill dough for at least 1 hour or up to 24 hours.
- 4. Dust work surface with powdered sugar to keep from sticking. Roll the dough to about 1/4 inch thick.
- 5. Using a round cookie cutter, cut out and place onto cookie sheet. To keep the dough from sticking to your cutter, dip in powdered sugar before each cut.
- 6. Fill each round with your favorite filling; and using your favorite method, pinch corners together tightly.
- 7. Bake at 400° for about 7-9 minutes.

Recipe adapted from Betty Crocker's Picture Cookbook, General Mills, 1950

Triple Chocolate Hamentaschen

Ingredients

For the chocolate dough: 1/2 cup butter (or margarine) 3/4 cup granulated sugar

- 1 egg
- 1 Tbsp milk (or almond milk)
 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 1/4 cups all purpose flour 1/8 cup dark cocoa powder 1/4 tsp baking powder
- 1/4 tsp salt

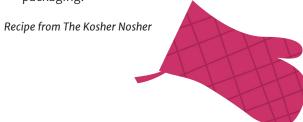
1/4 tsp cinnamon

For the white chocolate drizzle: 1/2 cup white chocolate chips 2 tsp vegetable oil

Nutella for filling

Directions

- Beat the butter and sugar together until smooth. Add egg, milk and vanilla until mixed thoroughly. Sift together the flour, baking powder, cocoa powder, cinnamon and salt in a separate bowl. Add dry mixture to wet mixture until incorporated. Note: if the dough is too soft, increase flour amount by 1/4 cup of flour until firm.
- 2. Chill dough for at least 1 hour or up to 24 hours.
- 3. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees.
- 4. Dust your work surface with powdered sugar or flour to keep from sticking. Roll the dough to about 1/4 inch thick.
- 5. Using a round cookie cutter, cut out and place onto cookie sheet.
- 6. Fill cookies with scant 1/2 tsp nutella.
- 7. Bake for 7-9 minutes. Allow cookies to cool completely.
- 8. Place white chocolate and vegetable oil in a small glass bowl. Heat in the microwave at 30 second intervals until melted. Mix until completely smooth.
- Use a fork or a small plastic squeeze bottle to drizzle white chocolate sauce back and forth on cookies. Allow to dry completely on a cooling rack before serving or packaging.



by Marcy Rosenfeld and Cindy Scott, Co-Presidents

Sisterhood Wants to Help You Fulfill the Purim Mitzvah of Mishloach Manot (The Sending of Gifts to One Another)

he month of Adar is upon us, and it's time to celebrate Purim! The holiday begins on Wednesday evening, March 23, and we commemorate this joyous episode in our history with our congregational Purim Spiel and Megillah reading. The Sisterhood is also preparing to help with the congregational celebration: our annual Purim bag sale is designed to help everyone fulfill the mitzvah of "mishloach manot" or the sending of "portions." Did you know that the "sending of portions" is intended to be done preferably via messenger? Your Purim bag purchased from Sisterhood will definitely be delivered by messenger – one of our excellent

Temple Beth-El volunteers.

Last year Sisterhood committed to ensuring that every Temple Beth-El family received one of our beautiful Purim gift packages or mishloach manot. This year, Sisterhood has renewed its commitment to ensure every Temple Beth-El member family will receive a beautiful Purim gift bag. This commitment involves a huge effort on the part of the Sisterhood, as well as on the part of the entire congregation. Sisterhood asks YOU to help by volunteering with deliveries and/ or purchasing one or more gift bags. Last year just about 1/3 of

our families were responsible for the entire congregation receiving their Purim bags. Let's make this a year when 2/3 or more of our families participate in the Sisterhood Purim bag mitzvah. It only takes \$6 to send a bag to a Temple Beth-El family or \$10 to send a bag to someone else within the local area.

The Purim bag order forms should already be in your homes. If you need one, call the Temple Beth-El office to ask for order forms. They can be emailed to you. Here are some options to consider as you plan your order:

✓ **Consider reciprocation** – Do you want to make sure that everyone who sends you a Purim bag also gets one back from you? Reciprocation is your option. You must order at least 3 Purim bags in order to select this option, but that's just \$18 to show 3 families some love. You

will be billed afterwards for those additional bags you sent under reciprocation.

✓ Consider being a Golden Grogger Giver – Look at your congregational list as well as the staff and teacher lists. Are there 30 or more names that you would select to receive Purim bags from you? If so, the Golden Grogger Giver option is for you. For just \$180 your name will be included on each bag sent to staff, teachers, and families within the Temple Beth-El community. It's like sending a bag to everyone! You don't have to worry about hurting anyone's feelings by forgetting them -

> because nobody will be forgotten. How easy is that? Wish to give without fanfare? No problem there's also the option of being an anonymous Golden Grogger Giver. You can send bags without anybody

knowing.

✓ Consider being a Mitzvah Giver everybody in the congregation gets a Purim bag? This is your opportunity to help with this effort. Select this option, and Sisterhood will ensure that for every mitzvah bag you order, a family for whom nobody else has ordered a bag will receive one.

Do you want to help ensure that

Why are we pushing so hard with this Purim bag project? Simple: it's our biggest fundraiser of the year. Last year, it enabled us to buy a new stove and refrigerator for the Temple kitchen and to supplement donated funds to purchase a new freezer. This year, we are looking to make improvements to the Sanctuary. Wouldn't it be nice to see fresh carpeting? Sisterhood would like to help, but we can't do it without you.

One more thing: the deadline has passed, but there is still time to order your Purim bags! Please contact Cindy Scott (c.scott93@yahoo.com) ASAP with your order. Also contact Cindy if you can volunteer delivering the Purim bags. It really is a joy to see the expression on the face of someone as you hand them the beautifully decorated bag filled with goodies.

Let's all make this a special Purim!

Sisterhood Women's Torah Study Group

(one of the perks of Sisterhood membership)

Next session: Wednesday, March 30 at 7:30 p.m.

Hosted by: Donna Tischfield

Discussion Leader: Marcy Rosenfeld

Parashat Shemini (Leviticus 9:1-11:47)



Possible Discussion Topics:

- God gives instruction through Moses on types of sacrifices to be made by Aaron and his sons;
- Aaron's two elder sons are killed for offering an "alien fire" on the altar of the Holy Temple;
- God commands the kosher laws, instructing which animals and insects may be eaten; and
- The people of Israel are enjoined to differentiate between pure and impure.

R.S.V.P. to Gayle Skolky (gskolky@gmail.com or 908-575-0444)

The Sisterhood

Women's Day of Rest and Renewal

June 4, 2016

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Please check Sisterhood's Tuesday Tidbits and the Shofar for program and pricing details.

Interfaith Hospitality Network

Leigh Freeman, Coordinator — IHN / Temple Beth-El

Our next hosting date is March 20-26

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.

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

March 20-26 June 12-18 A

November 6-12 December 25-31

August TBA

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 <u>SignUpGenius</u> (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.

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 on the next page.

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).

* 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 mavens, and anyone interested in helping our families. Sign up on SignUpGenius and Mara will be in touch with what supplies are needed.



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Interfaith Hospitality Network

by Leigh Freeman, IHN Coordinator

Attention — Important Information About the Next IHN Hosting!

The next IHN hosting is March 20 to 26. NOTE: We switched with another congregation to help them out. We are no longer hosting in April.

If you are thinking of volunteering, but skeptical that you "know what to do," our periodic training sessions will erase all your doubts and answer the questions you may have.

The one hour training session 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 that would likely accompany their parents when covering a shift, B'nei Mitzvah students, adults—TBE members and friends, Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops...just about anyone interested in helping the homeless.

The remaining schedule for the first half of 2016 is: April 10, 2016

May 22, 2016

No need to register or RSVP...just drop in to room 112, also known as the IHN Lounge, on any of the dates above during religious school.

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

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 dancer.leighfreeman@att.net

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	

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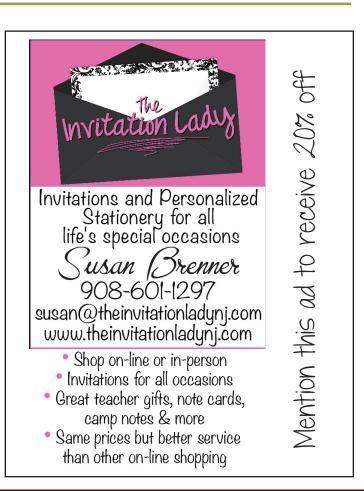




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Lifecycle

Temple Beth-El Family News for March/April

Our Condolences to...

Pat Galler on the passing of her husband, Justin Galler Mitchell Stein, on the passing of his mother, Ruth Stein Michael White, on the passing of his mother, Mary White Annie Heimberg, on the passing of her father, Fryderyk Wojcik Roy Freiman, on the passing of his father, Al Freiman Stanley Mendelson, on the passing of his brother, David Mendelson

B'Nei Mitzvah

Eric Braun Rebecca Stept Jared Bendavid Max R. Miller Noah Skoultchi Jacob Kistler

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 new.livestream.com/OurBethEl for apple, android and new.livestream.com/OurBethEl for <a href="apple.app

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

Mitzvah Committee: To offer or request help, please contact Carol Ahlert, <u>carolahlert@yahoo.com</u>, 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 Mishebeirach 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.



Madison Leigh Singer Born December 7, 2015 To parents Rachel and David Singer And proud grandparents Neil and Debbie Friedman





Alexander Logan Caoili December 26, 2015 To parents Carrie and Leo Caoili, big brother Fletcher And proud grandparents Richard and Debbie Fleischer



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 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 and Charles Feurman, parents of Ileen Bradley Paul Glaser, father of Shelley Drozd Karen Zweig, mother of Lauren Iannucci Morris Schenkman, father of Eugene Schenkman 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 David Sandler Robert Bradley, father of Robert Bradley Rose Faer, mother of Beverly Bober William Klinghoffer, father of Doris Moshinsky Bathsheva Malberg, mother of Marc and Ed Malberg Anne Swickle, founding member of Temple Beth-El

To be read March 11

Rose Mintz, mother of Goldie Taub
Fay Berger, grandmother of Dana Colon
Dorothy Nerenberg, mother of Henry Nerenberg
Alice Seid, grandmother of Ken Rubin
George Skowronek, son of Joshua Skowronek and brother of
Brian Skowronek
Sylvia Opper, grandmother of Tamar Yarkoni
Frederick Dallow, father of Brian Dallow
Joseph Enzer, husband of Lillian Swickle
Dorothy Levine, mother of Alvin Levine
Richard I. Spivack, father of Michelle Grafer

Bessie Tucker, mother of Barbara Cohen

Harold Brandman, father of Ed Brandman Joseph Curau, Sr., father of Joseph Curau Matilda Goldberg, mother of Michael Goldberg Mildred Shoenfeld, mother of Janet Schenkman David Sloane, father of Leslie Marcus

To be read March 18

Lillian Evens, mother of Carl Evens
Beatrice Klein, mother of David Klein
Anna Rosen, mother of Rochelle Levin
Arthur Lavin, grandfather of Liz Cohen
Molly Schutzman, grandmother of Cheryl Nelson
Tillie Vogel, mother of Irwin Vogel
Joan Bateman, mother of Caren Bateman
George Glass, husband of Elinor Glass
Eileen Lemansky, mother of Ellen Edwards
Albert Swickle, father-in-law of Lillian Swickle
Hannah Walitsky, mother of Paul Walitsky
Charles Fetaya, father of Pat Fetaya
Lotte Weyl, mother of Lewin Weyl

To be read March 25

Melvin Wolfson, father of Laura Kasauskas
Jules Swickle, husband of Lillian Swickle
Victor Vigdergaus, father of Simona Rivkin
Eva Spivack, grandmother of Michelle Grafer
Charles Steinman, father of Judi Steinman
Billie Sharon Crumley, sister of Stuart Southland
Rose Grossman, mother of Linda Strand
Herman Blond, father of David Blond
Dahlia Johnston, mother of Russ Johnston



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To be read April 1

Tiby Sharlin, sister of Goldie Taub Irwin N. Levison, father of Carol Levison Jacob Seckler, father of Ellen Bailin Mollie Schenkman, mother of Eugene Schenkman Florence Winters, mother of William Winters Robert Rubin, father of Ken Rubin

To be read April 8

Rosalie Zapolin, mother of Zorina Walitsky Antoinette Bouchonville, mother of Maria Landau Max Tischfield, father of Jay Tischfield Robert Donohue, father of Karen Donohue Phyllis Phillips, sister of Jeanette Tuckman

To be read April 15

Sheila Broder, sister of Debbie Friedman
Ben Spinner, father of Max Spinner
Robin Callaghan, cousin of Brian Small
Ida Goldstein, mother of Marcia Shubitz
Esther Katz Rosen, aunt of Betty Roswell
Edward Ditman, father of Robin Kimmelman
Elaine Freiman, mother of Roy Freiman
Patricia Klimczak, sister of Joan Weiss
Bernard Kimmelman, father of Alan Kimmelman
Joseph Burke, husband of Nancy Burke
Leonard Miller, father-in-law of Laura Miller
David Zelnick, father of Zelda Reinhart

To be read April 22

Abraham Levenson, father of Edith Rugg Rose Sekler, mother of Ellen Bailin Armond Sherman, uncle of Jonathan Andell Fannie Fruchter, mother of Rena Fruchter
Anne Gomolka, mother of Albert Gomolka
Seymour Morrison, brother of Leon Morrison
Milton Schwartz, father of Eric Schwartz
Charles Bronston, father of Jan Gorban
Yael Gorban, mother of Arieh Gorban
Shirley Nelson, sister of Karen Andell
Benjamin Brown, father of Marvin Brown
Sol Ferling, father of Rhona Ferling
Herbert Greenberg, husband of Phyllis Greenberg
Herbert Schall, friend of Stanley Mendelson
Carole Rosenhaus, aunt of Steve Weitz
Milton Skowronek, father of Joshua Skowronek
Philip Kaplan, father of Mitch Kaplan
Ottilie Wasserman, grandmother of Tamar Yarkoni

To be read April 29

Benjamin Horowitz, father of Sid Horowitz Caryn Katz, sister of Pauline Schneider Felice Platt, sister of Rena Fruchter Hyman E. Cohen, father-in-law of Barbara Cohen Jeffrey Mayer, brother of Cheryl Nelson John Yourman, father of Amy Berger Lloyd Goldberg, father of David Goldberg George Paritz, father-in-law of Joshua Skowronek Henry Rosewater, grandfather of Jonathan Andell Martha Brody, mother of Bruce Brody Lillian Richman, great aunt of Lynn Small Cheryl Bloomstein, wife of Michael Bloomstein Joseph Kelson, father of Ellen Brown Irving Leventhal, father of Alan Leventhal Jack Unrot, grandfather of David Sandler Roz Hirsch, mother of Allan Hirsch

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Calendar of Events

Tuesday, March 1

5:00 p.m. Youth: Sh'lichim

5:00 p.m. Strategic Plan Working Group Meeting

6:30 p.m. Youth Leadership Training Seminar

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

Wednesday, March 2

4:30 p.m. Hebrew School

6:30 p.m. Confirmation Academy

7:00 p.m. Membership Committee Meeting

Thursdsay, March 3

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, March 4

Post-Confirmation Trip to Atlanta Departs

6:30 p.m. Shabbat Across America Dinner and Shabbat Seder

Saturday, March 5

Post-Confirmation Trip to Atlanta

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

with Bar Mitzvah of Eric Braun

7:00 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Film Series Epilogue

Sunday, March 6

Post-Confirmation Trip to Atlanta

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

9:00 a.m. Grade 6 Tallit Workshop

9:00 a.m. Leadership Development

9:15 a.m. Brotherhood Board meeting

10:00 a.m. IHN Training

12:30 p.m. Purimspiel Rehearsals

1:00 p.m. Renaissance Luncheon

Monday, March 7

4:30 p.m. Hebrew School

7:00 p.m. Mah Jongg

7:30 p.m. Ritual Committee Meeting

7:30 p.m. Religious School Committee Meeting

Tuesday, March 8

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

Wednesday, March 9

4:30 p.m. Hebrew School

6:00 p.m. Sisterhood Board Meeting

6:30 p.m. Confirmation Academy

Thursday, March 10

6:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Gentle Yoga Flow

7:00 p.m. Jubilee Planning Meeting

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, March 11

7:00 p.m. Family Shabbat Service with Grade 7 and **Girl Scout Participation**

Saturday, March 12

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study with B'nei Mitzvah of Jared Bendavid and Rebecca Stept

Sunday, March 13

Daylight Savings Time — Spring Ahead

9:00 a.m. Sunday School with Grade 3 Family Ed

9:00 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Beginning Hebrew Reading

10:00 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Aleph Isn't Enough

11:00 a.m. Purim Carnival

11:15 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Intermediate Biblical Hebrew

2:00 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Engaging Israel 2

Monday, March 14

4:30 p.m. Hebrew School

6:30 p.m. Post-Confirmation

7:00 p.m. Mah longg

7:45 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, March 15

7:30 p.m. Leadership Development

Wednesday, March 16

4:30 p.m. Hebrew School

6:30 p.m. Confirmation Academy

Thursday, March 17

6:00 p.m. Purimspiel Rehearsals

7:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Israeli Folk Dancing

Friday, March 18

8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service with Choir and Guest Speaker Mohammad Darawshe

Saturday, March 19

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study with B'nei Mitzvah of Max Miller and Noah Skoultchi

Sunday, March 20

IHN Hosting Week Begins

9:00 a.m. No Sunday School — Spring Break

9:00 a.m. Purim Bag Pickup

12:00 p.m. Renaissance Luncheon at Spain 92 6:00 p.m. Brotherhood Dinner and a Movie

Monday, March 21

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

4:30 p.m. No Hebrew School — Spring Break

6:30 p.m. Purimspiel Final Dress Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. Mah Jongg

Wednesday, March 23

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

Break

6:15 p.m. Purimspiel Call for Performers

7:00 p.m. Erev Purim -- Megillah Reading and Purim Spiel: "The Big Bang Theory: The Spiel"

Thursday, March 24

6:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Gentle Yoga Flow

7:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Israeli Folk Dancing

Friday, March 25

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

Saturday, March 26

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

with Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Kistler

7:30 p.m. Adult Game Night

Sunday, March 27

IHN Hosting Week Concludes

9:00 a.m. No Sunday School — Spring Break

Monday, March 28

4:30 p.m. Hebrew School

6:30 p.m. Post-Confirmation

7:00 p.m. Mah Jongg

7:30 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, March 29

7:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Great Jewish Writers and Great Jewish Writing

Wednesday, March 30

4:30 p.m. Hebrew School

6:30 p.m. Confirmation Academy

6:30 p.m. Confirmation Academy — 10th Grade

7:30 p.m. Women's Torah Study

Thursday, March 31

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



Calendar of Events

Friday, April 1

NFTY GER Grade 6-7 Retreat Departs 6:00 p.m. Shabbat for Tots 8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service with Sisterhood

Saturday, April 2

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Minyan Service and Torah Study 10:00 a.m. Board and Committee Chair Workshop

Sunday, April 3

NFTY GER Grade 6-7 Retreat Returns
9:00 a.m. Sunday School with Grade 4 Family Ed
9:00 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Beginning Hebrew Reading
10:00 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Aleph Isn't Enough
11:00 a.m. Person of Honor Breakfast

Monday, April 4

4:30 p.m. Hebrew School 6:30 p.m. Youth Culture Committee 7:00 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Ritual Committee Meeting

Tuesday, April 5

6:30 p.m. Youth: Leadership Training Seminar 7:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Great Jewish Writers and Great Jewish Writing

Wednesday, April 6

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

Thursday, April 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, April 8

7:00 p.m. Family Shabbat Service with Scholar-in-Residence Rabbi Gilad Kariv

Saturday, April 9

Youth Grade 4-5 Event; Time TBD 10:00 a.m. Shabbat Minyan Service and Torah Study with Scholar-in-Residence Rabbi Gilad Kariy

Sunday, April 10

Social Action: Habitat for Humanity; time TBD

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

9:00 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Beginning Hebrew Reading

9:00 a.m. Leadership Development

10:00 a.m. IHN Training

10:00 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Aleph Isn't Enough

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Monday, April 11

4:30 p.m. Hebrew School 6:30 p.m. Post-Confirmation 7:00 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:45 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, April 12

7:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Great Jewish Writers and Great Jewish Writing

Wednesday, April 13

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

Thursday, April 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 Committee Meeting 7:45 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Yoga Nidra

Friday, April 15

NFTY GER Spring Kallah Begins 8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service with Choir; Honoring Kathy Shanklin

Saturday, April 16

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

Sunday, April 17

NFTY GER Spring Kallah Returns 9:00 a.m. Sunday School with Grade 2 Family Ed Program

Monday, April 18

4:30 p.m. Hebrew School 7:00 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m. Religious School Committee Meeting

Tuesday, April 19

7:00 p.m. Membership Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m. Brit K'hillah Meeting

Wednesday, April 20

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

Friday, April 22

Erev Pesach — First Seder

Saturday, April 23

Shabbat Pesach; Day 1 10:00 a.m. Yom Tov and Shabbat Service 6:30 p.m. Pesach — Congregational Second Seder

Sunday, April 24

Chol HaMoed Pesach No Sunday School — Pesach Break Temple Offices Closed

Monday, April 25

Chol HaMoed Pesach No Hebrew School — Pesach Break 7:00 p.m. Mah Jongg

Tuesday, April 26

Chol HaMoed Pesach 6:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Gentle Yoga Flow

Wednesday, April 27

Chol HaMoed Pesach No Hebrew School — Pesach Break

Thursday, April 28

Chol HaMoed Pesach 8:00 p.m. Yom Tov Pesach and Yizkor Services

Friday, April 29

Yom Tov Pesach; Day 7
Temple Offices Closed
8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service — Shabbat
B'Shir, Recognizing Jewish Family Services

Saturday, April 30

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Minyan Service and Torah Study 7:00 p.m. Adult Game Night

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