Shofar



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Rabbi's Message

Looking Back with Gratitude on 25 Years of Blessing

As we come to the conclusion of my 25th year with Temple Beth-El, I look back with tremendous gratitude on the journey we have shared. For sure, there have been challenges along the way, but they seem small in comparison to the many blessings we have experienced

together. We have grown as a community, but more importantly, we have shared our lives. We have laughed and cried, supported each other in times of need, reveled in our successes, and celebrated our joys.

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6:00 p.m. Shabbat for Tots 8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service – Israel Shabbat

Saturday, May 7

Parashat Ácharei Mot II, Leviticus 18:1–30 10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study with Bat Mitzvah of Rachel Nisenson

Friday, May 13

Silver Jubilee Weekend Celebrating Rabbi Gluck's 25 Years 7:00 p.m. Family Shabbat Service with Artist-in-Residence Alan Goodis

Saturday, May 14

Parashat K'doshim, Leviticus 19:1-20:27 Silver Jubilee Weekend Celebrating Rabbi Gluck's 25 Years 10:00 a.m. Shabbat Minyan Service and Torah Study with Artist-in-Residence Alan Goodis

Friday, May 20

8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service with Choir and Youth Person of Honor

Saturday, May 21

Parashat Emor, Leviticus 21:1–24:23 10:00 a.m. Shabbat Minyan Service and Torah Study

Friday, May 27

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

Saturday, May 28

Parashat B'har, Leviticus 25:1-26:2 10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study with Bat Mitzvah of Shayna Friedman

JUNE

Friday, June 3

7:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service with Service of Confirmation

Saturday, June 4

Parashat B'chukotai, Leviticus 26:3-27:34 10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study with Bat Mitzvah of Michelle Engler

Friday, June 10

8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service with Yad Chazakah

Saturday, June 11

Parashat B'midbar, Numbers 1:1–4:20 10:00 a.m. Shabbat Minyan Service and Torah Study 7:00 p.m. Erev Shavuot Yom Tov Services with Yizkor 9:00 p.m. Tikkun Leil Shavuot

Friday, June 17

8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service and Installation of Officers

Saturday, June 18

Parashat Ñaso Numbers 4:21–7:89 10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study and Bar Mitzvah of Ethan Rizzi

Friday, June 24

8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, June 25

Parashat B'haalot'cha Numbers 8:1–12:16 Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study with 2nd Bar Mitzvah of Bob Taber

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Temple Calendar Webpage

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

Shofar Submissions and Deadline

The next issue of the Shofar will be September-October 2016. PLEASE NOTE: The deadline for submissions is August 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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My family and I didn't come to Hillsborough thinking that this is where we would stay. Not that we had other plans in mind, but life is simply unpredictable. It was impossible to know what the future held in store for us, and how our relationship with this community would unfold. In retrospect, as the Shabbat prayer *l'cha dodi* says of God's creation, "the end was clear from the beginning." We were so warmly welcomed and embraced into this caring, down-to-earth, extended Jewish family that TBE quickly became more than a place for us to serve. It became our home. Twenty-five years later, though we have accomplished much together, it is this spirit, and the relationships and friendships, that stand out. As a community, and as individuals, you have opened your hearts to me and my family and let us be part of your lives in so many ways and at some of your, and our, most poignant moments. We have rejoiced in each other's simchas, celebrating births, bar and bat mitzvahs, confirmations, weddings, conversions, and more. We have prayed together in times of illness and consoled each other in times of loss. It has been a blessing, and I am grateful beyond words for your kindnesses to me, and for the opportunity you have given me to be part of your lives.

When Abraham entered into the covenant with God, God bid Abraham to go outside and look up to the heavens. As numerous as the stars, said God, "so shall be the multitude of your descendants." In Hebrew, the first word of this phrase is "ko," meaning "so" or "thus," and it is spelled

"kaf" "hey," which has the numerical value 25 (kaf is 20, and hey is 5). Abraham began the journey of the Jewish people with a vision more expansive than the mind can fathom; a vast human family living together in peace and harmony, grounded in righteousness, justice and love. "Ko," "thus" shall be the end toward which you and your descendants shall strive, said God to Abraham.

From its inception Temple Beth–El has embraced this mission that was bequeathed to us by Abraham. And over the years our community has remained faithful to it. As your rabbi it has been my honor and privilege to work in creative partnership with the lay and professional leaders of our congregation to chart a course for our community and to pursue it to the best of our ability. We have shared visions of what we could grow to be. Many of them have been fulfilled. Others still inspire us as we look forward. But looking back, I could never have imagined the vast multitude of blessings that we have shared "ad ko," thus far, at 25. Like the stars in the sky, they are simple to many to count. And so, in awe and gratitude I say, Todah rabbah, I thank you with all my heart!

May God bless us all with good health, abundant joy, and long life. And may we share many, many more joys together in the years to come.

B'vracha,

Rabbi Arnold S. Gluck



May 13-15, 2016

Silver Jubilee Weekend Celebrating Rabbi Arnie Gluck's 25 Years of Service

This year marks Rabbi Arnie Gluck's 25th with Temple Beth-El and we're celebrating!
The Jubilee weekend has something for everyone!

Friday, May 13

7:00 p.m. Family Shabbat Services with Guest Speaker Rabbi Bennett Miller and Musical Artist-in-Residence Alan Goodis followed by a Teen Shul-in with Alan Goodis

Saturday, May 14

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services with Torah Study and music with Artist-in-Residence Alan Goodis7:00 p.m. Dinner dance at the Bridgewater Manor (Reservations required)

Sunday, May 15

2:00 p.m. Concert with Artist-in-Residence Alan Goodis Free and open to the community

TEMPLE BETH-EL Artist-In-Residence



Alan Goodis in Concert
Free and Open to the Community!
Sunday, May 15, 2:00 p.m.

Temple Beth-El 67 US Highway 206 Hillsborough, New Jersey 08844

A Note From Our Cantor

by Emily Wigod Pincus

Yad Chazakah

We are happy to announce that the third round of beautiful *yadot* will be presented from our *Yad Chazakah* program during Shabbat Services Friday, June 10 at 8:00 p.m.

The Yad Chazakah started in September, 2012, and has been wildly successful in revitalizing the practice of chanting Torah in our congregation. Anyone who has chanted three times beyond bar/bat mitzvah will receive a special *yad* to commemorate this achievement. The award was made possible though a grant from the **Sam and Beatrice Epstein Foundation**, which was established by their children, Larry

and Len Epstein. For the past several years, we have been most privileged to have Larry Epstein as tutor to our b'nei mitzvah students, and we thank him for having made this possible!

Contributions to the fund in honor of special occasions such as a celebration of b'nei mitzvah, observance of yahrzeits, or other life cycle or educational events are always gratefully accepted.

Todah Rabah to the 53 adults and children post b'nei mitzvah who have chanted or who will chant Torah this year.

Joy Auerbach
Isabella Almeida
Samantha Almeida
Rachel Berger
Daniel Braun
Matt Engler
Mitchell Friedman
Sarah Friedman
Jonathan Funaro
Evan Gladstone
Sydney Handler

Julie Hirsch
Talia Hirsch
Hannah Hopson
Noah Horowitz
Kelsey Kaplowitz
Karen Kaplan
Marissa Kass
Leslie Kass
Caroline Kornbrek
Jim Lavranchuk
Jay Lavroff

Harold Levin
Ed Malberg
Max Miller
Rachel Nisenson
Robin Osman
Marissa Osofsky
Larry Osman
Danielle Reynolds
Kristen Rodrigues
Marcy Rosenfeld
Talia Rubin

Courtney Shapiro
Daniel Shapiro
Jake Silver
Justine Smith
Jonathan Snyder
Vicki Schwartz
Lindsey Skole
Danielle Reynolds
Marcy Rosenfeld
Wayne Rosenfeld
Noah Skoultchi

Dvorah Southland Ruth Southland Zack Stept Robert Taber Amanda Taylor Cory White Rachel White Abby Wilson Ethan Wolkowsky

The Temple Beth-El
Confirmation Class
of 2016

invites you to join us
for a special Shabbat Service
and Confirmation Ceremony
as we reaffirm our commitment
to Jewish life as young adults

Friday, June 3rd, 2016 at 7pm
Temple Beth-El
67 Route 206 North, Hillsborough, NJ

From Our President

by Robin Osman

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

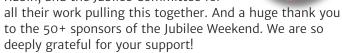
It's nearly impossible to believe that the first year of my presidency is coming to a close. As I think about this past year, I can't help but smile. There is just so much for which to be grateful. Our community is strong and vibrant, with a wonderful spirit. The individuals who comprise our temple family are beyond compare; they are kind, caring, compassionate and social–justice minded. This year has been an absolute joy for me, and I hope it has been for all of you as well.

Especially noteworthy was the way our community came together to host around 200 teenagers for NFTY Hagigah. These teens overflowed with positive energy, and their spirit was contagious. Host families were just as excited, and they raved about the experience. Hosting Hagigah was quite the undertaking, but our staff and volunteers made it look seamless. Many thanks to Lisa Friedman, Amy Rubin, the Youth Culture Committee, the Smoochy board, the 30 host families and 19 volunteers who shared their talents, teaching sessions on everything from hot peppers to jewelry making to iPhone photography. Thanks to all of you for making this happen!

One of my favorite evenings of the year was when we honored Kathy Shanklin, our accompanist, for 25 years of dedicated service to Temple Beth-El. Not only is Kathy a tremendously talented musician who brings great music to TBE, she is also an incredibly kind soul who brings a beautiful spirit to our community. Kathy, thank you for the music and the light you bring to TBE (and to the world!).

And speaking of honoring people for 25 years of dedicated service, I couldn't be more excited about the upcoming celebration of Rabbi Gluck's 25 wonderful years with us. It is truly a blessing to have such an outstanding, kind, compassionate rabbi, whose teaching and leadership are exemplary. Rabbi Gluck has been by our sides through thick and thin, and now we have the opportunity to show our rabbi how much we love and appreciate him. Let's fill up every seat in the sanctuary as we honor Rabbi Gluck during a very special Shabbat service on May 13! The celebration continues on May 14 with a fabulous dinner dance. Nearly 200 of us will be attending, but there is still room for you! It promises to be a fantastic evening. And the weekend wraps up with a free concert featuring our artist-in-residence, Alan Goodis, on May 15. I hope you

will all participate in this wonderful weekend of celebration. Many thanks to Myrna Binder, Karen Kaplan, Amy Rubin, and the Jubilee Committee for



Thank you to the professional staff, which is second to none: Rabbi Gluck, Cantor Pincus, Amy Rubin, Sarah Gluck and Lisa Friedman. It would be hard to imagine a more talented, committed, hard-working and overall wonderful and outstanding team of professionals. It's an absolute joy to work with each of you. Thank you for all you do! Many thanks to the support and custodial staff as well.

Our Executive Committee feels like the dream team, and I am incredibly lucky to partner with such a smart, strategic, thoughtful, generous and caring gang. Thank you Jay Lavroff, Leigh Miller, Gary Cohen, Andrea Bradley, Jay Taylor and Debbie Herman. You are the best, and it is an honor for me to be a part of this group.

Thank you to our board members and committee chairs. You are an outstanding group of leaders who love Temple Beth-El, and who serve our community with passion, dedication and countless hours of your time. Some of you have been serving TBE for decades. I can't thank you enough for everything you do for us! I would like to extend a special thank you to Andrea Auerbach, Gari Bloom and Harold Levin, who are timing off the board after nine years of dedicated service. Thank you!

There are so many individuals deserving of thanks, and I wish I could mention all of you by name. But then my article would take up the entire Shofar! However, we will be having a volunteer reception on Monday, June 13 at 7:15 p.m. I hope all who have volunteered in any way, shape or form this year will join us so I can thank you personally at that time.

We are truly blessed at Temple Beth-El. Thank you for the honor and the privilege of serving this wonderful community.

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

Annual Congregational Meeting Monday, June 13

Please join us for our annual congregational meeting on Monday, June 13, 8:00 p.m. At this time, we will share with you what has happened throughout the year, and you will have the opportunity to vote on the slate of officers and the budget for the coming year.

Prior to this meeting, we will hold a Volunteer Recognition Reception at 7:15 p.m. We could not accomplish all that we do without the work of our wonderful and tireless volunteers. Our volunteers work both within our congregation and in the larger community.

We work at the food bank; we help house the homeless, comfort the bereaved and reach out to our members in need. We work to create and deliver many programs and events for the temple. The examples of our volunteers' generosity are numerous.

Let's mark this sacred moment together as we celebrate our accomplishments and look forward to all we will do together next year. We hope to see you at the Volunteer Recognition Reception and at the Congregational Meeting.

Temple Beth-El Slate of Officers and Trustees 2016-2017 / 5777

Officers

Terms ending June 2016:
President — Robin Osman
First Vice President — Jay Lavroff
Second Vice President — Leigh Miller
Treasurer — Jay Taylor
Financial Secretary — Andrea Bradley
Corresponding Secretary — Leslie Kass
Recording Secretary — Gary Cohen

Trustees

Terms ending June 2017: Shuey Horowitz Jerry Nelson Jeff Weinstein Ryan Maizel Mike Bloomstein Terms ending June 2018:
Beth Borrus
Julie Hirsch
Melissa Pyle
Rick Zack
Vicki Schwartz
Dave Cohen
Leigh Freeman

Terms ending June 2019: Debbie Herman Susan Brenner Jeff Resnick Bob Taber Elayne Weitz Mara White

Nominating Committee

Chair: Lillian Swickle, Immediate Past President Committee: Gari Bloom, Melissa Pyle, Cindy Andrews, Caren Bateman

Help Us Shape the Future of TBE

Temple Beth El is proud to be a pilot site for a new URJ program of Congregational Assessment. This project will help us take a look at our synagogue and ways we can make the experiences we share even more meaningful and deepen our connections to each other, thus strengthening our community. Part of this project involves sending a survey to the entire congregation. In the coming weeks, you will receive a survey via email. Please fill it out; your thoughts mean a great deal to us. Answers are confidential. Thank you in advance for helping to shape the future of TBE.

2016 Youth Person of Honor: Zach Friedman



It is with great joy that we announce this year's Youth Person of Honor, **Zachary Friedman**. A junior at Hillsborough High School, Zach has been an involved member of the Temple Beth-El community along with his family since he was in preschool.

Zach's commitment to the Temple Beth-El community is quite varied. If there is an opportunity to be involved, Zach

takes it! He has completed Confirmation Academy and is currently a student in our Post Confirmation program. He is an active member of our senior youth group (SMOOCHY) and holds a general board position. In addition, Zach is involved in NFTY-GER (our regional Reform youth movement).

Beyond youth group Zach participates in our Leadership Training Seminar to plan events and experiences for younger children, has served as a *madrich* in the religious school since eighth grade and participated this year as a service leader in our S'hlichim program. He even had a starring role in this year's Purim schpiel! Zach is a roll-uphis-sleeves kind of doer and never shies away from a task, regardless of what it is. He is truly deserving of this honor.

Mazel tov to Zachary and the whole Friedman family!

Scholarship Opportunities for Youth and Teens

As a congregation, we encourage our youth and teens to take advantage of various opportunities beyond the walls of the synagogue — opportunities that allow them to engage in meaningful Jewish educational, cultural and social programs; deepen their connection with Reform Judaism; and encourage them to live meaningful Jewish lives. These opportunities may take the form of a Jewish summer camp, a hands-on social action program (Mitzvah Corps), a summer or high school semester in Israel, or regional or national events with the NFTY (North American Federation of Temple Youth).

And our teens have responded to this encouragement with great enthusiasm. Temple Beth-El is sending young people to URJ-affiliated summer camps and a record 11 teens on Mitzvah Corps experiences. Once a rare occurrence, we now routinely have a Temple Beth-El student spending a high-school semester in Israel through NFTY-EIE.

We are fortunate to have two sources of scholarships to support families who want to make such experiences a reality for their kids. The Brotherhood has for many years supported the Brotherhood Youth Scholarship Fund (BYSF), having provided approximately \$61K in needbased and merit-based scholarships since its inception.

Our Sisterhood has recently pledged support of Israel travel experiences and will be making an annual contribution to the Israel Travel Scholarship Fund (ITSF), established by a Confirmation Class several years ago.

As you and your child(ren) plan ahead for next year, keep these scholarship sources in mind. For simplicity, there will be a single scholarship application process overseen by the Brotherhood. The Brotherhood Youth Scholarship Fund will support TBE students attending summer camps, NFTY Mitzvah Corps and all regional and national NFTY events. The Israel Travel Scholarship Fund will help TBE students participating in programs in Israel.

Deadlines for 2016–17 for Brotherhood Youth Scholarship Fund applications:

- •October 1 for NFTY GER kick-off event, Fall Kallah, Winter Kallah, NFTY National Convention and NFTY EIE Spring Semester
- February 1 for ALL summer programs including Israel, NFTY EIE Fall Semester, NFTY GER 6/7 Event, Hagigah/ Elections, Spring Kallah and Leadership/Gala Event

Please consider making a donation to one of these funds. As more and more of our children and teens participate in such experiences, your financial support is critical.



Our May Mensch of the Month is Sharon Sietz



Sharon has been an IHN coordinator for overnight shifts and a dedicated IHN volunteer for years, quite possibly decades! She recalls bringing her daughters with her years ago and they now have kids of their own! Talk about dedication to the IHN effort!

More recently, Sharon has become involved with the temple's 4–H stand and has enjoyed volunteering with that community activity for the last three years.

Professionally, Sharon is a computer programmer at Hilltown Systems, where she supports M&M Mars projects. A Bridgewater resident, she enjoys the great outdoors, hiking and walking on the beach. And, of course, she enjoys spending time with her two daughters and three grandchildren.

Our June Mensch of the Month is Debbie Herman



Debbie Herman and her husband David live in Montgomery Township. They joined Temple Beth-El, in anticipation of their older daughter's baby naming, back in 1992. Today that older daughter, Annie, lives in NYC and works as the College & Communities Recruiter for Dow Jones | The Wall Street Journal. Their younger daughter Emily has just completed her junior year at Johns Hopkins University.

Debbie has contributed to our TBE community in a number of ways over the last several years. A member of TBE's Board of Trustees for the past two years, she has also served on the Executive Committee this past year as Corresponding Secretary. Debbie is an original member of the Brit K'hillah Task Force, which is working to strengthen relationships between temple members. She and fellow congregant Jeff Resnick have been actively spearheading the launch of a new small group initiative called TBE Connects, which is designed to foster deeper connections between temple members. Debbie has contributed to our TBE community in a number of other ways as well. She recently helped us to coordinate a small pilot of a new Shabbat dinner format called Shabbat Tables, (see page 11 to learn more about Shabbat Tables). She also served as chief communicator (and seat saver) for our 20+ delegates at the URJ Biennial in Orlando last November.

In her free time, Debbie enjoys traveling, Cape May and her weekly neighborhood game of mah jongg. An active volunteer with The Princeton Festival, a performing arts festival held each June in and around Princeton, Debbie also serves as a volunteer docent at Drumthwacket, the official residence of the Governor of New Jersey.

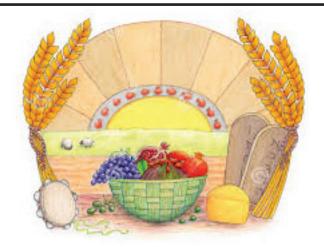
The Search for a New Director of Youth Engagement

The search for Temple Beth–El's next full–time Director of Youth Engagement is underway! A multi–generational search committee has been assembled to represent the needs of our youth, young adults and community at large. The position has been posted and we will evaluate the candidates as we receive resumes. Our hope is to have a new Director of Youth Engagement in place this summer. Stay tuned!

Leslie Kass Search Committee Chair Imkass@comcast.net



Iris Hirsch, daughter of Greg and Julie Hirsch, holds aloft a torah scroll during a worship service of Women of the Wall. Iris is studying in Israel this semester as part of the URJ NFTY-EIE High School in Israel program. And from the looks of it, she's having a transformational experience.



Join us to Celebrate the Festival of Shavuot

In Prayer, Song, and Study

Saturday Evening, June 11

7:00 p.m. – Yom Tov service and Yizkor
8:00 p.m. – traditional dairy treats for Shavuot
8:30 p.m. – Traditional Tikkun Shavuot Study
"From Stranger to Convert: The Evolution of the 'Ger' in Jewish Tradition"
Text study and discussion
Led by Rabbi Gluck

CAn Suvitation

You are invited to join the Taber Family on Saturday, June 25 when Bob will be called to the Torah in Celebration of his 80th Birthday.

A KIDDUSH LUNCHEON WILL FOLLOW THE SERVICE.

Mark Your Calendars!

TBE at the 4-H Fair August 10 - 12



Come join the minions making our famous falafel and lemonade!
This is TBE FUNraising at its best.

Contact Fern Schiffman
(TBEPitaFern@gmail.com)
or Michele Holler (bearchele2@aol.com)
to learn more about getting involved.



Jewish LIFE

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



ADULT EDUCATION AT TEMPLE BETH-EL

SUNDAY

iEngage 2: A Shared Homeland for a Divided People

May 22; June 5 • 4:00-6:00 p.m.

THURSDAY

ISRAELI DANCING

May 12, 19, 26; June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 7:30 p.m.

YOGA Gentle Yoga Flow

Session 6 continues: May 12, 19, 26 All sessions at 6:30 p.m.

Yoga Nidra Deep Relaxation

May 12 - 7:45 - 8:15 p.m.

SATURDAY

JEWISH FILM SERIES

May 21: *Three Mothers*, June 18: *Rock the Casbah* Films begin at 7:00 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS IN MAY & JUNE

Eddie Shapiro presents **Nothing Like a Dame: Conversations with the Great Women of Musical Theatre**, Thursday, May 19, at 12:00 p.m., at the JCC.
Fee: \$5/person.

Show your Israeli spirit and support...the annual **Celebrate Israel Day Parade in NYC is Sunday, June 5**.

Thank you and have a great summer!

Jewish LIFE (Learning Is For Everyone) thanks the community for its support throughout the year. Jewish LIFE will return in the fall with a new calendar of courses, lectures, and special events.



Table Hosts Needed for June 17 Congregational Pilot of New Shabbat Dinner Concept

Shabbat Tables is a Shabbat dinner experience where a congregant host welcomes you and your family to break bread and drink wine and share blessings at a Shabbat dinner table, while surrounded by other Temple Beth-El congregants doing the same at other tables. Join us Friday evening, June 17 at 6:30 p.m. for a congregational pilot of this new program.

We are currently seeking congregants who would be willing to serve as table hosts on June 17. As a host, you will be the captain of your Table, which can accommodate up to 8 people. You can invite your own guests. Or, we can match you with interested individuals, families, or groups of friends who want to

enjoy Shabbat together, but do not want to host. Together with your guests, you will plan what you will eat and drink, and decide who brings what. Table hosts will receive detailed information regarding how to plan your dinner menu, inviting your guests or matching with congregant guests and more. Please reach out to Julie Hirsch jbghirsch@gmail.com to learn more or to volunteer.

Stay tuned to the weekly TBE letter for more information about this pilot program including how you can sign up to be a guest at a congregant hosted TBE community table.

We look forward to celebrating Shabbat with you on June 17.

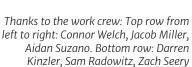


Campfire Style is In Style!

Kudos to Sam Radowitz and his crew of volunteers for creating a fire pit and seating area for Temple Beth-El as part of his Eagle Scout project. The fire pit was installed recently in the area formerly used by the Social Action garden. The fire pit will be a great addition to the temple's evening programs, particularly for youth shul-ins. Singing around the campfire or an outdoor Havdalah is now possible with Sam's fire pit and seating.



Sam puts the finishing touches on the concrete base.





Sam built six benches, with and without backs, for seating around the fire pit.

College Connection

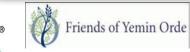
College Connection sent over 65 students a Pesach greeting this year. This year, as for the past several years, for Passover a donation is made in the students' honor, supporting our commitment to tikkun olam.

This year a donation for \$100 was made to Heifer International, and was matched 100% by the Knowledge Society to double the gift. We also made a \$50 donation to Yemin Orde, a youth village in Haifa we have supported for the past several years. This gift was matched 2:1 for a total donation of \$150.

We also sent a Dunkin Donuts gift card, to help our students get through exams and finals. A Passover email was also sent from Sarah Gluck, from our temple and Religious School. We continue to get wonderful feedback from our students about how much it means to them to be thought of during the holidays and how much they look forward to the TBE connection!

by Cindy Scott, Chairperson





Cultural Arts

by Simona Rivkin, Chairperson

Cultural Arts Happenings

Israeli Folk Dancing: 12 years and going strong!

Come for the joyful and spiritual experience of Israeli dancing. Get moving...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. Note: We will start at 8:00 p.m. on May 5, due to a holy day.

First-time dancers are free!

Any Q, contact Simona at bakerec@comcast.net

Jewish Film Series on Saturday, May 21, at 7:00 p.m., we will screen *Three Mothers*.

The Cultural Arts Committee and the Sisterhood are teaming up to present this film, awarded the best Israeli Feature Film of 2006, about the bonds of sisterhood and their limits. As the sisters' story of love, sacrifice, and resentment unfolds against the backdrop of their daughter and niece Rucha's struggle, the filmmaker confronts, with great insight and compassion, the difficult question of what it means to be a mother.

This movie is beautifully directed and acted. Do not miss! Pick up flyers in the lobby, check out the poster, and see the flyer in the *Shofar*.

Doors open at 6:45 p.m.

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, led by the Sisterhood, come to the Temple on May 21.

On **Saturday, June 18, at 7:00 p.m.**, we will show *Rock the Casbah*. Only a few Israeli films have been concerned with the difficulties of the occupation. Room 514, shown at our temple in 2013, was one such film. This award—winning film is another. The year is 1989, and in an era of Palestinian demands for independence, the State of Israel sends young soldiers to oversee the Arab population in the Occupied Territories. The film tells the story of the soldiers assigned to catch some of the violent demonstrators in the streets of Gaza, and it provides you with a sense of what the soldiers had to deal with, how they coped, and the differences between them. The film describes the extraordinary journey of a young soldier trying to find his place in the chaos surrounding him.

RSVP for either movie to Simona: bakerec@comcast.net

Looking back, many thanks to Social Action co-chairs David Cohen for leading the discussion on March 5 for the film *Epilogue*, to Jodi Siegal for set up and cleaning; to Jim Lavranchuk for sound help; and to my husband, Ted, for running the event in my absence.

Hope to see you at the movies, And maybe dancing,

PASS ON

INTERNATIONAL

L'shalom,

Simona Rivkin

The Cultural Arts Committee, together with Sisterhood, presents

Three Mothers

A Contemporary Israeli film by Dina Zvi-Riklis

Saturday, May 21 at 7:00 p.m. (Doors open at 6:45 p.m.)

Awards:

Best Israeli Feature Film, Jerusalem Film Festival, 2006 Best Feature Film, Jersey Shore Film Festival, 2007

Three Mothers weaves a remarkable story of triplets. Born in Egypt before 1948, these Jewish sisters immigrated to Israel and grew into three very different young women. Now Flora has retired from her work as a midwife, Jasmine awaits a kidney transplant, and Rose, once a successful singer, is wrapped in silence since the death of her husband. The film explores the limits of the bonds of sisterhood as they reveal the decades-old secret that has twisted their lives and families together. As the sisters' story of love, sacrifice, and resentment unfolds against the backdrop of their daughter and niece Rucha's struggle to start a family of her own, the filmmaker confronts, with great insight and compassion, the difficult question of what it means to be a mother.

Viewer Comments:

This movie was beautifully directed, and the actors really gave a great performance.

Bring a Friend Make it Mom's Night Out Make it a Date Night

Enjoy the movie night with schmoozing, digging into appetizers, and meeting/making new friends before the show



PROVOCATIVE DISCUSSION AFTER THE FILM LED BY SISTERHOOD

Not rated. 106 minutes. In Hebrew and French with English subtitles.

Suggested donation \$5/pp or better

RSVP REQUIRED

To Simona at BAKEREC@comcast.net

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@ embargmail.com.

Mav 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

Mav 13

Friday Night Oneg

Renaissance and other creative committees join together to present a superlative Friday night oneg to begin the celebration of our Silver Jubilee Weekend. Not to be missed!

June 26

Jozanna's Casual Italian 409 Lincoln Boulevard, Middlesex, NJ (732-537-9600) \$29 per person, 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. Menu: Choice of three appetizers, salad course, choice of four entrees, dessert, soda, tea, coffee, BYOB Be on the lookout for a flier from Stan Mendelson, 732-873-2858; email istan@comcast.net

Watch for fliers indicating activities over July/August:

Harold's Deli Winery Tour and Tasting Dessert Theater in Hopewell Ballgame and Girasol Restaurant

A special treat from Gail Meyers

Heavenly Noodle Pudding

Ingredients

12 oz. medium noodles

2 cups sour cream

5 eggs, separated

4 oz. melted butter or margarine

1 1/2 cups sugar

3/4 cup milk

1 tsp. vanilla

Golden raisins

Directions

Cook noodles and add all other ingredients into a large bowl

With mixmaster make snow with egg whites and fold into noodle mixture last. Pour into (approx.) 9 x 13 inch baking dish. Refrigerate overnight.

Topping Next Day

Mix together:

1/2 cup brown sugar

1/2 cup cornflake crumbs

Cinnamon to taste

Dot 1/2 bar of butter, cut in pieces on top

Bake at 350 degrees for 35-40 minutes.

Delicious - Enjoy!

Help Wanted



Want to join me in our Cultural arts committee fun??

Just give Simona a buzz, 908-369-7884



We will soon start working on our grandiose program for the next year! Your input could be more valuable than you think!

The Ritual Committee gratefully acknowledges the following merchants for their generous support of Temple Beth-El's 2016 Congregational Passover Seder:





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Wendy and Noah Horowitz
Karen Kaplan
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Irene and Steve Lieberman
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Laura Miller Charlie and Maddy Okun Larry and Laure Paul Gracy and Mark Reynolds
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Amy Rubin
Fern Schiffman
Caryn Schinske
Eric Schwartz
Vicki Schwartz
Jodi Siegal
Jodi and Justine Smith
Joan Williams
Brian Wood

Sisterhood

by Marcy Rosenfeld and Cindy Scott, Co-Presidents

2016 Purim Bag Mishloach Manot Update

Sisterhood is very excited to report that our Mishloach Manot effort this year was a great success! We achieved our goal again this year of providing a bag to every one of the 417 temple members and 18 staff. Additionally, bags were ordered for 62 individuals or families who are not Temple Beth-El members. We believe our continued success is due to two main factors:

- Profits from Purim bag orders were earmarked for a specific cause: refreshing our temple sanctuary with some much needed carpet repairs and painting; and
- So many in our temple were motivated by the goal to send a bag to every member of our temple family.

Some of the highlights of this year's Purim bag campaign include:

- 520 bags were made and delivered
- We had 30 Golden Groggers, up from 24 last year
- 32% of temple families gave a bag, vs. just 28% last year
- The mitzvah bag option continued to be popular: 30% of temple orders also included a mitzvah donation.
 Some orders were just for mitzvah donations.
- Golden Grogger and mitzvah donations enabled us to send a bag to 34% of our temple family who wouldn't otherwise have received bags.
- As they did last year, the Temple Membership Committee also sent new members bags that included a special Purim greeting card from the committee.
- We had 50 terrific temple member drivers, which included many Sisterhood and Brotherhood members.
 We also had two student volunteers whose parents helped them deliver Purim bags for Religious School community service hours.
- We are still collecting money for orders and reciprocated bags, but we are happy to report that profits will be at least \$8,000 - enabling us to make a \$4,000 dollar donation to the temple!

We want to offer a special thanks to all of those who helped this year: Marcy Rosenfeld and Eileen Kahn, who helped assemble the bags; and especially our team of dedicated drivers, who are the last, and the very important, personal touch in this process. As they did last year, Brotherhood responded to the call for help with several more volunteers. Many drivers took an extra route, or a difficult route, delivered a few more bags than usual, or took a route at the last minute. Two drivers split a route

to help a friend who could not do it this year. Three drivers helped to deliver bags to a larger area outside of their driving location. No one said "no" when asked to help. Their names are listed in the Purim thank you box attached.

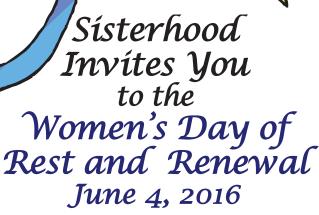
We also want to thank Amy Rubin for hours of countless and immeasurable support during this process. Thanks to Susan and Ivy in the office for all of their support. A thanks to Alan and Wayne Rosenfeld for numerous trips to Costco to get boxes. A special thanks to Kathy Shanklin for making 550 of the recycled notepads, at no cost to Sisterhood, because of the passion she has for making things from recycled materials to "rethink, reuse, and to help the planet."

This effort would not have been possible without the tremendous amount of work and countless hours put in by Laura Miller. Sisterhood and our entire temple community owe her a huge thanks!

Finally, we want to thank ALL of our temple family, who contributed so generously within their means, whether a Golden Grogger giver, or a first time giver who made a "mitzvah" donation. All of these donations, together, allowed us to touch every single temple member in our community this Purim.

Save the Dates:

- Sisterhood/Cultural Arts Israeli Movie Night May 21, (see flyer, page 14)
- Sisterhood Women's Torah Study June 1, 7:30 p.m. at the home of Marcia Shubitz; discussion led by Carol Ahlert.
- Sisterhood Day of Rest and Renewal and Installation Service Saturday, June 4, 11:00 a.m. at the Water & Wine Restaurant, 141 Old Stirling Road, Watchung, NJ, from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The program will include a luncheon, activities and a craft focused on the experience "Journeying to Sinai, Preparing for Shavuot". This year Shavuot occurs the week after this day of R&R. We are fortunate to have Eleni Litt lead us through a special program, including a lecture, group discussion and an art project. See more details in the flyer for this event. The cost for Sisterhood members will be subsidized by Sisterhood. See Page 18 in this edition of the Shofar for details.



11:30 a.m. ~ 4:30 p.m. Water & Wine Ristorante

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Let's gather together for a special Shabbat and spend the day filled with relaxation, spirituality, food, fun, and friendship while enjoying tranquil lake views and the beauty of nature!

The day will begin with a warm welcome at 11:30 a.m. Coffee, tea and refreshments will be served...mimosas anyone?

Afterwards a sit-down, four-course luncheon, with choice of entrée, will be served along with a selection of wine and beverages followed by a platter of desserts for every table.

After lunch Eleni Litt, artist and Jewish educator, will present "Journeying to Sinai: Preparing for Shavuot with the Magic of the Mandala" Join in an afternoon of art-making, discussion and companionship while we explore our journeys and prepare to celebrate the receiving of the Torah.

New Pricing Structure: Early Bird Special Rates until Wednesday, May 25!

Sisterhood member Early Bird rate is just 30% of the actual cost OR just under half of the actual cost after May 25 (Sisterhood's way of saying "Thank You!" to our members for all you do!)

*Sisterhood members: \$18 Early Bird/ \$25 after May 25

Non-members: \$36 Early Bird/ \$50 after May 25

RSVP by May 28 to Karen Kaplan at 908-222-3423 or at karen@repsfitnesssupply.com.

Social Action

Together we can change the world!

by David Cohen and Jodi Siegal, Co-Chairs

We are happy to report that our participation in Habitat for Humanity's Build Day on April 10 was a resounding success. Five members of the Temple Beth–El community attended, along with members from The Jewish Center in Princeton and Congregation Kol Emeth in Yardley. We spent about four hours hanging drywall. Special thanks to Pete Nalven who, with his general contracting experience, helped the organizers manage the larger than expected turnout by helping teach and direct some of the less–experienced volunteers. Other opportunities will be available in the future. Please contact David Cohen (david@decarchitect.com) if you would like to be contacted about the next Build Day.

Our Terracycle Brigades collections are in transition. The writing implements collection has been popular and will continue, but few congregants have been bringing personal care product packaging materials, so we have decided to discontinue that collection. Instead, we would like to start collecting snack bags. Potato and tortilla chip bags, pretzel bags, nut bags are all accepted. They do not have to be cleaned before depositing them, although they should be emptied of crumbs. We all consume these products – wouldn't it be nice to have an eco-friendly way to dispose

of the packaging? We would also like to start collecting unused greeting cards. If you have received free greeting cards as a promotion in the mail, or purchased collections of greeting cards which included some you haven't found an occasion to use, please bring them to the temple and we will donate them to Cathedral Square who will distribute them to recipients who can't afford to buy this rather expensive item retail.

Lastly, we want to make everyone aware that our own Liz Cohen, coordinator of Reform Jewish Voice of New Jersey, is planning an Advocacy Day in Trenton for Monday, May 23. Many of you have attended these "Lobby Days" in past years. They are our own, state-level version of the Religious Action Center's "Consultation on Conscience." Participants have the opportunity to spend the day learning about key current issues before the state legislature and lobbying representatives about the issues. People are surprised and pleased to learn how much impact they can have on policy at the state level just by making the effort to meet with legislators in person. If you would like to join us, just follow this link to register, or contact Liz at liz@decarchitect.com for more information.

Ways and Means

Help Wanted!

We need some organized volunteers to help lead two of our fundraising efforts: Shofar Advertisements and a new Scripts Gift Card program. Either would be great for an individual who likes to be organized and oversee a task.

If you're interested, contact Susan Brenner at susan@ theinvitationladynj.com or 908-601-1297.

Temple Beth-El earns up to 5% on your purchases when you shop at Amazon using this link (or the link on our Tempel Beth-El website.)



Interfaith Hospitality Network

Leigh Freeman, Coordinator — IHN / Temple Beth-El

Our next hosting date is June 12-18

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

June 12-18 August TBA
November 6-12 December 25-31

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).

IHN Coordinators	S 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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Temple Beth-El Family News for March/April

Mazel tov to...

Keith Chanoch and Caren Bateman on the marriage of their daughter, Tess, to Kelly Shiau

Leon and Diane Morrison, on the birth of their first grandchild, Neo Allan Morrison, to Keith and Michika Morrison

May - June B'Nei Mitzvah

Shayna Friedman Michelle Engler Ethan Rizzi

Our Condolences to...

Alan Rosenfeld, on the passing of his sister, Phyllis Rosenfeld Diane Morrison, on the passing of her brother, Dr. Harvey Fried Leon Morrison, on the passing of his sister-in-law, Harriet Morrison Neil Youngerman, on the passing of his father, Sidney Youngerman Donna Stein, on the passing of her father, Arnold Friedman

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.





To be read May 6

Hadassa Gradowski, Mother of Helen Gradowski Ada Sage, Mother of Eileen Ruderman Norman Weinstein, Husband of Ann Weinstein Fred Schrier, Father of Sheryl Miller William Weitz, Father of Steven Weitz Gregory Grinberg, Father of Michelle Gerner Ruth Altschule, Mother of Sara Friedman Bernard Cudzynowski, Father of Joseph Cudzynowski Rose Poe, Grandmother of Rick Miller Sidney Reinhart, Father of Morton Reinhart Florence Roswell, Mother of Arthur Roswell Irving Schwartz, Grandfather of Debbie Manrique Anne Mendelson, Mother of Stanley Mendelson Mae Waldman, Mother of Dori Knauer Miriam Youngerman, Mother of Neil Youngerman Frederick Chester, Father of Simma Friedman Fannie Friedman, Grandmother of Doris Moshinsky Milton Lottman, Stepfather of Liz Cohen Henry Samson, Father of Shari Miller

To be read May 13

Selma Green, Aunt of Iris Naroden Kenneth Lieb, Father of Wendy Spinner Hy Fine, Grandfather of Tamar Yarkoni Bernard Isaacson, Father of Gerald Isaacson Evelyn Kugler, Aunt of Mark Andrews Oscar Schneck, Father of Esther Kaufman-Helfman Lewis Busch, Father of Ronald Busch Phillip Eisenberg, Uncle of Sheldon Stept Robert Rosen, Father of Steve Rosen Joel R. Stryker, Father of Barbara Blake Jean Chanoch, Mother of Keith Chanoch Shirlee Shandler, Grandmother of Brett Miller Stanley Witlieb, Father of Beth Berger Leo Mayer, Father of Cheryl Nelson Lloyd Swickle, Brother-in-Law of Lillian Swickle Rose E. Seckler, Aunt of Ellen Bailin

To be read May 20

Tobi Goldberg, Grandmother of Shavaun Gliksman Henry Raymond Shinske, Father of Caryn Shinske Jack Stein, Father of Mitchell Stein Linda Goldblatt, Mother of Lisa Friedman Bernard Malin, Father of Marilyn Muzikar David Cohen, Father of Deborah Cohen David N. Cohen, Husband of Barbara Cohen Roberta Mangel, Mother of Howard Mangel Irving Fass, Father of Alan Fass Hyman Kaplin, Father of Phyllis Greenberg Beatrice Miller, Mother-in-law of Laura Miller Bonnie I. Lifchus, Mother of Rebecca Ascher Ben Shandler, Grandfather of Brett Miller Sheldon Taylor, Father of Jay Taylor Ann Adler, Grandmother of Michael Cohen Betty Berger, Grandmother of Wendy Horowitz Jean Eisenberg, Mother of Dorothy Vogel Jessie Steinberg, Grandmother of Wendy Horowitz Elizabeth M. Stryker, Mother of Barbara Blake Herman Vogel, Father of Irwin Vogel

To be read May 27

Irene Gluck, Mother of Julie Hirsch Joseph Landau, Father of Steven Landau Arthur Wolinsky, Father of Shari Farmer Arlene Reilly, Sister of Kelley Evens David Schoenberg, Father of Isa Beck Olga Tompa, Mother of Gary Tompa Malwine Schneck, Mother of Esther Kaufman-Helfman George Weintraub, Grandfather of Sheldon Stept Anne Bernstein, Mother of Alan Bernstein Dorothy Chester, Mother of Simma Friedman Ethel Milstein, Mother of Gail Meyers Alice Nackman, Wife of Gary Nackman Arnold Bernstein, Grandfather of Lisa Friedman Sylvia Goldstein, Grandmother of Seth Goldstein Nettie Gross, Mother of Carol Ahlert Murray Hysen, Husband of Arlene Hysen Larry Cudzynowski, Brother of Joseph Cudzynowski Richard Johnston, Brother of Russ Johnston Wanda Michaelson, Mother of Stacy Boxer



To be read June 3

Irene Filippone, Mother of Susan Julian
Hilda Goldfeder, Great Aunt of Lynn Small
Annette Schlosser, Mother of Lynn Levine
Marian Ginsberg, Mother of Ellen Nusbaum
Dora Cohen Kanterman, Mother of Stanley Kanterman
Larry Vogel, Brother-in-law of Max Spinner
Esther Young, Mother of Anita Tolman
James Fishman, Father of Andrew Fishman
Ida Wolf, Grandmother of Alan Naroden
Ed Andell, Father of Jonathon Andell
Barney Shapiro, Father-in-Law of Joshua Skowronek
Dora Greenberg, Mother-in-law of Phyllis Greenberg

To be read June 10

Joan Becker, Mother of Marci Becker-Morelli Meyer Breslow, Grandfather of Janice Klein Seymour Goldberg, Father of Linda Goldberg Anita Rosenthal Lidman, Mother of Judy Lissa Perla Tentler, Grandmother of Simona Rivkin Philip Applebaum, Grandfather of Seth Goldstein Samuel Ratoff, Husband of Esther Ratoff Doris Braun, Mother of Daniel Braun Jeanette Busch, Mother of Ronald Busch Bernard Keiles, Father of Ann Weinstein Samuel Spevack, Father of Gail Wohl Dr. Joyce Brothers, Sister of Elaine Goldsmith William Davidson, Father of Bruce Davidson Marie Greenberg Berkowitz, Grandmother of Marcy Rosenfeld Muriel Herzog, Mother of Michael Herzog Max Tolman, Father of Edward Tolman Milton Zerring, Father of Judith Goldberg Herbert L. Grand, Father of Philip Grand Leonard Koen, Father of Peter Koen

To be read June 17

Frances Blond, Mother of David Blond Jesse Dulberg, Father of Marian Zeldin Charles Levinston, Father of Bruce Levinston William Rosenfeld, Father of Alan Rosenfeld Daniel Wial, Father of Ellen Zelnock Bettie Franzblau, Mother-in-Law of Barbara Franzblau Mildred Kaitz, Mother of Revalee Brody Rosalind Sloane, Mother of Leslie Marcus Jerry Friedman, Father of Helene Fine Dorothy Gerlene Jackson, Mother of Debbie Fleischer Barbara Alden, Mother of Vicki Brody Burton A. Levy, Father of Jill Grand Cornelia Nierenberg, Mother of Lisa Ahern Edwin Nusbaum, Husband of Ellen Nusbaum Sanford Sloane, Brother of Leslie Marcus Leonard Carter, Father of Pamela Attner Ida Friedman, Aunt of Doris Moshinsky Samual Zapolin, Father of Zorina Walitsky Frank Weigl, Uncle of Lynn Small

To be read June 24

Lillian Rosewater, Grandmother of Jonathon Andell Ronald Rose, Father of Deborah Stark John Ward, Father of Pat Ward Edith Beck, Mother of Michael Beck Herb Helfman, Husband of Esther Kaufman-Helfman Shirley Kantor, Mother of Melissa Pyle Barton Kaitz, Brother of Revalee Brody Stephen Lavranchuk, Father of James Lavranchuk Roger Pyle, Father of Stuart Pyle



To be read July 1

Stanley Rechtleben, Father of Deborah Tompa
Beatrice Insler, Mother of Elayne Weitz
Nathan Milstein, Father of Gail Meyers
Joan Mangold, Mother of Rick Zack
Stanley Milstein, Brother of Gail Meyers
Shirley Skolky, Mother of Barry Skolky
Cindy D'Erasmo, Sister of Evette Adler
Iris A. Epstein, Mother of Marci Taylor and Leslie Siegel
Harry Tucker, Father of Barbara Cohen
Wynne Dallow, Stepmother of Brian Dallow
Celia Swickle, Mother-in-Law of Lillian Swickle
Ethel Hamelburg, Mother-in-law of Rita Fink
Anna Raynes, Mother of Harriet Thaler

To be read July 8

Michael Schumsky, Grandfather of Nanette Mantell Lillian Silverman, Mother of Lloyd Silverman Anita Berger, Mother of Chuck Berger Jean Lyman, Grandmother of Laurie Hills Ben Weintraub, Father of Arlene Hysen Henry Wohl, Father of Alan Wohl Gerald Albin, Father of Robert Albin Carol Busch, Wife of Ronald Busch Laura Farber, Sister of Edith Hurwitz Ruth Schoenberg, Mother of Isa Beck Morton Rosenking, Father of Evette Adler Louis Rubin, Father-in-law of Sylvia Rubin Sid Skowronek, Brother of Joshua Skowronek Bette Jane Andell, Mother of Jonathon Andell Abram Friedberg, Father of Morton Friedberg Michael Sherman, Cousin of Jonathon Andell Edward Mus, Father of Rosemary Brody Melvin Silverstein, Husband of Evelyn Silverstein

To be read July 15

Beatrice Breslow, Mother of Janice Klein Rose Rosenfeld, Mother of Alan Rosenfeld Rachel Kelson, Mother of Ellen Brown Mollie Minzter, Grandmother of Barbara Franzblau Albert Taub, Brother-in-Law of Goldie Taub Eunice Becker, Aunt of Marci Becker-Morelli Carolyn Bloch, Grandmother of Jeremy Bloch David Weiss, Father of Lawrence Weiss Samuel Hurwitz, Husband of Edith Hurwitz Esther Moshinsky, Mother of Leonard Moshinsky Samuel Berger, Grandfather of Wendy Horowitz

To be read July 22

Rose Haskel Wolinsky, Mother of Shari Farmer
Morris Mandelkorn, Father of Debbie Friedman
Marc Young, Brother of Anita Tolman
Sally Kirschenbaum, Mother of Steven Lane
Helen Marciniak, Mother of Judi DiMaio
Bernard Kass, Father of Andrew Kass
Anne Stark, Mother-in-Law of Ann Weinstein
Tamara Leah Maizel, Sister of Ryan Maizel
Martin Malberg, Father of Edward Malberg and Marc
Malberg
Moses Fruchter, Father of Rena Fruchter
Anna Miller, Mother of Shuey Horowitz
Anna Schachter, Mother of Richard Schachter
Jerome Seid, Grandfather of Kenneth Rubin
Linda Uhlfelder, Cousin of Robert Adler

To be read July 29

Florence Morris, Mother of Suzan Szych
John Ballock, Brother of Karen Andell
Isidor Taub, Father-in-Law of Goldie Taub
William Wisniewski, Father of Carol Nerenberg
Alvin Tauber, Father of Shelley Berger
Glenn Kass, Nephew of Henry Nerenberg
Norman I. Lapidus, Father of Jody Cohen
Morris Mendelson, Father of Stanley Mendelson
Rita Adler, Grandmother of Robert Adler
Jean Dolgonos, Mother of Stephanie Miller
Marvin Fein, Father of David Fein
Jacob Kantor, Father of Melissa Pyle



To be read August 5

Lilyau Garber, Mother of Harry Garber Mollie Cohos, Mother of Jane Waldorf Susana Gomez de Gonzalez, Mother of Oscar Gonzalez

To be read August 12

Marvin Glaser, Father of Cindy Weiss
Charlotte Levin, Mother of Harold Levin
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To be read August 19

Nathan Stone, Father of Mary Pleeter
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Helen Lieberman, Mother of Madelyn Okun
Eileen Marcus, Mother of Richard Marcus
Rose Shapero, Mother of Alan Wohl
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To be read August 26

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Myron Krovetz, Father of Robert Krovetz
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Carl Jacob Herman, Father of Ira Herman
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Martin Hoffman, Father of Julie Hersh
Douglas Rogers, Father of Sheenagh Hirsch

To be read September 2

Harry Morrison, Father of Leon Morrison
Miriam Morrison, Mother of Leon Morrison
Molly Fass, Mother of Alan Fass
Fred HIrsch, Father of Allan Hirsch
Morris Moshinsky, Father of Leonard Moshinsky
Richard Weinberger, Father of Daniel Weinberger
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Sunday, May 1

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

9:00 a.m. Grade 4 Cemetery Trip

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

9:00 a.m. Leadership Development

9:15 a.m. Brotherhood Board meeting

9:15 a.m. TBE Connects: Cycling Connection Outing

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

11:00 a.m. 7th Grade trip — Philadelphia

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

4:00 p.m. TBE Connects: Singles Together

Monday, May 2

4:30 p.m. Hebrew School

6:30 p.m. Post-Confirmation

7:00 p.m. Mah Jongg

7:30 p.m. Ritual Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 3

6:30 p.m. Youth Leadership Training Seminar 6:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Gentle Yoga Flow

Wednesday, May 4

4:30 p.m. Hebrew School

6:30 p.m. Confirmation Academy

Thursday, May 5

7:00 p.m. Community-wide Yom HaShoah Service

Friday, May 6

6:00 p.m. Shabbat for Tots

6:30 p.m. Israel Shabbat Dinner

8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, May 7

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

Sunday, May 8

9:00 a.m. Sunday School — Yom HaAtzma'ut

Celebration

12:00 p.m. Renaissance Outing: Me and My Girl

Monday, May 9

4:30 p.m. Hebrew School

7:00 p.m. Mah longg

7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting

Wednesday, May 11

4:30 p.m. Hebrew School

6:00 p.m. Sisterhood Board Meeting

6:30 p.m. Confirmation Rehearsal

Thursday, May 12

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

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

7:45 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Yoga Nidra

Friday, May 13

Silver Jubilee Celebration / Artist-in-Residence Weekend

7:00 p.m. Family Shabbat Service — Honoring Rabbi Gluck's 25th Anniversary

8:30 p.m. Youth: Late Night with Alan Goodis

Saturday, May 14

Silver Jubilee Celebration / Artist-in-Residence Weekend

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Minyan Service and Torah Study with Artist in Residence Alan Goodis

6:00 p.m. NFTY GER Gala

7:00 p.m. Dinner Dance Honoring Rabbi Gluck's 25th

Anniversary

Sunday, May 15

Silver Jubilee Celebration / Artist-in-Residence Weekend

9:00 a.m. Sunday School with Grade 6 Heritage

Museum

2:00 p.m. Artist-in-Residence Alan Goodis in Concert

Monday, May 16

4:30 p.m. Hebrew School

7:00 p.m. Mah Jongg

Tuesday, May 17

7:00 p.m. Membership Committee Mtg

Wednesday, May 18

4:30 p.m. Hebrew School

6:30 p.m. Confirmation Rehearsal

Thursday, May 19

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

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

Friday, May 20

Canoe Trip Begins

6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class Dinner

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

of Person of Honor

Saturday, May 21

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

7:00 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Film Series *Three Mothers*

Sunday, May 22

Canoe Trip Ends

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Reconnections Task Force

9:15 a.m. Grade 6 B'nei Mitzvah Parent Meeting

10:00 a.m. IHN Training

4:00 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Engaging Israel 2

6:30 p.m. Brotherhood at Harvest Moon

Monday, May 23

7:00 p.m. Mah Jongg

Tuesday, May 24

7:00 p.m. Program Planning Meeting

Wednesday, May 25

6:30 p.m. Confirmation Rehearsal

Thursday, May 26

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

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

Friday, May 27

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

Saturday, May 28

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

with Bat Mitzvah of Shayna Friedman

7:00 p.m. Adult Game Night

Monday, May 30

Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 31

7:30 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting



Calendar of Events

Wednesday, June 1

6:30 p.m. Confirmation Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Brit K'hillah Mtg 7:30 p.m. Women's Torah Study

Thursday, June 2

7:00 p.m. Israeli Dance Chavurah 7:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Israeli Folk Dancing

Friday, June 3

7:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service with Service of Confirmation

Saturday, June 4

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study with Bat Mitzvah of Michelle Engler 11:00 a.m. Sisterhood: Women's Day of Rest and Renewal with Installation of Officers 7:00 p.m. Youth: SMOOCHY Shul-in

Sunday, June 5

Israel Day Parade in NYC 10:00 a.m. Calendar Meeting 4:00 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Engaging Israel 2 7:00 p.m. Leaderhip Development Graduation Dinner

Monday, June 6

7:30 p.m. Ritual Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m. Religious School Committee Meeting

Wednesday, June 8

6:00 p.m. Sisterhood Board Meeting

Thursday, June 9

7:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Israeli Folk Dancing 7:30 p.m. Social Action Committee Meeting

Friday, June 10

8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service with Yad Chazakah

Saturday, June 11

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Minyan Service and Torah Study 7:00 p.m. Erev Shavuot Yom Tov Services with Yizkor 9:00 p.m. Tikkun Leil Shavuot

Sunday, June 12

IHN Hosting Week Begins

Monday, June 13

IHN Hosting Week 7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting 7:15 p.m. Volunteer Reception 8:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting

Tuesday, June 14

IHN Hosting Week

Wednesday, June 15

IHN Hosting Week

Thursday, June 16

IHN Hosting Week 7:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Israeli Folk Dancing

Friday, June 17

IHN Hosting Week 6:30 p.m. Shabbat Tables (See page 11) 8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service and Installation of Officers

Saturday, June 18

IHN Hosting Week 10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study with Bar Mitzvah of Ethan Rizzi 7:00 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Film Series, Rock the Casbah

Sunday, June 19

IHN Hosting Week Concludes

Thursday, June 23

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

Friday, June 24

8:00 p.m. Summer Shabbat Service

Saturday, June 25

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study with 2nd Bar Mitzvah of Bob Taber 7:00 p.m. Adult Game Night

Sunday, June 26

12:00 p.m. Renaissance Luncheon

Monday, June 27

7:30 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting

Thursday, June 30

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

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