

Shofar



Tevet-Adar 5777 • January/February 2017



Rabbi's Message

Bring the Light of Chanukah into the New Year

When we light candles, we usually do so to enjoy their light. We put tapers on the table to set the mood for a lovely dinner. Shabbat candles are intended to light up our homes, to dispel the darkness, so we will have "light and joy," *"ora v'simcha,"* when we gather to celebrate. Light is a tool that enables us to see in the dark.

But in Jewish tradition there is at least one exception to this rule, the lights of Chanukah. No sooner do we light the Chanukah candles than we declare them to be holy, *kodesh*, not to be used. They are not to light up the room, to read by, nor to serve any utilitarian purpose. They are to be placed by the doorpost of our homes (or in the window) to shine out into the world.

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Worship Schedule

JANUARY

Friday, January 6

8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, January 7

Parashat Vayigash, Genesis 44:18–47:27

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

Friday, January 13

7:00 p.m. Family Shabbat Service with SMOOCHY and participation of Grades 8 to 12

Saturday, January 14

Parashat Va-y'chi, Genesis 47:28–50:26

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

Friday, January 20

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

Saturday, January 21

Parashat Sh'mot, Exodus 1:1–6:1

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

Friday, January 27

8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

8:00 p.m. Blue Jean Shabbat – By Teens, For Teens

Saturday, January 28

Parashat Va-eira, Exodus 6:2–9:35

Parashat Chayei Sarah, Genesis 23:1–25:18

9:00 a.m. Young Family Shabbat Experience

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Learners' Minyan and Torah Study

FEBRUARY

Friday, February 3

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

Saturday, February 4

Parashat Bo, Exodus 10:1–13:16

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Minyan Service

Friday, February 10

Erev Tu B'Shvat

7:00 p.m. Family Shabbat Service with Consecration and participation of Grade 5 and guest Scholar-in-Residence Rabbi Marc Rosenstein

Saturday, February 11

Tu B'Shvat and Shabbat Shirah

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

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study with Scholar-in-Residence Rabbi Marc Rosenstein

Noon: Tu B'Shvat Seder with special guest Scholar-in-Residence Rabbi Marc Rosenstein

Friday, February 17

8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, February 18

Parashat Yitro, Exodus 18:1–20:23

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

Friday, February 24

8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

8:00 p.m. Blue Jean Shabbat – By Teens, For Teens

Saturday, February 25

Parashat Mishpatim, Exodus 21:1–24:18

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

Thank you to our Torah Readers for November and December:

B'nei Mitzvah

Ben Dickholtz
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Temple Calendar Webpage

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

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The next issue of the Shofar will be March-April 2017. PLEASE NOTE: The deadline for submissions is February 15. Submit articles via email to:

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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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Rabbi Aryeh Ben David asks, would we cook a meal and not eat it? Would we sew a garment and not wear it? Isn't it equally absurd, he asks, to light candles and to refrain from using their light?

The truth is that Chanukah lights do serve a purpose, just not a selfish one. Their light shines outward into the world as a statement of faith and hope. They declare that redemption will yet come to the world, as it has in the past in ways great and small. They represent the light of God that cannot be extinguished; not by hate, oppression or exploitation. God made us to be free, and like the Chanukah lights, our value lies not in what we do, but in our very being. All life is sacred. There is a spark of divinity in every human soul. Redemption will come to the world when we see that light and embrace that truth. This is the miracle that we announce to the world when we light the *chanukiah* and place it in the window. This is why the lights of Chanukah are holy, and why we refrain from using them for any other purpose.

But there is one light on the *chanukiah* that serves a utilitarian purpose. The *shamash*, the candle we light first and then use to light the others, makes an important symbolic statement. It reminds us that the light of redemption is not kindled by itself. It needs to be lit. And once it is, it can be spread widely and freely without diminishing its own light. This is our task: to be the *shamash*, to make the light grow from day to day, just as the Chanukah lights grow brighter on each subsequent day of the festival.

As we begin a new secular year, may we bring the light of holiness into our daily lives by the goodness and kindness we do. May we see the light of God in ourselves and in all people. And may we merit seeing the dawning of the light of redemption speedily and in our own day.

L'shalom,

Rabbi Arnold S. Gluck

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A Note From Our Cantor

“Sing unto God a New Song”

On the sunny first day of the secular New Year, I sat down at the piano to take a peek at Gershwin's First Prelude, also known as the last piece I tried to play before I gave up piano lessons as a kid. Every once in a while, I look at it and attempt to struggle through. It has a great little jazzy solo melody to the intro, and then, immediately after, you play the lowest Bb of all the 88 keys, with the pedal for awesome sonority, and then, a delicious G minor seventh chord: twice. The pattern goes on for a few measures. At the moment, I don't really have the pianistic ability to go on – who knows what the months of Tevet and Shvat will bring? – but just being able to play and sense the Bb and the G minor seventh chord was a great way to bring in 2017. It made me think about the power of music in my life, the relationship of music to prayer, and my musical experiences in tefila over the last few days.

Our choir, the Tefila Band and Kathy Shanklin sounded so lovely this past Shabbat Chanukah. The first part of the service gave me a joy in the power of communal music-making that lifted me, opened my heart, and taught me to perceive the inspirational words of the Chanukah service that followed in a new way. And then, the following morning, over 20 voices were raised in happy chorus for Shabbat morning minyan as Rick Miller and Henry Nerenberg accompanied us on guitar. Different kinds of songs, and different kinds of singing. Some music was intricate and complicated, and there was satisfaction in having mastered something. Sometimes, a song was just fun to sing. People tried new things. Once in a while something didn't quite work, but that was okay. There was just sheer delight in listening to the sounds of other people.

I'm looking forward to seeing how music will open our hearts and elevate the prayers of this community in the coming icy months of Tevet and Shevat. We have many Shabbat morning minyanim ahead, where I look forward to singing and praying with any and all of you. We will have another Shabbat b'Shir with the Tefilah Band on January 28. And this year, we will celebrate Shabbat Shirah, the great Sabbath of song, and Tu BiShvat, the New Year of the Trees, with the choir accompanying services on Saturday morning, on February 11. Tu BiShvat is particularly compatible with song, as it is said that the trees have a song to sing, and it is traditional to sing the Psalms, which reference trees at that time.

May we look towards the New Year of the Trees, with a renewed sense of the purpose of music in prayer. To paraphrase the famous Rebbe Nachman of Bratslav: "Call forth a new song to the world, a song of wonders, as the Psalmist wrote: 'Sing unto God a new song, for God has performed wonders' (Ps. 98:1). We will offer You our thanks with a new song for our redemption and for our spiritual deliverance. We will sing, chant and make music before You, creating new melodies, songs and praises, songs of wonder that transcend nature...." from: *"The Flame of the Heart: Prayers of a Chasidic Mystic, Reb Noson of Breslov"*, translated and adapted by David Sears with the Breslov Research Institute (Jewish Lights, 2006).

Cantor Emily Wigod Pincus



Shabbat Tables — A Shabbat Dinner Experience

January 20, 6:30 p.m.

Welcoming Shabbat with a meal is an age-old tradition. At Temple Beth-El, we break bread together in the social hall with pot-luck or catered Shabbat dinners throughout the year. Recently we've been trying a new way for us to enjoy Shabbat together, and we want you to come!

Shabbat Tables gives our temple Shabbat dinner a new twist. Rather than one big shared meal, each table provides their own meal. We all have dinner at the temple, but with the intimate feel of eating and socializing around a smaller dinner table.

The menu is decided by the hosts and guests at each table and can range from easy to gourmet as the table guests desire. Consider being a host and inviting your friends. Or hosting a table of congregants who wish to enjoy the spirit of Shabbat. Contact Susan in the temple office (908-722-0674, ext 112) if you can host a table or would like to be hosted.





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on "The Moral Meaning of Planting Trees"

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10:00 a.m. D'var Torah during Shabbat Services
"The Song of the Sea: Reflections on Victory and Victimhood"

Noon During Tu BiShvat Seder:
"Israel and New Jersey: Our Relationship to Holy Land"

5:00 p.m. "Utopia Now! A Simulation Activity with Teens"

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

9:00 a.m. Adult Study Breakfast: "Toward
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Roswell Tribute Weekend

The "Roswell Tribute Weekend" honoring Betty and Arthur Roswell was a great success. On December 10 and 11, we honored these two amazing, deserving people for their years of dedicated leadership to the Jewish people. We were joined in by incredible torah scholars, inspiring social activists, educators, and many, many friends. What a perfect weekend!

As Rabbi Gluck said of the Roswells in last month's Shofar, "There are those who seek honor. From them, says the Talmud, honor runs away. On the other hand, those who do good for the sake of the deed and for the

betterment of others are truly worthy of our respect. To honor such people is not an easy thing because they tend to shun such accolades. This is the wonderful truth about Betty and Arthur Roswell. If it were up to them, every act of goodness and generosity would be anonymous — theirs and everyone else's. For them, it is the deed that counts."

Thank you to our congregants and guests who helped fill the room with love and respect for the Roswells. The fundraising aspect of the event was also successful and we thank the many sponsors and those who put tributes in the journal.

Thank You to Our Guest Speakers

Rabbi Rick Jacobs, President, Union for Reform Judaism

Rabbi Daniel Freeland, President, World Union for Progressive Judaism

Rabbi Michael Marmur, Provost, Hebrew Union College/Jewish Institute of Religion

Rabbi Gilad Kariv, President and CEO of the Israel Movement for Reform and Progressive Judaism

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Roswell Tribute Weekend



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Art, Betty and their family



December 10 & 11, 2016



Rabbi Rick Jacobs



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From Our President

Our New Governance Structure and Proposed Constitution

On March 19, we will hold a special congregational meeting to approve implementation of Temple Beth-El's new constitution, which proposes a new structure for synagogue governance and management. Here's what you need to know:

At Temple Beth-El, we strive to stay strong and continue to grow. To do so, it is important to evaluate and assess ourselves from time to time. Our committees and staff do this regularly regarding programming. To achieve this goal at the constitutional and strategic levels, an ad-hoc committee chaired by Ed Malberg and Cindy Andrews was convened to review our constitution. The committee spent a year evaluating every aspect of our current constitution. They reviewed documents from other congregations, identified unclear language in our current document, considered the effectiveness of our current structure and ultimately proposed a new structure for synagogue governance and management.

In the new structure, governance and management will be separated. The Temple Beth-El Board of Trustees will be smaller, but will still be the governing body of the congregation. A newly created Oversight Committee will manage the day-to-day affairs of the congregation so that the Board of Trustees may consider and direct strategy. This Oversight Committee will include all officers, along with five new counselor positions intended to act as liaisons to committees and auxiliaries. Committees will continue to be the functional backbone of the congregation.

This past spring, the proposed changes were presented to the Board of Trustees, which approved bringing this to the congregation for ratification. We held two Q & A

sessions in November, and another is scheduled on January 8 at 10:00 a.m. Members of the Constitutional Review Committee will be there to explain their process and answer any questions you may have. This will be the final meeting to gather feedback, and your last opportunity to publicly comment on the proposed revisions before they are presented to the board in February. An overview of the major changes is printed near this article. Links to the current Temple Beth-El Constitution; the proposed document; a version showing the full detail of revisions; and a side-by-side summary of the changes can be found at www.tinyurl.com/TBEConstitutionChanges5777.

On March 19, we will gather as a congregation to approve implementation of our new constitution. In the meantime, please feel free to reach out to either of our co-chairs with any questions. Cindy Andrews can be reached at cjrandrews@gmail.com or 908-635-6858, and Ed Malberg can be reached at edmalberg@aol.com or 908-458-2831.

Many thanks to Ed and Cindy for their leadership, and to Jay Lavroff, Carrie Feuer, Harold Levin and Amy Rubin for their work on the Constitutional Review Committee.

Wishing you a happy New Year with many blessings in the year to come. I hope to see you around temple soon!

L'shalom,

Robin Osman

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Highlights of Major Changes to the Constitution of Temple Beth-El

- The proposed structure supports the current practice in non-profit organizations of separating governance and management. Toward that end, the Executive Committee will be replaced with an Oversight Committee responsible for the management of the congregation. There will be 11 officers, five of whom fill positions as Counselors whose primary role is communication with, and guidance of, the committees.
- The Board of Trustees will remain the primary governing body of the congregation, but their role will be more strategic. The Board will be smaller and meet less often, but will still be responsible for the mission and policies of the congregation.
- Communication will be enhanced through changes to language that allow for electronic communication as applicable. The Oversight Committee and the Board of Trustees will have brief summary reports available for review by request of any congregant.
- The Clergy will continue to be hired by the congregation. In addition, there is specific language regarding the need for regular dialogue with lay leadership and annual evaluation of both the Rabbi and the Cantor. Other senior staff positions are filled at the direction of the Oversight Committee.
- The listing of standing committees has been eliminated. The new Constitution identifies five functional areas that should be supported by committees, but the actual structure will be determined by the Board of Trustees and implemented by the President and the Oversight Committee. The committees will continue to be the functional backbone of the congregation, as evidenced in the creation of the Counselor positions dedicated to the functioning of the committees and communication between them and the Oversight Committee.



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January and February Menschen of the Month

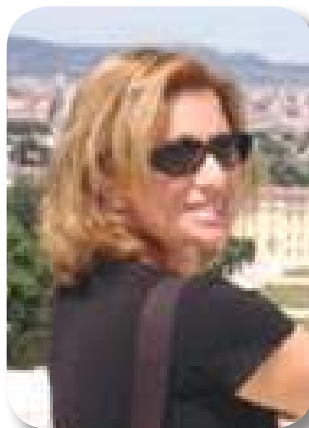
Our Menschen for January and February are such a good team that we're teaming them up in this article.

Melissa Pyle and Shari Miller recently co-chaired the Roswell Tribute Event, the lovely weekend expressing our community's appreciation for Betty and Arthur Roswell. The event was a success in every way. You can see some of the photos from the event on pages 6-7. Not only was the event successful, the team behind it worked together exceptionally well thanks to the leadership and partnership of Melissa and Shari. Kudos, ladies, for a job well done.

But what were they doing before they teamed up for the Roswell Tribute Committee, you ask? Lots of things, it turns out.

Melissa, the January Mensch of the Month, and her husband Stuart, have been members of the Temple Beth-El community for nearly 18 years. All three of their kids, Jared (26), Adam (23) and Elyse (20), grew up at temple and became b'nei mitzvah and confirmands. Now that her kids are older, she's taking advantage of more of the temple educational offerings, like Adult Hebrew, Mussar and yoga. And Melissa describes her trip to Israel with the temple as a phenomenal experience.

Currently serving on the Board of Trustees and as the chair of the Religious School Committee, Melissa has also served on the Religious School Committee for several years and is a member of Sisterhood. She also enjoys volunteering at the TBE food booth at the 4-H Fair, Mitzvah Day and



other activities. Many years ago, she served on the Early Childhood Education Committee and even taught preschool here when the temple had its own preschool. She now teaches at The Preschool Place at Temple Shalom in Bridgewater.

Shari Miller, our February Mensch of the Month, has a similar temple story. She and her husband Leigh have been members of the temple for about 18 years. Their two children, Randy (21) and Alexa (17), also became b'nei mitzvah and confirmands here. Even though Alexa is still in high school, and Leigh is on the Executive Committee, Shari finds her own opportunities to contribute. Prior to co-chairing the Roswell Tribute Weekend, Shari served on the committee planning the Rabbi's Jubilee last spring. She also served on the Search Committee and was one of the first TBE folks to meet Rachel Frish, our new Director of Youth Engagement.

Like Melissa, Shari was on the Religious School Committee for many years and is a regular at the TBE food booth at the 4-H fair. In her free time, Shari is a volunteer tax counselor and trainer for the Tax-Aide program, which provides free income tax services to the community. She enjoys travel, hiking, skiing, biking...and cooking.

With so much in common, and a good friendship as well, it's no surprise that these two hard-working, dedicated women worked together so beautifully on the Roswell Tribute event. Congratulations Melissa and Shari. And thanks for all you do!



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January 24, 31; February 7, 14

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Learn the fundamentals of Jewish thought and practice. This course is designed for interfaith couples, those from different faith backgrounds considering conversion, or anyone looking for an adult-level introduction, whether Jewish or not. Intro is designed to be a meaningful, educational experience for any person interested in knowing and understanding Judaism and Jewish life. Whatever you are seeking, URJ Introduction to Judaism can guide you toward deeper personal Jewish connection, introduce you to a basic Jewish vocabulary, and help you gain intellectual and experiential knowledge of Judaism as well as the skills necessary to "do Jewish."

Wednesdays, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

January 25; February 1, 8, 15; March 1, 8, 15, 29; April 5, 19, 26; May 3, 10, 17, 24; June 7

See further information on page 11.

Jewish Film Series

Saturdays at 7:00 p.m.

January 14: Arranged

March 25: Policeman

April 15: (TBA)

May 6: She's Coming Home

Israeli Dancing

Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.

February 2, 9, 16, 23; March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; April 6, 13, 20, 27;

May 4, 11, 18, 25; June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Yoga Classes

Gentle Yoga Flow

Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Instructor: Shari Czar

Whether you've never been in a downward dog or have been practicing half-moon for years, this class is for you. Gentle Yoga Flow consists of stretches to warm-up the body, postures to build strength, balance, and flexibility, deep breathing to promote stress reduction, and deep relaxation to bring calmness and balance. This class is appropriate for any fitness level and great for beginners and abilities of all levels.

Session 3: January 5, 19, 26; February 2, 9, 16, and 23

Mark Your Calendars: March 3-4



**March 3
Shabbat Across
America —
Dinner and
Shabbat Seder**

On Friday night, March 3, 2017 hundreds of synagogues across the continent will take part in an historic national Jewish event to celebrate what unifies all Jews — Shabbat! Everyone is invited... singles, couples, families — all ages. Turn an ordinary Friday night into something extraordinary! Watch for more information.



March 3-4

National Day of Unplugging

The National Day of Unplugging runs from sundown to sundown. Carve out one day to unwind, unplug, relax, reflect, get outdoors, and connect with loved ones. Make it a weekly habit.

Visit www.nationaldayofunplugging.com for more information.

New Jersey Regional URJ Shabbaton Food for the Body, Mind and Soul

Shabbat Va'era January 28, 2017

Temple Ner Tamid, Bloomfield
A day of Worship, Study and Song



Followed by Concert and Havdalah with "Pursuit of Harmony" with Jewish American songwriter Michael Hunter Ochs and award-winning Muslim Palestinian peace activist/songwriter Alaa Alshaham.

For more information, visit tinyurl.com/NJRegionalShabbaton2017



TBE Connects – Fall 2016 Update

our Temple Beth-El community might share?

congregants in our community?

CONNECTS. Join other TBE congregants when they gather in small groups to learn and to laugh, to exercise their minds and/or their bodies and to get to know one another a little bit better. A congregant who is passionate about the idea will facilitate each small group gathering. Make joining a small affinity or interest group part of your plan for the coming temple year!

List of current groups and the group leaders:

- Cycling, Jerry Novak
- Birding, Vicki Schwartz
- Jewish Spirituality, Michael Herzog
- Empty Nesters, Gayle Skolky and Susan Goldberg

Other ideas that need a group leader include:

- Food For Thought (gourmet foodie?)
- Tennis or other sports
- Fitness or Workout
- Discussion Group (Interested in _____)
- TBE Reads (book group)
- Start your own group

Debbie Herman daherman@mac.com
Jeff Resnick jeffresnick@outlook.com

College Connection

This year we wanted to get our college students a little something pre-Chanukah, as most of them will be home by the time Chanukah is officially here. In mid-December we sent about 60 students some gelt and a dreidel, some fun Chanukah socks, a bright banner to hang up in their rooms, chocolate covered pretzels and a card.

Since students weren't in their dorm rooms for Chanukah this year, we'll hold off on sending first-year students a menorah until next Chanukah, when both first and second year students will get a menorah. A Chanukah E-message was also sent out from Sarah Gluck from the religious school and clergy.

We've had lots of positive feedback from our students who love receiving these packages and emails, and staying connected to our community.

Cindy Scott
College Connection Chair



Roswell Tribute Weekend Links

For those who couldn't make the tribute weekend events, you can still experience the wonderful teachings by our guests by using our LiveStream library. Here are the links:

- Shabbat VaYetzei: <https://livestream.com/OurBethEl/events/6739672>
(Includes all worship and remarks)

To jump to remarks by our guest teachers, use these links:

- Rabbi Rick Jacobs, president Union for Reform Judaism, <https://livestream.com/OurBethEl/events/6739990/videos/144463453>
- Rabbi Daniel Freeland, president World Union for Progressive Judaism <https://livestream.com/OurBethEl/events/6739990/videos/144546772>
- Rabbi Gilad Kariv, president Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism <https://livestream.com/OurBethEl/events/6739990/videos/144547247>
- Rabbi Michael Marmur, provost Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion <https://livestream.com/OurBethEl/events/6739990/videos/144547967>
- Lecture with Anat Hoffman: <https://livestream.com/OurBethEl/events/6750835/videos/144151456>



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Cultural Arts

Cultural Arts Happenings for January and February

Start the New Year on the Right Foot with Israeli Folk Dancing

We are starting our new season on January 12. Get moving and get in shape! Dancing is the best workout for mind, body, and soul. Those who have given Israeli folk dancing a try appreciate and cherish this joyful, spiritual experience. Come see why we love it so much! Drop in to the multipurpose room of Temple Beth-El any Thursday at 7:30 p.m. The cost is just \$10 for a 90-minute session (sometimes longer), including refreshments. All levels are welcome.

For registration and questions, contact Simona at ChairCulturalArts@TempleBethElNJ.org

Jewish Film Series

Together with Sisterhood, we will screen the excellent movie *Arranged* on January 14 at 7:00 pm. The doors always open at 6:45 p.m., so you can schmooze, snack and relax. But most of all, join us to see a good movie and get involved in an invigorating discussion afterwards, led by Sisterhood.

RSVP to Simona: bakerec@comcast.net, and see the poster and flyers in the lobby.

Looking ahead, on Saturday, March 25, at 7:00 p.m., we will screen the film *Policeman*.

The Cultural Arts Committee and the Social Action Committee are teaming up again to present this award-winning Israeli film about an elite team of Israeli police whose purpose is to catch terrorists, and who grapple with shock and confusion when they are assigned to confront a group of radical socialist Israelis. A discussion of the film and its implications for Americans and Israelis in our increasingly radicalized world, led by David Cohen, will follow the presentation.

Looking back to 2016, many thanks to all who were involved in helping to put together our programs: Amy Rubin, Ted Baker, Emily Pincus, Michael Herzog, Jim Lavranchuk, and I am sure I forgot some people. *Todah rabbah* to all.

I wish everybody a healthy and peaceful 2017 year filled with love and mutual respect.

L'shalom,

Simona Rivkin

Cultural Arts Committee Chair

2017 Jewish LIFE: Israeli Film Series

January 14: *Arranged*, co-sponsored by Sisterhood

March 25: *Policeman*, co-sponsored by Social Action Committee

April 15: TBA

May 6: *She's Coming Home*, co-sponsored by Renaissance



Israeli Folk Dance

Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.

\$10 per session, first session free to newcomers

Come lose yourself in the rhythms of the dance and the tuneful music, and feel great as your endorphins kick in! You'll feel happy, and lost in the pleasure of the moment!

Questions?

Contact Simona Rivkin bakerec@comcast.net

Save the Dates:

Joint Brotherhood/Sisterhood Breakfast

Sunday, February 26

Brotherhood Person of Honor Breakfast

Sunday, June 4

Mark June 4, 2016 on your calendars. This will be a special date, when the Temple Beth-El Brotherhood turns the tables on maestro **Rande Aaronson** as he is honored as the 2017 Brotherhood Person of the Year. All those skewered by Rande over the years will now have their opportunity to return the favor.

Please join us for this important event, which is the biggest fundraiser for the Brotherhood Youth Scholarship Fund. More details will follow in the next *Shofar*.

The Cultural Arts Committee, together with Sisterhood, present



**Saturday, January 14
7:00 p.m.**

Doors open at 6:45 p.m.

**Provocative discussion after the
film led by Sisterhood**

Not rated. 93 minutes. In English.
Suggested donation \$7/pp or better

TBE Sisterhood members will be
covered by the Sisterhood

RSVP required to Simona at
bakerec@comcast.net

**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 friends before
the show

Awards:

Won Best Feature Film, Washington Jewish Film
Festival, Brooklyn International Film Festival

Two women whose peoples are often at odds find they're more alike than anyone expects in this drama. Rochel, an Orthodox Jew, and Nasira, a Muslim of Pakistani descent, are two young women who have begun teaching at a public grade school in Brooklyn, NY. The students and the administrators at the school are concerned there might be friction between the two teachers. However, Rochel and Nasira discover they have far more in common than they imagined — both sometimes find themselves culturally out of place in 21st century New York, and both are trying to live within the traditions of their faith. In particular, Rochel and Nasira bond over the fact both are expected to enter into arranged marriages.

Critics Comments:

Arranged is one of the most spiritually literate films of the year.

It is a delight to see a film that celebrates the integrity and zeal of two deeply religious women as they question tradition but in the end discover they can support it as a path with meaning.



Israel Matters

Israel's Rabbi Marc Rosenstein to celebrate Tu BiShvat with TBE community as part of Scholar-in Residence Weekend February 10-12

Rabbi Marc Rosenstein will lead programs in celebration of Tu BiShvat when he joins us February 10 to 12 for our Scholar-in-Residence weekend. (See flyer on page 5.)

Rabbi Rosenstein, a Harvard graduate with a degree in biochemistry, was ordained at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in 1975, and earned his doctorate from Hebrew University in 1986. Rabbi Rosenstein and his family made aliyah to Moshav Shorashim in 1990. He became director of the Galilee Foundation for Value Education in 1993. He has also served on the board of the Leo Baeck Education Center and chair of the LINK Environment Foundation in Nazareth, and has regularly contributed to the "Galilee Diary: Reflections on Daily Life in Israel" column on the Union for Reform Judaism's *Ten Minutes of Torah* blog.

Among the Galilee Foundation for Value Education programs he helped create are The Galilee Circus, a well-known Jewish-Arab youth circus, and a series of encounters between American Jewish youth and Israeli-Palestinian Arabs at Zippori and other historical sites in the Galilee. Most recently, Rabbi Rosenstein retired as director of the Israel Rabbinical Program at Hebrew Union College in Jerusalem.

Rabbi Rosenstein will have a number of opportunities to teach during his visit to our community. He will join us for Erev Shabbat services on Friday, February 10 at 7:00 p.m., and will speak as part of the Shabbat morning service

on Saturday, February 11. During the Tu BiShvat Seder and lunch that will immediately follow Saturday morning services, Rabbi Rosenstein will lead a discussion on Israel and New Jersey – where does Tu BiShvat come from, where is it going, and why do we celebrate it? He also will help us explore our relationship to the land – not the State – of Israel. On Saturday evening, he will do a session for teens called "Utopia Now!" This will be a simulation activity (in small groups) on building an ideal community as a way of understanding some key issues in Israel: religious pluralism, Arab-Jewish relations, economic justice and the environment.

On Sunday, February 12, Rabbi Rosenstein will lead a discussion during a 9:00 a.m. adult study breakfast: "Toward A Vision of a Democratic Jewish State." Israeli and Diaspora Jews often question whether the state of Israel is democratic enough or Jewish enough. Rabbi Rosenstein will teach us that while it's easy to complain, the real challenge is determining what would our ideal Jewish state look like if we had a magic wand to create it?

Please watch the Weekly E-Letter for more details about the Scholar-in-Residence Weekend. As we celebrate Tu BiShvat and its undeniable connection to the coming of spring in the land of Israel, he will give us some wonderful insights. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us!

Beth Lavranchuk

Young Family Pajama Party

Saturday, January 7, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Ideal for families with a child or children younger than second grade. Come to temple in your PJs, enjoy dinner and do a craft together as a family.

Bring a favorite stuffed animal.

Adults are welcome to come in PJs, too!

Please respond in advance to ensure we have enough supplies.

Register at tinyurl.com/TBEPJParty2017



Young Family Shabbat Experience

Saturday, January 28, at 9:00 a.m.

Renaissance Happenings

The Scoop

Last December: Our sincere appreciation to Fran and Bob Taber for graciously opening their lovely home to host another festive Chanukah party event. Members were delighted to sample each other's culinary creations and engage in holiday cheer, before getting down to the business planning for our 2017 events calendar. Suggestions were solicited and are duly noted below.

Last November: A beautiful afternoon in rural Hunterdon County was the autumnal setting for members lunching at the historic Pittstown Inn and afterwards attending The Raritan River Concert. Poignant music reminiscent of the Civil War, best known from Ken Burns' documentary, was performed on guitar by Newman and Oltman, followed by captivating story-telling vocals by artists Claudia Schmidt and Sally Rogers, on guitar and dulcimer. One song in particular, "Let Us Give Thanks," based on a poem by Max Coats, compared a vegetable garden to different kinds of friendship. (It is worth Googling.) Thanks for a delightful outing, Harriet!

Esther Wallach
Renaissance Group

Laughter
is the
BEST
medicine.

I changed my password to
"incorrect." So whenever
I forget what it is the
computer will say "Your
password is incorrect."

The Renaissance Group is a 50+ social group that gets together to share interests, experiences, and activities. New membership is welcomed! Should you wish additional information about the group, or want to contribute to the Renaissance Happenings column, we welcome your submissions on a learned experience or human interest story. Please contact Harriet Thaler at 908-788-0269 or thalerz@embarqmail.com.

Mark Your Calendars

Sun., April 30 1:00 p.m. **Paid-Up Membership Luncheon at Spain '92**
Not sure if you are paid up?
Email Bob Taber: fct4gc@gmail.com

Sun., May 7 12:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. **Senior Brunch/Hairspray – Voorhees High School, Glen Gardner, NJ**
Tickets include brunch:
\$20 center section/\$15 side section
Brunch Show
For best available seats, email Barry:
barryskolky@yahoo.com

Proposed Events

Finalized dates and details to follow

June **Liberty Hall Historical Museum, Kean University, Union, NJ**

August **Somerset Patriots Ball Game and Girasole Dinner, Bound Brook, NJ**

October **Ellis Island Immigration Museum via Cruise, Liberty State Park, NJ**

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Sisterhood

Mitzvot, Menorahs, Movie Night and Much More

This has been a very busy fall for all of us at Temple Beth-El, including Sisterhood. In November, we coordinated two drives to help those in need in our communities. Our rummage collection on Mitzvah Day yielded 10 bags of warm clothing to support SMOOCHY's Midnight Run, 30 bags/boxes of household items to support The Giving Network, and over 80 bags/boxes of clothing to support Big Brothers and Big Sisters. Our thanks to Cindy Scott for leading the effort on behalf of these organizations.

December kept us busy preparing for and running the Chanukah Gift Shop. While the holiday season is past, our shop is always stocked with wonderful merchandise for your shopping pleasure. Come browse our shop when trying to find a special gift for someone, or for your Shabbat needs. And start thinking ahead for Pesach! We have wonderful Seder plates, matzah covers and more. We're open Sundays when Religious School is in session, and by appointment throughout the year.

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We also had a successful food drive for Thanksgiving. Through the generosity of our congregants, with added support from Sisterhood, we were able to provide Thanksgiving meals for 20 IHN families



and 40 Homesharing households. We thank our volunteers for helping put together and deliver the bags, and our gratitude goes to Carol Ahlert and Barbara Johnston for all their efforts coordinating this wonderful mitzvah.



Sisterhood, continued from page 20

Looking Ahead:

Woman of Valor Dinner – January 12: This year's Woman of Valor is Cindy Scott. Cindy has been a tireless volunteer for Sisterhood and Temple Beth-El, and we are thrilled to honor her this year. See the separate invitation for details. Remember, this event is for paid-up Sisterhood members only, but you can join that night if you haven't already.

Movie Night – January 14: Sisterhood is co-sponsoring the movie *Arranged* as part of the Cultural Arts Film Series. Marcy Rosenfeld will lead a discussion after the movie. See the separate flyer for details. The movie is free for Sisterhood members (just our way of saying thanks for joining).

Torah Study – January 18: Come join us for interesting conversation and a unique take on Parashat Sh'mot. Details are included in the separate listing. All Sisterhood members are welcome to join us.

Sisterhood/Brotherhood Joint Breakfast – February 26: This event is open to the entire Temple Beth-El community and is not to be missed. We will have a panel

of experts discussing cyber security (for people of all ages). More details will follow, but save the date now!

Purim Bags – orders due in February: Keep a sharp lookout for the order forms for this year's Purim bags. They'll be better than ever, so you won't want to miss the opportunity to send them to family and friends.

As always, you can join us most Monday evenings for our "nobody will yell at you mah jongg" game welcoming all levels of players from new learners to (patient) experts. If you are interested in getting in on this fun, contact Eileen Ruderman (musiczgrt@aol.com) to get your email added to the weekly mah jongg communications list.

We look forward to seeing you soon and again. Remember, without you, we are one sister short!

L'shalom,

Marcy Rosenfeld and Cindy Andrews

Sisterhood Co-Presidents

Women's Torah Study

(one of the many perks of Sisterhood membership)

Next Session:

Wednesday, January 18 at 7:30 p.m.

Hosted by: Michele Holler
11 Lorian Place, Hillsborough

Discussion Leader: Cindy Andrews

Parashat Sh'mot (Exodus 1:1 - 6:1)

Moses sees the wonder of a bush that burns but is not consumed, and encounters God, who charges him with delivering the message of freedom to both Pharaoh and the Israelite slaves.

Come join us to discuss Moses's experience and what message it might have for us as modern women. The evening is enjoyable and the conversation is lively and engaging.

RSVP to Cindy Andrews
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5777 Annual Sisterhood
Woman of Valor Award Dinner for
Cindy Scott

When: Thursday, January 12 at 6:30 p.m.

Where: Temple Beth-El Kitchen Social Hall

Please help us honor this year's very deserving Woman of Valor, Cindy Scott, who has worked tirelessly in so many capacities for the Sisterhood, as well as the greater Temple Beth-El community. Join us for a thoroughly enjoyable evening with friends and memorable dedications to a truly special lady. A catered vegetarian dinner will be served.

In the spirit of supporting the community at large, Sisterhood will also be collecting contributions at the dinner for the Resource Center of Somerset County, a Hillsborough-based organization that provides assistance to victims of domestic abuse. Your contribution to this worthy charity will also be an opportunity to honor Cindy personally.

This event is open to all paid-up members of Sisterhood. If you haven't yet paid, it's not too late: membership registrations will also be accepted at the Woman of Valor Dinner.

RSVP by Sunday, January 8 to:
Donna Tischfield, Woman of Valor Dinner Chair
Njbird@optonline.net
(732) 271-4632

Social Action

Repairing the World...One Mitzvah at a Time!

Shalom Chaverim,

Many thanks to all those who made our Mitzvah Month of November a success! Following are some of the highlights:

On October 30, our joint breakfast program with the Brotherhood was a rousing success. At least 50 congregants attended to hear Assemblymen Jack Ciattarelli and Andrew Zwicker speak on issues of local and state-wide concern, regarding both specific policy challenges and opportunities for repairing the partisan divide in our state. Thanks to all who attended!

Mitzvah Day Blood Drive – Thank you to all of our very patient donors and prospective donors. On Mitzvah Day, we had more potential donors in the door than we have had in a long time. We were able to collect 32 pints of blood, even with the significant delay in starting the drive (a casualty of Daylight Savings, we were told). TBE blood drives are becoming a family affair. Sarah Shapiro, a first-time donor at 16 and a long-time blood drive volunteer, joined her brother Dan and mom Dana on the donation table this year (see photo). We also want to give a shout-out to the Horowitz family – Barry, Wendy and Noah, for making the blood drive a family tradition. Finally, we couldn't run the drive without our wonderful volunteers. Many thanks to Pat Ward, Barbara and Russ Johnston, Rochelle Levin, Brady Feuer, Sarah Shapiro, Luis Stanley, and Amy Rubin.

Youth Culture – Way to go, Rachel Frish! Our temple teens were able to make 10 knot blankets. In collaboration with the Sisterhood, the teens also collected other items, which were distributed along with the blankets on their Midnight Run in New York City in December.

Religious School – Thank you, Melissa Pyle, and your student helpers – Colin Mandell, Sammy Fromberg, Josh Worman, and Katrina Papierman – for facilitating the URJ's **Nothing But Nets** fundraising activity. It looked like a beautiful morning for some basketball. All the contributions from our religious school students will go to the URJ to help buy mosquito nets to send to places in Africa plagued by malaria.

Knitting Group – Scarves were started for later donation to the Midnight Run and for other TBE warm winter wear collections.

Sisterhood – The dedicated Sisterhood members, led by Cindy Scott, coordinated two drives to help the needy in our communities. The rummage collection they held on Mitzvah Day yielded 10 bags of warm clothing to support SMOOCHY's Midnight Run, 30 bags and boxes of household items to support The Giving Network, and over 80 bags and boxes of clothing to support Big Brothers and Big Sisters. Later in the month, Sisterhood's food drive for Thanksgiving, coordinated by Carol Ahlert and Barbara Johnston, provided Thanksgiving meals for 20 IHN families and 40 Homesharing households. (See the related pictures with the Sisterhood article on page 21.)

Brotherhood – Thanks to President Bryan BenDavid and his six volunteers, who spent a very productive morning restocking shelves at the Somerset County Food Bank's warehouse facility. They made a big contribution at a busy time of year for the food bank.

Kathy Shanklin's recycled items – Passersby in the lobby chose from a selection of hand-crafted items provided by our multi-talented musical accompanist, all made from 100% recycled materials. Thanks, Kathy, for your inspiring example!

Choir – The adult choir brought their wonderful spirit to the Brookdale Assisted Living facility in Hillsborough, and shared a variety of beautiful and uplifting musical selections.

IHN – Volunteer training was attended by a few enthusiastic new recruits. Thanks, Leigh Freeman and Karen Donohue, for making this important program available!

Advocacy – Thanks to our guests from the Eastern Service Workers Association, who educated many congregants regarding the plight of workers in this low-paid and benefit-poor segment of the economy. We hope to team with them on projects in the future. Also, thanks to Liz Cohen for helping congregants get in touch with their local representatives on hot legislative topics of the day.

Mitzvah Month concluded with our annual interfaith Thanksgiving service, supporting IHN while sharing our gratitude for all our blessings.

Coming up, please join us for the annual Social Action Service on Friday, January 20. In honor of Martin Luther King Day, we are planning a visiting speaker, who will address issues of "welcoming the stranger" in these times of uncertainty and growing world-wide security concerns.

If you would like to become more involved with the Social Action Committee, please reach out to either one of us: david@decarchitect.com or jsdegonzalez@gmail.com. *Ani v'atah n'shanah et ha olam* – together we can change the world!

David Cohen and Jodi Siegal

Social Action Co-chairs



From left: Sarah, Dan, and Dana Shapiro.



Do you want to know what the Reform Movement is doing to protect and promote core Jewish values? Do you want to know how we, as individuals, and as a congregation can participate in this effort?

The Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism (RAC) is working to engage Reform Movement congregations and their members to channel individual and collective concerns into the protection of vulnerable populations through advocacy and organizing at the federal, state, and local levels.

The Religious Action Center's [Urgency of Now Resource Center](#), which is being updated in real-time, contains a variety of ways to take action, including filling out

legislative and transition-related action alerts, signing up for RAC emails to stay informed, registering for training webinars, and reading the latest press statements that have been issued on transition related matters such as appointments, DACA, and more. There are actions that we can take as individuals and as a congregation.

If you have questions or would like to get involved, please contact Liz Cohen, liz@decarchitect.com.

Urgency of Now Resource Center

<http://www.rac.org/urgency-now-resource-center>

Interfaith Hospitality Network

Leigh Freeman, Coordinator — IHN / Temple Beth-El

Our next hosting date is February 12-19

2017 IHN Hosting Schedule

February 12-19	April 23-30	June 4-11
August 13-20	November 5 -12	December 24-31

The Interfaith Hospitality Network of Somerset County (IHNSC) is a not-for-profit organization that provides many layers of services for homeless families with children. IHNSC provides a valuable service, as most other programs for homeless families do not provide the range of services to families with children.

Temple Beth-El hosts clients of IHN six times a year, approximately February, March or April, June, August, October or November and December. The families call Temple Beth-El "home" for a week and our volunteers give

their time to assure that the families have a warm and welcoming stay with good food, compassion, play, and lots of good conversation.

Getting involved requires only a few hours from one to six times a year...you choose your level of involvement. Every volunteer is an important mentor to our IHN families.

Please visit www.tinyurl.com/TBEIHNSignup or call the appropriate coordinator listed below to schedule a volunteer shift. Always check the IHN Coordinators Contact List in each issue of the Shofar, as it's possible that there have been changes. **Each volunteer is expected to honor their commitment to the IHN hosting week. If a volunteer is unable to fulfill their commitment, they should contact another volunteer and swap dates.**

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		jbhirsch@gmail.com
Overnight Shift Volunteers	Sharon Sietz		908-256-6483	sharon.sietz@gmail.com
Meals	YOUR NAME HERE			
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	David Cohen	609-683-5766		david@decarchitect.com
IHNSC/Day Center	Karen Donohue	908-704-1920	908-217-0217 (c)	karen@ihnsc.org

IHN: A Call to Action Reflections of a New Volunteer

I was nervous. After all, I had never done this before. Hoping to make a good first impression, I wanted everything to be just right: the menu, the setting, and especially the conversation. Having never met the people with whom I was about to spend the next few hours, I worried about the conversations the most. (I needn't have worried.)

So began my first time covering the dinner shift for the Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) at Temple Beth-El. We were housing three families that week, so I felt grateful to be sharing hosting duties with an experienced volunteer. Together, we set up the buffet table, made small talk with the guests, and tended the children while their parents took some respite time for themselves.

Two-and-a-half hours flew by before the next volunteer arrived for her evening shift. Heartened by the experience, I resolved to continue.

I've volunteered twice since then. Each time, I've learned more about how to support and engage with our guests—from bringing their favorite foods for dinner to finding the books the children most love. I learn their names, and they ask mine. We eat dinner together. They ask questions about Judaism.

Sometimes the adults open up about lives and aspirations derailed by homelessness. It's a privilege to hear these stories—they offer profound occasions to listen, encourage and hope. Our guests often express thanks for the "great blessing" of IHN in their lives. We part company with hugs and well wishes for the future.

The more I volunteered, the more my confidence grew. Even so, I knew there was still much more to learn about being an IHN host congregation, so I signed up eagerly for training on Mitzvah Day.

“*It's a privilege to hear these stories -- they offer profound occasions to listen, encourage and hope.*”

Karen Donohue and Leigh Freeman conducted the November 6 training. Karen is the director of volunteer services for the entire IHN program of Somerset County. (That's her day job.) Leigh serves as the IHN coordinator for TBE, a job she manages to do around her full-time career as a constituent and legislative aide for Sen. Linda Greenstein, 14th Legislative District. (Leigh's the one sending emails time-stamped 11:30 p.m.)

These two women of valor clearly worked hard to assemble a comprehensive, insightful session as professional as any training I'd taken in my years of corporate life. I highly recommend the training to every IHN volunteer, whether you're a rookie, a veteran, or maybe someone who's just curious about the program. I guarantee you'll leave feeling energized, affirmed and empowered.

Yet—as I hope my experience shows—you don't need training to start volunteering. All you need is a desire to spend a few hours performing *g'milut chasadim* (acts of kindness) by providing *hachnasat orchim* (hospitality to strangers).

IHN calls us to action. Our faith calls us to respond. The need is great and there are many mitzvot to do.

To learn more about upcoming volunteer opportunities at TBE, contact IHN coordinator Leigh Freeman. You can email her at dancer.leighfreeman@att.net, or call or text her at (908) 391-1397. Full training packets are also available in the TBE lobby or from Leigh, who would love to hear from you!

Shelley Drozd



At the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service Honoring the work of the Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN), staff and a client family pose for pictures.

L-R: Karen Donohue, Director of Volunteer Services; Kristana Hunter, Financial Case Manager; Ginger Tormgrimson, Case Manager; IHN Client Ariel holding her daughter Madison (age 5 months); Alyssa Martini, Executive Director, holding Ariel's son Jayden (age 4)

Lifecycle

Mazel Tov to our B'nei Mitzvah Students

Josh Worman

Our Condolences to...

David Hersh, on the passing of his sister, Eileen DeJager
 Bob Krovetz, on the passing of his mother, Renee Krovetz
 Jonathan Andell, on the passing of his wife, Karen Andell
 Andy Bloom, on the passing of his father, Alfred Bloom
 Chris Grafer, on the passing of his brother, Donald Grafer
 Sheldon Stept, on the passing of his father, Alan Stept

Mazel Tov to...

Robert and Shari Albin, on the engagement of their daughter, Amanda, to Daniel Rosenblum

Howard and Debbie Engler on their son Michael's college graduation

Our Caring Community

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

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

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

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

Prayer for Healing Cards: Cards are available in the temple lobby to let those in need of healing know that their names were included in our 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.

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Yahrzeits J a n u a r y

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

To be read January 6 and 7

Irving Glatt, father of Evelyn Silverstein
David Locker, father of Stephen Locker and Brenda Osofsky
Evelyne Weinberger, mother of Daniel Weinberger
Edythe Schrier, sister of Sally Rosen
William Levine, grandfather of Jeremy Bloch
Howard Richman, great-uncle of Lynn Small
Evelyn Southland, mother of Stuart Southland
Jack Spinrad, father of Marcy Rosenfeld
Harold Glikzman, brother of Michael Glikzman
Esther Rubin Polokoff, grandmother of Kenneth Rubin
Charles Toborowsky, father of Robert Taber
Irving Cooperman, father of Frances Taber
Gladys Goldberg, mother of David Goldberg
Milton Spivack, father of Geri Lane
Rose Della Ventura, grandmother of Stephen Swinick
Betty Weiss, mother of Michael Weiss

To be read January 13 and 14

Miriam Cartine, mother of Julie Caliman
Julian Freedman, stepfather of Cindy Weiss
Ruth Stein, mother of Mitchell Stein
David Maxham, father of Debra Youngerman
Abraham I. Tucker, brother of Barbara Cohen
Fryderyk Wojcik, father of Annie Heimberg
Harry Brody, father of Bruce Brody
Justin Galler, husband of Pat Galler
Jeanette Herman, mother of Ira Herman
Milton Levenberg, father of Richard Levenberg
Eleanor Attner, mother of Paul Attner
Joseph Silverman, father of Lloyd Silverman
Helen Bernstein, great-aunt of Keith Holler
Rebecca Cohen, mother of Saul Cohen
Muriel Levitt, mother of Laura Miller
Ina Roistacher, grandmother of Mara White
Nathan Spinner, brother of Max Spinner
Mary White, mother of Michael White
Michael Zerring, brother of Judith Goldberg
Leon Blitman, stepfather of Mara White
Larry Hillman, father of Lillian Swickle
Elsie Keiles, mother of Ann Weinstein

To be read January 20 and 21

Toby L. Allaway, sister of Carol Levison
Wesley Goldman, father of Shari Albin
Ida Okun, mother of Charles Okun
Margaret Levine, grandmother of Jeremy Bloch
Irvin Goldman, brother of Shari Albin
Michael Millstein, brother of Randi Millstein
Brian Ruderman, husband of Eileen Ruderman
Rebecca Spevack, mother of Gail Wohl
Libby Rita Friedman, mother of Neil Friedman
Sol Goldberg, father of Michael Goldberg
Celia Shubitz, grandmother of Gerald Shubitz
Dr. Raymond Taub, husband of Goldie Taub
George Rugg, father of Stuart Rugg

To be read January 27 and 28

Anna Herskowitz, grandmother of Helene Fine
Annaliese Stuart, aunt of Robert Adler
Fannie Febesh, mother of Ilene Rothschild
Stephanie L. Graham, wife of James Graham
Ben Lavin, father of Liz Cohen
Harry Schwartz, uncle of Sylvia Rubin
Sophie Brown, mother of Marvin Brown
Bernard Simon, father of Carol Landesman
Howard Strand, father of Thomas Strand
Max Adler, father of Robert Adler
Jack Cudzynowski, uncle of Joseph Cudzynowski
Charles Lowenthal, grandfather of Lynn Small
Richard Schiff, uncle of Rick Miller
Ethel Tischfield, mother of Jay Tischfield
Albert Waldorf, father of William Waldorf

Yahrzeits February

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

To be read February 3 and 4

Lawrence Bernstein, uncle of Amy McBride
Louis Faer, father of Beverly Bober
Maurice Goldberg, father of Gari Bloom
Fannie Kaplin, mother of Phyllis Greenberg
Norman Miller, father of Rick Miller
Shalom Weyl, father of Lewin Weyl
Leona Berkowitz, mother of Steve Berkowitz
Gussie Bernstein, grandmother of Amy McBride
Ida Vogel, sister of Max Spinner
Ernest A. Compain, grandfather of David Gold
Rebecca Taub, mother-in-law of Goldie Taub
Rosalie Weitz, mother of Steven Weitz
Raymond Bateman, brother of Caren Bateman
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Anne Marie Lavranchuk, mother of James Lavranchuk
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Ida Drexler, grandmother of Howard Engler
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Herman Rubin, husband of Sylvia Rubin
Selma Smith, mother of Joseph Smith
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Lorraine Perlin, sister-in-law of Beatrice Cohen
Samuel Gerber, father of Jennifer Gerber
Shana Rudnitsky, mother of Jennifer Haftel
Norman Weitman, father of Nanette Mantell
Fanny Wohl, grandmother of Robyn Becker

To be read February 10 and 11

Philip Tesser, father of Laurie Novak
Morris L. Wang, father of Andrea Auerbach
Arnold Sietz, father of Sharon Sietz
Ida Toborowsky, mother of Robert Taber
Ann Gordon, grandmother of Julie Hersh
Elaine Wedeen, mother of Ken Wedeen
Gail Ellen Gold, mother of David Gold and Sarah Gold
Cindy Cipos, sister of Barry Hoffner
Rosalie Stark, mother of Simon Stark

To be read February 17 and 18

Lillian Freed, mother of Diane Morrison
Herbert Landesman, father of Glen Landesman
Lucien Sabah, uncle of Ghislaine Silverman
Jessica Schoenberg, sister of Isa Beck
Paula Mittleman Edelson, cousin of Goldie Taub
Julius Frenkel, grandfather of Gary Friedman
Marion Friedberg, mother of Morton Friedberg
Miriam Halpern, mother of Morris Halpern
Peter Stein, brother of Mitchell Stein
Sandra Haftel, mother of Benjamin Haftel
Florence Zatz, mother of Iris Naroden
Gail Bashein Shinske, mother of Caryn Shinske
Sol Weinstein, father-in-law of Ann Weinstein
Alice Bober, mother of Michael Bober
Joseph Farber, father of Edith Hurwitz
Morris Katchen, father of Beverly Cohen
Bette K. Lewin, mother of Carol Levison

Simon Schutzman, grandfather of Cheryl Nelson
Abraham Small, grandfather of Brian Small
Edward M. Fink, husband of Rita Fink
Lillian Jurgrau, mother of Fern Schiffman
Roslyn Newman, grandmother of Jan Miller
Ida Springer, aunt of Gerald Shubitz
Farra Tebbi-Lewis, daughter of Farajollah and Mahin Tebbi
Sophia Tentler, mother of Simona Rivkin

To be read February 23 and 24

Norma Albin, mother of Robert Albin
Lawrence deMackiewicz, brother of Carrie Feuer
Rabbi Matthew Derby, father of Frank Derby
Bernard Levin, father of Harold Levin
Loretta Block, mother of Felicia Falzone
Lillian Etkins, mother of Donna Etkins
Eva Brooks, aunt of Cindy Mangel
Samuel Chasin, grandfather of Gerald Shubitz
Stanley Engler, father of Howard Engler
Alfred Goldberg, grandfather of Shavaun Gliksmann
Augusta Koen, mother of Peter Koen
Martin Leeds, father of Jodi Bloom
Bert Schneider, father of Arthur Schneider
Perry Goldfeder, great-uncle of Lynn Small
Norman Kohn, father of Hal Kohn
David Marcus, father of Richard Marcus
Rose Reinhart Sayne, mother of Morton Reinhart
Roslyn Sietz, mother of Sharon Sietz
Marjorie Silverman, wife of Lloyd Silverman and mother of Jeff Silverman
William Knauer, father of Leonard Knauer
Charles Mangel, father of Howard Mangel
Sarah Zerring, mother of Judith Goldberg

To be read March 3 and 4

Janice Hoffner, mother of Barry Hoffner
Ralph B. Jackson, father of June Greenbaum
Paul Novak, father of Dr. Gerald Novak
Henry Schwartz, father of Vicki Schwartz
Beverly Weitman, mother of Nanette Mantell
Harry Cohen, father of Rita Fink
Dorothy Dallow, mother of Brian Dallow
Sara Rechtleben, mother of Deborah Tompa
Bessie Tucker, mother of Barbara Cohen
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Matilda Goldberg, mother of Michael Goldberg
Lillian Evens, mother of Carl Evens
Bernard Weigl, grandfather of Lynn Small
Irene Cohen, sister of Stanley Kanterman
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January

Calendar of Events

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Sunday, January 1

IHN Hosting Week
Chanukah Last Day
No Sunday School — Winter Break

Monday, January 2

Temple Offices Closed
No Hebrew School — Winter Break
7:00 p.m. Mah Jongg

Tuesday, January 3

6:30 p.m. Youth: Leadership Training Seminar
7:30 p.m. Brit K'hilah Meeting
7:30 p.m. Ritual Committee Meeting
7:30 p.m. Religious School Committee Meeting

Wednesday, January 4

No Hebrew School or Confirmation Academy —
Winter Break
7:00 p.m. Membership Committee Meeting
7:30 p.m. Sisterhood Board Meeting

Thursday, January 5

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

Friday, January 6

8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, January 7

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Minyan Service and Torah Study
5:00 p.m. Young Family Pajama Party PK-2

Sunday, January 8

9:00 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Advanced Beginner Hebrew Reading
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:15 a.m. Brotherhood Board Meeting
10:00 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Aleph Isn't Enough
10:00 a.m. Q&A Session on Constitutional Changes
11:00 a.m. RS Madrichim Meeting

Monday, January 9

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

Wednesday, January 11

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

Thursday, January 12

6:30 p.m. Sisterhood Woman of Valor Meeting
7:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Israeli Folk Dancing

Friday, January 13

7:00 p.m. Family Shabbat Service with SMOOCHY
and participation of Grades 8-12

Saturday, January 14

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Minyan Service and Torah Study
7:00 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Film Series *Arranged*

Sunday, January 15

9:00 a.m. No Sunday School — MLK Weekend

Monday, January 16

Martin Luther King Day
Temple Offices Closed
4:30 p.m. No Hebrew School — MLK Weekend
7:00 p.m. Mah Jongg

Wednesday, January 18

4:30 p.m. No Hebrew School or Confirmation
Academy — MLK Weekend
7:30 p.m. Women's Torah Study

Thursday, January 19

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

Friday, January 20

6:30 p.m. Shabbat Tables
8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service with Social Action

Saturday, January 21

SMOCHY Shul-in
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study
with Bar Mitzvah of Josh Worman
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study

Sunday, January 22

9:00 a.m. Sunday School with Grade 2 Family Ed

Monday, January 23

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, January 24

7:00 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Beit Midrash with Rabbi Gluck

Wednesday, January 25

4:30 p.m. Hebrew School
6:30 p.m. Confirmation Academy
7:00 p.m. URJ Introduction to Judaism

Thursday, January 26

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

Friday, January 27

8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service
8:00 p.m. Youth: Blue Jean Shabbat —
By Teens, For Teens

Saturday, January 28

9:00 a.m. Shabbat Experience for Young Families
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Minyan Service and Torah Study with
Learners' Minyan
12:00 p.m. Board Retreat
7:30 p.m. Brotherhood Poker Tourney

Sunday, January 29

Youth: LTS Event Grades 7-8
9:00 a.m. Sunday School with Grade 5 Family Ed
9:00 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Advanced Beginner Hebrew
Reading
10:00 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Aleph Isn't Enough
4:00 p.m. Jewish LIFE: iEngage 3: Jewish Values and the
Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

Monday, January 30

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

Tuesday, January 31

7:00 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Beit Midrash with Rabbi Gluck

Visit our online calendar at www.ourbethel.org/calendar for more information, room locations and updated information.

Calendar of Events

Wednesday, February 1

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

Thursday, February 2

Religious School Post-Confirmation Trip
6:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Gentle Yoga Flow
7:00 p.m. Israeli Folk Dance Chavurah
7:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Israeli Folk Dancing

Friday, February 3

Religious School Post-Confirmation Trip
8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service with Brotherhood

Saturday, February 4

Religious School Post-Confirmation Trip
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Minyan Service and Torah Study

Sunday, February 5

Religious School Post-Confirmation Trip
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Advanced Beginner Hebrew Reading
10:00 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Aleph Isn't Enough

Monday, February 6

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, February 7

6:30 p.m. Youth: Leadership Training Seminar
7:00 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Beit Midrash with Rabbi Gluck

Wednesday, February 8

4:30 p.m. Hebrew School
6:30 p.m. Confirmation Academy
7:00 p.m. URJ Introduction to Judaism
7:30 p.m. Sisterhood Board Meeting

Thursday, February 9

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

Friday, February 10

Erev TuB'Shvat and Shabbat Shirah
Scholar-in-Residence Weekend with Rabbi Marc Rosenstein
7:00 p.m. Family Shabbat Service with consecration and participation of Grade 5; Guest Scholar-in-Residence Rabbi Marc Rosenstein

Saturday, February 11

Tu B'Shvat and Shabbat Shirah
Scholar-in-Residence Weekend with Rabbi Marc Rosenstein
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Minyan Service and Torah Study
12:00 p.m. Tu B'Shvat Seder with Rabbi Marc Rosenstein
5:00 p.m. Teen Event with Rabbi Marc Rosenstein

Sunday, February 12

IHN Hosting Week
Scholar-in-Residence Weekend with Rabbi Marc Rosenstein
8:30 a.m. Omelette Breakfast sponsored by RS Committee
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. RS Grade 6 Parent Meeting
9:15 a.m. Adult Learning Session with Scholar-in-Residence Rabbi Marc Rosenstein

Monday, February 13

IHN Hosting Week
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, February 14

IHN Hosting Week
7:00 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Beit Midrash with Rabbi Gluck
7:00 p.m. SMOOCHY Lounge Night

Wednesday, February 15

IHN Hosting Week
4:30 p.m. Hebrew School
6:30 p.m. Confirmation Academy
7:00 p.m. URJ Introduction to Judaism

Thursday, February 16

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

Friday, February 17

IHN Hosting Week
NFTY Convention
8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, February 18

IHN Hosting Week
NFTY Convention
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Minyan Service and Torah Study

Sunday, February 19

IHN Hosting Week
NFTY Convention
9:00 a.m. No Sunday School — Presidents' Weekend

Monday, February 20

NFTY Convention
Presidents' Day
Temple Offices Closed
4:30 p.m. No Hebrew School
7:00 p.m. Mah Jongg

Wednesday, February 22

4:30 p.m. No Hebrew School or Confirmation Academy — Presidents' Week

Thursday, February 23

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

Friday, February 24

8:00 p.m. Youth: Blue Jean Shabbat
8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, February 25

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Minyan Service and Torah Study
12:00 p.m. Board Retreat - Snow Date

Sunday, February 26

9:00 a.m. Sunday School with Grade 3 Family Ed
9:00 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Advanced Beginner Hebrew Reading
9:15 a.m. Sisterhood - Brotherhood Breakfast
10:00 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Aleph Isn't Enough
11:00 a.m. Youth: LTS Event Grades 2-4
4:00 p.m. Jewish LIFE: iEngage 3: Jewish Values and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

Monday, February 27

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, February 28

7:00 p.m. Jewish LIFE: A Taste of Mussar

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