

# Shofar



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## Rabbi's Message

**Thank you, Robin!**

With this, the last edition of the Shofar for 2016/17, we can look back with satisfaction and pride on what has been a very full and fulfilling year at Temple Beth-El and note with gratitude the great efforts of those who have led our community. It is especially appropriate to do this now as we come to the end of one temple administration and prepare to inaugurate a new one at our annual congregational meeting on June 12.

Among our many great leaders, we have been especially blessed to be led for the last two years by Robin Osman, who is one of the most talented, energetic, and dedicated temple presidents we have had at TBE. Robin is a connector. She reaches out to connect with people and helps them to connect

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**Confirmation Service**  
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**Volunteer Reception Monday, June 12, 7:15 p.m.**

followed by

Congregational Meeting, 8:00 p.m.

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## Worship Schedule

### MAY

#### Monday, May 1

*Yom HaZikaron, Israel's Day of Remembrance*

#### Tuesday, May 2

*Yom Ha'Atzmaut, Israel's Independence Day*

#### Friday, May 5

8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

#### Saturday, May 6

*Parashat Acharei Mot - K'doshim, Leviticus 16:1-20:27*  
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Minyan Service and Torah Study

#### Thursday, May 11

6:30 p.m. Interfaith Gathering with Muslim Center of Somerset County

#### Friday, May 12

7:00 p.m. Family Shabbat Service with Yad Chazakah

#### Saturday, May 13

*Parashat Emor, Leviticus, 21:1-24:23*  
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study with bat mitzvah of Sophie Weinberger

#### Sunday, May 14

*Lag B'Omer*

#### Friday, May 19

6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class Shabbat Dinner  
8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service with the Youth Person of Honor and the choir

#### Saturday, May 20

*Parashat B'har - B'chukotai, Leviticus 25:1-26:2 / 26:3-27:34*  
9:00 a.m. Shabbat Experience for Young Families (those with children up to grade 2)  
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study with bat mitzvah of Marissa Pollak

#### Friday, May 26

8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

#### Saturday, May 27

*Parashat B'midbar, Numbers 1:1-4:20*  
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Minyan Service and Torah Study

#### Tuesday, May 30

*Erev Shavuot*  
7:00 p.m. *Tikkun Leil Shavuot*: Community Observance of Shavuot at Temple Sholom

#### Wednesday, May 31

*Shavuot*

### JUNE

#### Friday, June 2

7:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service and Ceremony of Confirmation

#### Saturday, June 3

*Parashat Naso, Numbers 4:21-7:89*  
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study with b'not mitzvah of Carly and Reese Wolf

#### Friday, June 9

7:00 p.m. Family Shabbat Service

#### Saturday, June 10

*Parashat B'haalot'cha, Numbers 8:1-12:16*  
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study with bat mitzvah of Sam Fromberg

#### Friday, June 16

6:30 p.m. Shabbat Dinner  
8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service with Installation and the Choir

#### Saturday, June 17

*Parashat Sh'lach L'cha, Numbers 13:1-15:41*  
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study with bat mitzvah of Dhani Skole

#### Friday, June 23

8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

#### Saturday, June 24

*Parashat Korach, Numbers 16:1-18:32*  
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Minyan Service and Torah Study

#### Friday, June 30

8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

### Temple Calendar Webpage

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

### Shofar Submissions and Deadline

The next issue of the Shofar will be September-October 2017. PLEASE NOTE: The deadline for submissions is August 15. Submit articles via email to: [ShofarEditor@templebethelnj.org](mailto:ShofarEditor@templebethelnj.org).

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

### Torah Portions

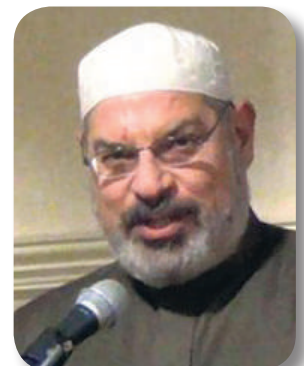
You can read a Weekly Torah Commentary by visiting the Union of Reform Judaism's web page: [www.reformjudaism.org/learning/torah-study](http://www.reformjudaism.org/learning/torah-study)

### Children of Abraham Coming Together for Peace and Love with guest speaker Imam Hamad Ahmad Chebli

**May 11, 6:30 p.m.**

Interfaith gathering with  
Muslim Center of Somerset County  
Join us for fellowship, prayer,  
dialogue and dinner.

RSVP to Susan in the temple office,  
908-722-0674.



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with the community and with Jewish life. Under her leadership our efforts to be more relational have advanced significantly, largely because of the great example she sets. Whether it is through social action, adult learning, reading Torah, participating in worship, celebrating holy days, or joining together for fun social occasions, when Robin finds something that excites her, she jumps in with both feet and brings others along to share the experience. Good leaders inspire, encourage and support others to be leaders, and Robin has excelled at this. Her style is highly collaborative, and this has helped her to attract many talented and creative people to serve and support our congregation in all kinds of ways. At a time when there is much talk of how civic life is suffering from a decline in volunteerism, we have seen a marked increase in involvement at TBE, due in significant measure to Robin's efforts and example.

Speaking personally, and for the rest of the professional staff, Robin has been a great partner for us. She makes us feel valued and supported, and encourages us to do and be our best in all that we do to serve the community. At TBE we have always seen the relationship between lay and professional leaders as a sacred partnership, and no one has done more to exemplify this than Robin. Robin, todah rabbah for all you have done for us, and for being such an inspiring and effective leader. We look forward to the many contributions you will yet make to our community in the years ahead.

One of the many accomplishments of Robin's administration has been the revision of our constitution to embrace a new governance model. The implementation of this new structure will be in the very capable hands of our next temple president, Jay Lavroff, and his leadership team. Jay has a proven track record of exemplary service

to our congregation, having served as vice-president and ritual chair, having chaired multiple professional search committees, and so much more. With Jay at the head of our lay leadership, we have much to look forward to in the coming year and beyond.

I want to express my admiration, respect and gratitude to my super-talented co-workers, our professional staff. It is hard to imagine a more dedicated, hard-working, talented, kind and caring group of synagogue professionals than Cantor Emily Pincus, Sarah Gluck, Lisa Friedman, Amy Rubin and Rachel Frish. Their love for our community and for each of its members, their love of Judaism and their service to God and to our people is inspired and inspiring. We are so very lucky to have them, and I am personally grateful to them beyond words for their partnership in our sacred work.

As I write these words, there are still many exciting opportunities that lie ahead in the coming two months. We will celebrate the confirmation of a wonderful class of 10th graders on Friday evening June 2. On Tuesday evening, May 30, we will cap off a year of strong partnership with our broader Jewish community by sharing a Shavuot celebration at Temple Sholom in Bridgewater. And on Thursday evening, May 11, we will share an evening of learning, prayer, food and fellowship with the Muslim Center of Somerset County and Imam Chebli of the Islamic Society of Central Jersey. Of course, our joyful weekly Shabbat services continue throughout the summer every Friday at 8:00 p.m.

Thank you all for being part of our TBE family!

*L'shalom,*

*Rabbi Arnold S. Gluck*



## SHAVUOT

Four synagogues.  
One Torah.  
Many perspectives.

**Tuesday, May 30**

**7:00 p.m. at Temple Sholom**

**What really happened at Mt. Sinai?**

**Panel discussion with four rabbis**

Join us for learning, prayer, food, and discussion with people from across the Jewish community as we celebrate Shavuot, the only holiday that combines Torah with cheesecake.

7:00 p.m. — Shavuot service followed by dessert reception and Torah study

With: Temple Beth-El, Hillsborough; Congregation Beth Israel, Basking Ridge; Congregation Knesseth Israel, Bound Brook; and Temple Sholom, Bridgewater.

## A Note From Our Cantor

### Yad Chazakah

by Emily Wigod Pincus

We are happy to announce that the fourth round of beautiful *yadot* will be presented from our *Yad Chazakah* program during Shabbat Services Friday, May 19 at 8:00 p.m.

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 through 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 47 adults and children post b'nei mitzvah who have chanted or who will chant Torah this year.*

Matthew Charles	Kyle Falzone	Kerrie Kaufman Morse	Judd Mandell	Dan Shapiro
Anczarki	Josh Fox	Caroline Kornbrek	Matthew McCloskey	Lindsey Skole
Joey Angeline	Mitchell Friedman	Bob Krovetz	Ian Oberti-Dirico	Bob Taber
Joy Auerbach	Shayna Friedman	Jim Lavranchuk	Robin Osman	Vicky Schwartz
Lara Becker	Arielle Handler	Jay Lavroff	Marissa Osofsky	Jake Silver
Rachel Berger	Sydney Handler	Josh Lavroff	Daniel Raines Moshe	Ariella Southland
Beth Borrus	Julie Hirsch	Harold Levin	Ethan Rizzi	Ethan Wolkofsky
Gary Cohen	Hannah Hopson	Steve Lieberman	Kristen Rodrigues	Josh Worman
Matt Engler	Noah Horowitz	Ed Malberg	Marcy Rosenfeld	
Michelle Engler	Leslie Kass	Haley Mandell	Talia Rubin	

### *We honor our Legacy Circle:*

Anonymous (5)	Jay Lavroff
Rande and Janet Aaronson	Leigh Miller
Lou and Myrna Binder	Rick Miller
Gari and Charles Bloom	Robin and Larry Osman
Mike Bloomstein	Art and Betty Roswell
Liz and Dave Cohen	Amy Rubin
Rabbi Arnold and Sarah Gluck	Lillian Swickle
Julie and Greg Hirsch	Goldie Taub
Chrys Jochem	Steve and Elayne Weitz
Bob Krovetz	Bruce and Marlane Wolf

Please remember Temple Beth-El with a gift in your will, trust, retirement account or life insurance policy.

A legacy gift ensures that the community will continue to serve future generations.

Contact Lil Swickle at [LegacyCircle@TempleBethElnj.org](mailto:LegacyCircle@TempleBethElnj.org).



## The Children of *Hidur Mitzvah*

What, you may ask, is “*hidur mitzvah*”? Cantor Emily Pincus tells us this is an expression that means “to make the mitzvah more beautiful.” In other words, out of the mitzvah of prayer, the singer creates an even greater mitzvah. This idea is at the heart of her goals for the youth choir, for both the children singing in the choir and the congregants enjoying their music.

You may have heard the new youth choir singing at the Tu B’shvat service, or at the festive Purim Spiel. Currently they are 12 members strong (see below), but new members are always welcome and encouraged. The choir will sing at the two remaining family services this year, on May 12 and June 9. And they recently sang at a community-wide Yom Ha-atzmaut celebration at the JCC on Sunday, April 30.

Through the children’s participation in the choir, Cantor Pincus hopes to encourage relationships between the kids and reinforce their connection to prayer, Judaism and synagogue life. “Rehearsals are not just straight singing,” she points out. “I do have certain musical standards that I want them to meet, but that’s actually not the primary goal.” What’s important is that the choir members are not only building their own Jewish identities; they are also serving as role models for other children. “Having a children’s choir sing at family services helps other children feel comfortable. They know this service is for them, and it makes it easier for them to relate to it.”

Through song, Cantor Pincus hopes to ground the choir members in regular Shabbat observance and to encourage them to “take pride in being one of the ‘makers.’” Explaining that in practice it’s often difficult for children (and even adults) to create their own prayer experience, she sees worship through song as an excellent avenue through which children can explore their spirituality and become active participants in the synagogue.

On a more personal level, Cantor Pincus enjoys getting to know the children better, conducting them at services and “helping them grow in musical confidence.” She herself was strongly influenced by her own experiences singing in children’s choir, and sees the act of singing as integral to building a strong connection to Judaism and Jewish identity. “When you sing certain prayers, you have them for life. I still remember the songs I learned in children’s choir when I was a kid. It was a direct connection for me with Shabbat liturgy,” she reflects. “I also learned that you could have more than one tune for the same text, and I began to understand the variety of Jewish musical expression that existed.” Her experience also gave her important perspective on balancing different aspects of her life. “I could sense how the sacred and the secular were woven together through music, and that you didn’t have to reject one in order to hold on to the other.”

As with any work in progress, there is plenty of fine-tuning going on. “One thing I have been experimenting with is how to have the choir participate but still understand how they fit into the larger scheme of the service, without disrupting the flow,” the cantor muses. The best solution so far is to have the children sing at the beginning and end of the service from the bimah, but return to their seats in the front row for the majority of it, “where they can sit comfortably and learn to be in their own prayer space during a service.”

What’s in the youth choir’s future? Cantor Pincus wants to put singing at assisted living facilities and nursing homes on the list for Mitzvah Day and over Chanukah or Pesach, ideally in conjunction with the adult choir, and to keep finding new opportunities to have these wonderful young voices lift us all up in song.

### The Youth Choir Roster

Ben Bauman (Grade 3)  
 Rebecca Bauman (Grade 3)  
 Hayden Brown (Grade 4)  
 Max Cooper (Grade 6)  
 Emily Dickholtz (Grade 6)  
 Dylan Falzone (Grade 3)  
 Alex Herskovitz (Grade 3)  
 Feebee Herskovitz (Grade 5)  
 Julie McCloskey (Grade 4)  
 Nathaniel Pincus (Grade 2)  
 Rebekah Redlich (Grade 3)  
 Audrey Stark (Grade 3)  
 Lila Stark (Grade 5)

We always welcome new members!

*“It makes the services so much more interesting.”*

*“It makes me feel important.”*

*“My mom is the director.”*

*“I want to be an actor and I get stage fright, so this helps me practice.”*

*“Singing in the choir makes me feel special.”*

*“I have fun learning the songs and singing.”*

## From Our President

### Thank You My Friends!

*"Let us be grateful to the people who make us happy;  
they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom."*

Marcel Proust, French novelist

It's nearly impossible to believe that two years as president and six years on the presidential track (two years as second VP, two years as first VP and two years as president) have flown by so quickly. As my term as temple president winds down, my heart overflows with gratitude, love and joy. There are many people to thank for making this such a wonderful experience.

Thank you to all in our temple family for your support, your kind words, your trust and the love you have shown me over these last several years. You have truly made the job of being president delightful. I'm grateful for all you do. It's not easy to ask, so thank you for saying yes. Yes to giving time, yes to making donations, yes to showing up for the quorum and a hundred other things. We are a strong and vibrant community because of you.

So many individuals deserve thanks. I wish I could mention each of you by name, but then my article would take up the entire Shofar. I would like to thank you personally, so I hope you will join us for the volunteer reception on Monday, June 12, at 7:15 p.m., when I can offer my wholehearted appreciation in person.

Leading a congregation is not something one can accomplish alone. It's teamwork, and the players at TBE are outstanding. Our executive committee feels like the dream team, and I am incredibly lucky to work with such a smart, strategic, thoughtful, generous and compassionate gang. Thank you to Jay Lavroff (first VP), Leigh Miller (second VP), Gary Cohen (recording secretary), Andrea Bradley (financial secretary), Jay Taylor (treasurer), Leslie Kass (corresponding secretary) and Debbie Herman, who was corresponding secretary last year. Your wise counsel, commitment and partnership have been invaluable to me over the years. You each bring so much to the table, and it is a privilege for me to call myself a member of this team.

Thank you to past presidents Cindy Andrews and Lil Swickle for your teaching and guidance along my leadership journey. And to Liz Cohen and Steve Weitz for your willingness to share your great wisdom and mentor me. I am grateful to all our past presidents for your support and advice throughout the years.

Our board members, committee chairs and many volunteers are an outstanding group. You love Temple Beth-El and serve our community with passion, dedication and countless hours of your time. Some of you have been loyal volunteers for decades, including Shuey Horowitz, who is timing off the board due to the term limit after nine years of dedicated service. Thank you all!

Our administrative and custodial staff deserves recognition and praise. Day in and day out, you quietly work to keep things running seamlessly at TBE. Thank you to Susan Walters, Betty Parenti, Ivy Anglin, Fernando Murillo, Jennifer Claxton, Luis Stanley, Eugenia Rodriguez and Luis Murillo. And many thanks to Kathy Shanklin for the beautiful music and wonderful presence you bring to TBE.



Thank you to our professional staff, which is second to none. Cantor Pincus, Education Directors Sarah Gluck and Lisa Friedman, and Director of Youth Engagement Rachel Frish, it would be difficult to imagine a more talented, committed, hard-working and overall wonderful team. You strive for excellence every day, and put your hearts and souls into all you do. It's an absolute joy to work with professionals of your caliber.

Amy Rubin, you are our executive director extraordinaire. I have never met anyone who was quite so good at so many things! We have basically been attached at the hip since that glorious day when you joined our staff, partnering on projects large and small. You are the glue that holds everything together at TBE. I am so very grateful for all you do, and for the wisdom and advice you have shared with me as a past president.

Rabbi Arnie, you inspired my "spiritual awakening" nine years ago, and you have inspired me every day since. You excel in every aspect of your job, and you are the greatest blessing a congregation could ever have. Our partnership these last few years has been everything I hoped it would be and more. It is an honor to be your partner in this sacred work. You are my teacher, my rabbi, my personal coach, my cheerleader, my friend and so much more. Mere words cannot express the depth of my gratitude for all you have given and taught me over the years.

I'm grateful to my family for your support and love throughout my leadership journey. Thank you to Eric and Alex, my boys who live in Philly, for coming to support me whenever I asked. And thank you to Larry and our daughter Jamie. It isn't easy being the husband or child of the temple president. I am eternally grateful to you for your patience with all the missed dinners, evenings at temple and the seemingly endless stream of emails and phone calls that go along with the territory.

What Michelle Obama said about being FLOTUS, I say about being POTBE (president of TBE). "It has been the greatest honor of my life." Thank you for trusting me to carry the torch for this wonderful community for a short while. Please join us at the congregational meeting on June 12 at 8:00 p.m., when I will pass the gavel on to Jay Lavroff. Jay will lead with strength and compassion, and we will be in very capable hands. May we go from strength to strength!

With gratitude and love,

Robin

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## MENSCH OF THE MONTH

### May and June Menschen of the Month

The May Mensch of the Month has earned that designation for the many good works she has done for TBE during her 15 years of temple membership.

**Leslie Kass** has served on numerous TBE committees that range in scope from helping temple youth to serving on the Executive Committee.

Among her many contributions, Leslie has participated in the temple leadership program and held a number of positions with the Youth Culture Committee, such as chairing the HUGS/SHRUGS groups, and chairing the search committee that selected Rachel Frish, the current director of youth engagement for TBE.

Leslie was a member of the Membership Committee for four years, serving two as co-chair, and is currently a member of the Board of Trustees. In addition to that role, Leslie is the corresponding secretary for the Executive Committee, and is that committee's liaison for the Membership and Youth committees.

Serving others led Leslie to participate in the Jewish Federation's Blank Leadership Program, from which she graduated in summer 2016, and then traveled to Israel last summer with the Blank Leadership Fellows.

In addition to her work on various panels, Leslie is an active adult reader of Torah, and is expected to earn her second yad this month.

Outside of TBE, Leslie loves spending time with family and friends. She enjoys reading, listening to music, taking road trips, attending live shows and theater performances, traveling, cooking and eating. Soon enough, she will add outdoor recreation to that list, since Leslie and her husband recently bought kayaks and look forward to using them.

Leslie lives in Branchburg with her husband Andrew, daughters Cayla, 19, and Marissa, 17, and the family's two dogs, Chloe and Loki. Cayla, a sophomore at The Ohio State University, and Marissa, a senior at Somerville High School, both began studying at TBE's religious school starting in kindergarten, became b'not mitzvah, were confirmed, and continued their Jewish education through post-confirmation. Marissa also is following her mother's example of service: she is a current member of the SMOOCHY board and is active in NFTY.

Mazal tov, Leslie Kass, for being the May Mensch of the Month.



Cook, musician, comic, writer, supportive spouse and dad ... is there anything the June 2017 Mensch of the Month cannot do?

**Larry Osman** is a busy guy, and at the top of the list of things he does especially well is being a patient husband and father, according to his wife, Robin, our outgoing temple president.

"I want to thank Larry for his support over the last six years, and for all his patience with the nighttime meetings, missed dinners, etc." Robin told the *Shofar* editors.

But Larry's dedication extends to many other areas as well.

He is CFO – Chief Frying Officer – of Uncle Larry's Schlumpia, which adds a Jewish twist on Filipino spring rolls, known as lumpia, by stuffing the rolls with traditional Jewish fillings. Many at TBE have sampled the delectable delicacy at temple events.

When not in the kitchen, Larry — who can play the guitar, piano and accordion — performs with TBE's t'fillah band and the klezmer band. He also has read Torah, and done standup comedy at TBE open mic nights. In fact, Larry has written a book, *Put it in Your Act*, which features funny but true stories from his life.

When he has spare time, Larry enjoys kayaking, walking at the Duke Farms estate in Hillsborough, and adding to his Mr. Peanut collection.

The Osmans live in Bridgewater and have been TBE members for 11 years. They have three children: Eric, 24, who lives in Philadelphia, manages bands and owns a record label; Alex, 21, who is graduating college and moving to Washington, D.C. to start a job; and Jamie, who is graduating high school and heading to Ithaca College in Ithaca, New York in the fall.

Mazal tov (and thanks!) to Larry Osman for being the June Mensch of the Month.



*Family, Friends and  
Fellow Congregants,*

*The 5777 Temple Beth-El  
Confirmation Class  
invites you to join them for a special  
Shabbat Service and Ceremony of Confirmation  
filled with personal reflection and song  
that will represent their continuing  
commitment to Jewish life*

*Friday, June 2, 2017  
At 7:00 PM*

*Temple Beth-El  
67 US Highway 206  
Hillsborough, NJ*



# Legacy Circle:

## Do you agree with any of these?

- 🌀 Temple Beth-El has been there for me in times of sorrow and joy.
- 🌀 Temple Beth-El has challenged me intellectually.
- 🌀 Temple Beth-El has enriched me at High Holy Days and Shabbat services.
- 🌀 Temple Beth-El has delighted my senses with its music.
- 🌀 Temple Beth-El programs have allowed my family to grow spiritually and as Jews.
- 🌀 Temple Beth-El has shaped my children.
- 🌀 Temple Beth-El is my second home.

If you agree with any of these statements, consider making a legacy commitment to Temple Beth-El. By making a bequest or planned gift to Temple Beth-El, you become part of the Legacy Circle and strengthen the future of our beloved community. Your gift will help ensure that Temple Beth-El continues to be not only a place of worship, spiritual growth, educational enrichment and community outreach, but also a place of kindness, warmth, and compassion for many generations to come.

I have made a legacy promise to the temple and am very committed to helping sustain the temple in this way. I've spoken to a number of people, encouraging them to leave a legacy for our community. These are the two most common concerns I hear:

1. **Concern:** I'm concerned about committing a specific dollar amount since I'm unsure of what my final medical expenses will be. Answer: Most people choose to leave a percentage of their estate rather than a fixed dollar amount. In this way, your personal or medical needs are all covered first, and your after-life gift to the temple would be larger or smaller depending on the size of your estate.

2. **Concern:** I'm very private. I prefer not to have people knowing what I have decided to leave and compare me with others. Answer: NOBODY at temple will know what you have stipulated in your plan until you are no longer in this world. We only know that you have made a promise to include the temple in some way in your estate.

For the past two years, Temple Beth-El has been partnering with the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Mercer on the Life and Legacy program of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation. As a result of our work building the Legacy Circle and the spirit of philanthropy at Temple Beth-El, we have earned more than \$10,000 in grant monies, with more grant monies available next year.

I hope you will join our dedicated group of 29 Legacy Circle donors by making a legacy promise to Temple Beth-El. If you would like to learn more, please reach out to me or any member of the committee.


Lillian Swickle, Chair

Lou Binder



Amy Rubin

[LegacyCircle@TempleBethElNJ.org](mailto:LegacyCircle@TempleBethElNJ.org)

## HOW WILL YOU ASSURE JEWISH TOMORROWS?



It's not about the zeroes—it's about insuring the continuity of Jewish institutions important to you. A legacy gift of any size makes a difference!

To create your Jewish legacy contact:  
Lillian Swickle, Legacy Circle Chair,  
[LegacyCircle@TempleBethElNJ.org](mailto:LegacyCircle@TempleBethElNJ.org)

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# Jewish LIFE

## CLASSES

### Great Jewish Writers and Great Jewish Writing, Part II

Instructors: Ed Malberg and Bob Krovetz

We will continue our discussion from last year. The first session will discuss Israeli writers including A.B. Yehoshua, S.Y. Agnon, Amos Oz, and David Grossman. The second session will look at Jewish writing in science fiction (Harlan Ellison, Phyllis Gottlieb), and Jewish writing in mysteries (Faye Kellerman). In both sessions, we will use short stories to look at the writing from a historical perspective and discuss how the various writers' backgrounds and their times influenced their writing.

*Tuesdays, 7:00-8:30 p.m.*

*May 9 and 23*

### Jewish Film Series

Saturdays at 7:00 p.m.

*May 6: Hill Start*

*June 3: (TBA)*

### Israeli Dancing

*Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.*

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

### Yoga Classes

Gentle Yoga Flow

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.

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

*May 4, 9 (a Tuesday), 18, 25; June 1*

## Youth at TBE

### Birthright Travel Opportunity

#### Have you heard about Birthright?

Birthright is a free 10-day trip to Israel for young adults aged 18-26. There are no restrictions around eligibility other than not yet having been on a Birthright trip.

Our own Lisa Friedman will be serving as a staff member on a URJ Kesher Birthright trip this winter and would love to host some of our community's youth. Maybe this is the time to travel to Israel?

Details:

- Dates: December 20-31, 2017, leaving from the NY area (likely JFK).
- Age Range: This trip is for 22-26 year olds (although 21 year olds should definitely be in touch).
- All Temple Beth-El alumni (or faculty) are eligible for priority registration on this trip.
- Invite your friends: This trip will not be for TBE alum exclusively, so it is possible to travel with friends.
- Registration opens September 5; interested participants can pre-register now at [www.gokesher.org](http://www.gokesher.org) or use the special link for those interested in the trip Lisa Friedman is hosting <http://bit.ly/KesherLisa>. Trips typically fill up fast, so it is important to be prepared to sign up as soon as registration is live.

If you or someone you know may be interested in this trip, or if you have questions about the Birthright program, please contact Lisa Friedman directly at [LisaFriedman@TempleBethElNJ.org](mailto:LisaFriedman@TempleBethElNJ.org).

Birthright is an outstanding opportunity to travel to Israel, reconnect with Judaism and the Reform Movement and build significant relationships with other Jewish young adults. If they haven't taken the leap before, now is the time!



## Is My First Year Really Almost Over?

It has been a wonderfully wild and exciting ride through my first year as a member of the Temple Beth-El community! I've come out on the other side of the learning curve and am ready to take on my second year very soon! How lucky am I to have a job where I can take 4th and 5th graders to play laser tag, take silly pictures in the mall on a scavenger hunt with 6th and 7th graders, take 8th-12th graders on various retreats throughout the year to further their Jewish experiences, and still get to work at the amazing URJ 6 Points Sci-Tech Academy this summer? They say if you love what you do, you'll never work a day in your life, and so far, so good! This year has been one incredible opportunity after another, full of professional development, leadership opportunities, laughter, fun and learning.

As the year winds down, I especially want to acknowledge SMOOCHY, our high school youth group and its members. We are incredibly lucky to have so many teens involved in the youth program and together we've created engaging experiences for teens in grades 8-12 throughout the year! Starting back in September, we had our ice cream social, a blanket donation project for Operation Linus, a Midnight Run, one huge shul-in, multiple Blue Jean Shabbat and Havdalah services, five incredible NFTY events, and the year isn't even over yet!

Thank you to the SMOOCHY Board for making this first year of mine so memorable! I am constantly impressed with the creativity, drive and unique perspective each of you bring to the table, and the events we can create from those ingredients. Thank you for showing me the ropes of this synagogue and working with some of the changes we've brought about this year. To the seniors, thank you especially for helping create this youth group and making it a place and a group where people want to be. I'll miss all of you dearly, but I know you'll do amazing things next year in each of your next big adventures!

To the new SMOOCHY Board for 2017-2018: I cannot wait to begin working with you! There's already a new energy

with this new group and I am excited to see what we can create next year! We've already got some great ideas cooking and I can't wait to get started!

B'ahava,

**Rachel Frish**

Director of Youth Engagement



Our TBE teens have a blast whenever and wherever they get together. Here they are at various NFTY or SMOOCHY events.

## Young Family Events

For families with children in grade 2 or younger

### Young Family Schmooze

Sunday, May 7

9:00 - 11:00 a.m. in the Cafe



### Young Family Shabbat Experience

Saturday, May 20, at 9:00 a.m.

No RSVP Necessary – feel free to email Andrea Dean with any questions – [andreamdean@gmail.com](mailto:andreamdean@gmail.com)



## A Congregational Assessment: What We Learned

Temple Beth-El had the privilege of participating in a pilot data assessment program through the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) this past year. The pilot program included a total of 11 synagogues, all about the same size as TBE, and had three components: a congregational assessment, a Board of Trustees assessment and a financial and operating data benchmarking tool. The URJ partnered with Measuring Success, a company that develops quantitative assessment tools to support foundations and non-profit organizations in measuring and achieving impact. You may recall being asked to participate in a congregational survey in June 2016. The data we received will inform the work of TBE's Board of Trustees and Oversight Committee for many years to come. We wanted to share some of the "takeaways" with our TBE community.

First the good news. We learned that 90% of those who responded from TBE agreed or strongly agreed that they would be likely to recommend TBE to a friend looking to join a congregation. The URJ considered this the best proxy for measuring overall success. In addition, 79% of those who responded from TBE agreed or strongly agreed that TBE has helped them grow spiritually or intellectually as a Jew. The URJ considers this to be a key outcome question. Other positive indicators include:

- 75% agreed or strongly agreed that TBE helped them develop a deeper sense of belonging to a community, something larger than themselves;
- 81% agreed or strongly agreed that TBE's professional leadership presents a compelling vision of Jewish life that resonates with them; and
- 86% agreed or strongly agreed that TBE's volunteer leadership makes them feel welcome.

While our leadership team was pleased by the positive feedback we received from the URJ data assessment

program, we recognize that there is room for improvement at TBE. For example, 27% of those who responded from TBE strongly disagreed, disagreed or neither agreed nor disagreed that the lay leadership represents their interests. Although 73% agreed or strongly agreed with this statement, and TBE's leadership might be inclined to rest on its laurels on this issue, we concluded that a 27% negative or noncommittal response is an important finding that needs to be addressed. Similarly, 43% of those who responded from TBE strongly disagreed, disagreed or neither agreed nor disagreed that TBE effectively manages its budget.

Perhaps the most important lesson we learned by participating in the URJ pilot data assessment program is that there is a strong correlation between those at TBE who have a strong personal connection with our clergy or other staff and increased overall satisfaction. These relationships also correlate strongly with increased spiritual growth. This will be an area of ongoing consideration by TBE's leadership team.

The next step for TBE's leadership team will be to identify three or four "big" ideas on which to focus and to develop detailed action plans. This work will be done by our Oversight Committee and Board of Trustees. You will be hearing more about this work in the coming months.

In the meantime, we are grateful to those of you who participated in the URJ data assessment program and hope that many more of you will be involved in the important work of our community as we move ahead. We know that your thoughts, concerns and beliefs about our TBE community form the foundation of the work we do as the leadership team.

If you have questions or would like to learn more about the URJ data assessment program, please contact Andrea Bradley at [abradley616@gmail.com](mailto:abradley616@gmail.com) or (609) 933-1889.

### Annual Congregational Meeting *and* Volunteer Recognition Reception

**Monday, June 12**



Please join us for our annual congregational meeting on Monday, June 12, 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.





## May/June Update

Do you have an interest, hobby or passion that others in our Temple Beth-El community might share?

Would you like to become better connected with other congregants in our community?

TBE Connects groups are gathering this spring! Meet with other congregants in small groups. Laugh, learn, socialize, exercise, connect. It's all about getting to know one another a little better. Each group is coordinated by a fellow congregant.

Get connected! Check out the group descriptions listed below, and reach out to one of our group guides this week.

### TBE Birding

Congregants will gather periodically to go birding with a NJ Audubon volunteer naturalist. No prior birding experience necessary. First gathering planned for late May at Duke Farms. Contact Vicki Schwartz at [vschwart@earthlink.net](mailto:vschwart@earthlink.net) or 908-451-3122.

### Cycling Connection

TBE Cyclists will gather on Sunday mornings to connect and cycle this spring and summer on May 7, 14; June 4, 11 and 18.

Routes will include Duke Farms, the Delaware and Raritan Canal towpath, and the Sourlands. Other ideas for routes are welcome. RSVP to Jerry Novak at [GNovak1@its.jnj.com](mailto:GNovak1@its.jnj.com) or 908-229-9328.

### TBE Tennis

Let's play! Contact Dave Cohen at [david@decarchitect.com](mailto:david@decarchitect.com) or 609-915-5944 if you are interested in getting together with other members of our TBE family for a round of tennis.

### Empty-Nesters (And Almost Empty-Nesters)

Connect with other empty nesters at Temple Beth-El! Informal gatherings and outings are being considered. Come help shape the group at our first gathering on Saturday evening, June 3! Details to follow. Contact Susan Goldberg today at [scjrgold@aol.com](mailto:scjrgold@aol.com) or 848-702-5411.

### TBE Reads

Love to read? Then join us in the TBE café on Sunday, May 7, at 10:00 a.m. for bagels and a book chat. The first order of business is selecting a summer read. We'll also decide on a fall book group schedule. Congregants will take turns leading the book discussions. Please contact Debbie Herman at [daherman@mac.com](mailto:daherman@mac.com) or 908-963-6003 if you are interested.



## Temple Beth-El Active Socials

Enjoy being outdoors? Hiking, biking, and more? TBE's Active Social group has a few activities planned for this spring/summer.

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| May 13            | Paddle South Branch of Raritan River (Clinton to Darts Mills)      |
| May 21            | Paddle South Branch of Raritan River (Three Bridges to Branchburg) |
| June 30 – July 5  | Camping Weekend in Morgantown, WV                                  |
| July 21 – July 23 | Jim Thorpe Biking / Camping Weekend                                |
| Aug. 31 – Sept. 4 | Jewish Outdoor Escape: r'AZ-ma-t'AZ and Arizona Adventure          |

For more information about these events, check out the TBE Active Social's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/JewishActiveSocials/>) or contact Brian Horowitz at [Brian.Horowitz@Yahoo.com](mailto:Brian.Horowitz@Yahoo.com).

## Brotherhood

### Person of Honor Breakfast: Rande Aaronson

The Brotherhood of Temple Beth-El invites the entire temple community to come out on June 4 to honor Rande Aaronson and to thank him for his service both to Temple Beth-El and Brotherhood.

Brotherhood is lucky that we will have our own Steve Lieberman as the emcee for the breakfast!

The Person of Honor Breakfast supports the Brotherhood Youth Scholarship Fund, which helps temple youth attend Jewish programs throughout the year.

Date: Sunday, June 4 at 10:00 a.m.

Cost: \$20 before June 1; \$25 afterwards or at the door

Reserve your seat at the table at [www.tinyurl.com/TBEBrotherhoodPersonofHonor2017](http://www.tinyurl.com/TBEBrotherhoodPersonofHonor2017), or call the temple office. For questions please contact Keith Holler at 908-369-1885 or email [keithholler@yahoo.com](mailto:keithholler@yahoo.com).

### Youth Person of Honor — Carly Radowitz

Brotherhood recently announced that this year's Youth Person of Honor is Carly Radowitz. A junior at Hillsborough High School, Carly is a very involved member of the Temple Beth-El community along with her family.

Carly's commitment to the Temple Beth-El community is quite varied. If there is an opportunity to be involved, she takes it! Carly has completed Confirmation Academy and is currently a student in our Post-confirmation program. She is an active member of our senior youth group (SMOOCHY) and is involved in NFTY-GER (our regional Reform youth movement).

Beyond youth group Carly is a Hebrew school teacher's assistant and has participated in the Urban Mitzvah Corps at Rutgers University. Outside of temple, Carly enjoys Rutgers basketball and Giants football games. Carly is always eager to get involved in the community and is truly deserving of this honor.

Mazal tov to Carly and the whole Radowitz family!

*Editor's Note: Carly will be honored at Shabbat Services at 8:00 p.m. on May 19. Come wish her a Mazal tov in person!*



## College Connection

### Pesach College Connection

For Passover this year College Connection continued our tradition of supporting two causes in the spirit of *tikkun olam*. A donation of \$50 was made to Yemin Orde, a youth village near Haifa, and with the 2:1 match our donation was \$150. We also made a donation of \$100 to Heifer International, and with a 100% match, the total donation was \$200, to be designated for use in the most

needed areas. Each student also received a Dunkin Donuts gift card, and a Passover letter with information about the donations made in their honor. Sarah Gluck also sent our college students an email message from the clergy and Religious School.

For more information about the two causes, visit [www.yeminorde.org](http://www.yeminorde.org) or [www.heifer.org](http://www.heifer.org).

*by Cindy Scott, Chairperson*



**Friends of Yemin Orde**



## Cultural Arts

### Cultural Arts Happenings for May and June

#### Jewish Film Series

*Saturday evening is your movie night at TBE.*

On Saturday, May 6 at 7:00 p.m., the Renaissance group and the Cultural Arts Committee together will present an award-winning Israeli film, *Hill Start*. Due to technical difficulties, we will not be able to screen the previously announced film *She's Coming Home*.

#### Reviews

"A quirky feel-good comedy on the subject of the family." – Amy Kronish

"The characters are so likable and the acting is so good that it is several cuts above the usual." – *Jerusalem Post*

"It's no wonder this engrossing dramedy has been a box-office comic sensation in Israel." – *Jewish Renaissance*

A discussion of the film will be led by Renaissance Chair Harriet Thaler, and the Renaissance group will spoil us with a selection of appetizers. Pick up flyers in the lobby, check out the poster, and see the flyer in the *Shofar*. The doors open at 6:45 p.m. Come see a thoughtful, funny movie and get involved in an interesting discussion!

#### Save the date...

Our next movie is June 3, film TBA. After that, we will take a break for the summer and resume our Jewish Film Series in September. **RSVP required** to Simona: [bakerec@comcast.net](mailto:bakerec@comcast.net)

#### Israeli Folk Dancing

Spring is here. Get in shape, start moving! Israeli dancing

is the best workout for mind, body, and soul. The joy and spiritual experience of Israeli dancing is priceless.

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, beginners to advanced. First-time dancers are free.

For registration and questions, contact Simona at [bakerec@comcast.net](mailto:bakerec@comcast.net)

#### Cultural Arts Fundraising

The Cultural Arts Committee is looking for sponsors who would allow us to continue our wonderful and highly educational Jewish/Israeli film program. We have run this informative program for 12 years now, but our funds are running low. Movie licenses and film-director appearances cost money, and our fund is sustained solely by your donations.

Please consider helping Cultural Arts continue this great program, which so many people enjoy, by making a financial contribution to the Cultural Arts Fund. For more information, please contact Simona at [bakerec@comcast.net](mailto:bakerec@comcast.net).

See you at the movies,  
And maybe at the dancing,

L'shalom,

*Simona Rivkin*

*Cultural Arts Committee Chair*



## 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 ambitious  
program for the next year!

Your input could be more  
valuable than you think!



## Mark Your Calendars!

**TBE at the 4-H Fair  
August 9 - 11**



Come join the minions making a brand NEW  
food item: Mac'n'Cheese Egg Rolls!  
And of course, and lemonade!  
This is TBE FUNraising at its best.

Contact Fern Schiffman  
([TBEpitaFern@gmail.com](mailto:TBEpitaFern@gmail.com))  
to learn more about getting involved.



## The Cultural Arts and Renaissance committees present



**Saturday, May 6  
7:00 p.m.**

**Doors open at 6:45 p.m.**

**Thoughtful discussion after the  
film with Harriet Thaler**

In Hebrew with English subtitles  
Not rated, 92 minutes.  
Suggested donation \$7/pp or better

RSVP required to Simona at  
[bakerec@comcast.net](mailto:bakerec@comcast.net)

**Sponsored jointly by TBE Cultural Arts  
and Renaissance Committees**

### Reviews:

A quirky feel-good comedy on the subject of the family (Amy Kronish); the characters are so likable and the acting is so good that it is several cuts above the usual (*Jerusalem Post*); it's no wonder this engrossing dramedy has been a box-office comic sensation in Israel (*Jewish Renaissance*).

### About:

Hill Start is a comedic-drama telling the story of the Geva family from Jerusalem's posh Rehavia neighborhood. When the family matriarch, Ora, is left in a coma due to a car accident caused by her husband, the family starts to implode under the weight of a tough father, a comatose mother, a passive son, an unmarried daughter, a wedding, hot tempers, love, passion, and driving lessons. As her children and other family members use any means to try to help Ora regain consciousness we meet plastic surgeons, a wheelchair-bound marathon coach, a tough private investigator, a yoga instructor, a sensitive belly dancer and a big star in the Arab cinema. These colorful characters keep the film enjoyable, Jerusalem photographs very well, and Bar-Aba proves that *Footnote* (his 2011 breakthrough film) wasn't a fluke.





## Israel Matters

### Save the Date — Celebrate Israel Parade in New York, June 4



## Ritual

*The Ritual Committee gratefully acknowledges the following merchants for their generous support of Temple Beth-El's 2017 Congregational Passover Seder:*



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### Let's Bring Back Game Night!



Game Nights were an opportunity for adults to get together for classic and new board games, socializing, snacks and fun.

If you're interested in bringing back Game Night once a month starting in the fall of 2017, please let any or all of us know.

Alan Leventhal: [arleventhal@hotmail.com](mailto:arleventhal@hotmail.com)

Eileen Ruderman: [musiczgrr@aol.com](mailto:musiczgrr@aol.com)

Caryn Shinske: [hey6martha@yahoo.com](mailto:hey6martha@yahoo.com)

# Shavuot Recipes

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*Editor's Note: Many of our Jewish holidays have their own special foods. Think Passover and matzah brei, Chanukah and latkes. During Shavuot, it is customary in many communities to eat dairy foods such as blintzes or cheesecake. Here are two dairy recipes to brighten your holiday.*

## Ruth's Rice Pudding

*By Rhona Ferling, as adapted from her mother, Ruth Ferling*

This was my mother's recipe - that is, it's the recipe I arrived at after watching her prepare it and making her measure at every step, because like many great cooks, she never measured anything. Mom was born in Kolomea, Poland, a ski town in the Carpathian Mountains. When she was a child in the 1930s, she watched her mother prepare everything from scratch, cooking and baking every Thursday in an old brick oven for Shabbat.

I am not certain how and when my mother came by this recipe, but she served this dessert often when I was growing up. Mom once brought it out after a holiday dinner, apologizing that it had come out too thick and dense. Disappearing into the kitchen, she returned with a pitcher and placed it on the table with a flourish. "Here's some heavy cream to lighten it up," proclaimed Mom, without a single trace of irony. She just could not understand why we thought this was so hilarious.

This pudding sounds too simple to be good, but properly made and tended to, it is the creamiest, most divine rice pudding on earth. It takes a certain amount of judgment to know when it has thickened properly - but not too much. It does definitely firm up when it cools. Aim for cooking it until most, but not all, of the liquid has been absorbed by the rice. The eggs could be optional, but it would be a shame to eliminate them. They really do add a glorious, rich flavor and texture to the pudding.

### Ingredients:

- 1 cup rice
- 6 cups milk (preferably whole milk or 2%)
- 2 cups heavy cream
- 2/3 cup sugar
- 2 tsp. vanilla extract
- 2 eggs

### Optional:

- Cinnamon sticks or powdered cinnamon
- Raisins (If using raisins, cut the amount of sugar to  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup.)

### Directions:

Put all the ingredients except for the eggs into a heavy pot. Cook uncovered at medium low heat until the mixture begins simmering. Cover the pot, but leave the lid very slightly askew to prevent the pudding from overflowing. The mixture should bubble at a slow but steady simmer.

Cook, stirring occasionally, until the pudding has thickened considerably and most - although not all - of the liquid has been absorbed. If adding raisins, do this toward the end so they don't stick to the bottom of the pot.

Remove from heat and immediately beat in two eggs with a whisk. Turn into a serving dish and sprinkle with cinnamon, if desired. When it cools down a bit, cover the pudding with plastic wrap so that it doesn't develop a "skin", and once it has cooled completely, refrigerate it.

## White Chocolate Snickers Cheesecake (Dairy)

(From The Kosher Palette cookbook)

### Ingredients:

#### Crust:

- 2/3 cup graham cracker crumbs
- 2/3 cup sugar
- 1 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 3 Tbsp. unsalted butter, margarine
- 6 large Snickers candy bars, chilled and finely chopped

#### Filling:

- 4 8-oz. packages cream cheese, softened
- 2/3 cup sugar
- 3 large eggs
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 6 oz. white chocolate (not morsels or coating)
- $\frac{3}{4}$  cup heavy whipping cream
- Fudge sauce (see separate recipe)

### Directions:

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cover the outside of a 10-in. springform pan tightly with 2 to 3 layers of heavy-duty aluminum foil to make sure no water touches the crust while baking. Set aside.
- Combine crumbs, sugar, cinnamon and butter in small bowl; mix well. Press crumb mixture into the bottom of the prepared pan. Place half of the chopped candy bars in a large mound in the center of the crust.
- Beat cream cheese for 5 minutes or until fluffy, stopping only to scrape down sides of bowl. Gradually add sugar, beating well. Add eggs, one at a time, beating until blended after each addition. Stir in vanilla.
- Heat chocolate in top of double boiler. Add cream, stirring until well blended. Slowly add melted chocolate to cream cheese mixture, stirring until well blended.
- Pour filling into crust. Place cheesecake in a larger baking pan on the oven rack. Pour hot water into the larger pan, to a depth of 1 inch. Bake 1-1/2 hours or until center is just set.
- Remove cheesecake from water bath. Cool completely on a wire rack, about 2 hours. Remove foil from pan. Remove side of pan just before serving. Top with fudge sauce and sprinkle evenly with remaining chopped candy bars.

Serves 12-16.

## Fudge Sauce

Yield: 1-1/2 cups

### Ingredients:

- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup milk
- 5 oz. bittersweet or semisweet chocolate, chopped (not unsweetened)
- $\frac{1}{4}$  cup heavy whipping cream
- 1 Tbsp. unsalted butter
- 3 Tbsp. sugar

### Directions:

- Pour milk into a heavy saucepan over medium-high heat; bring to a boil. Upon boiling, remove milk from heat and add chopped chocolate, whisking to blend. Set aside.
- Combine cream, butter and sugar in a heavy 1-quart saucepan over medium-high heat. Bring to a boil, stirring occasionally. The butter should be completely melted and sugar dissolved.
- Pour the cream mixture into the chocolate mixture. Bring to a boil, whisking constantly. Mixture will thicken slightly as it cooks. Remove from heat just as sauce begins to boil. Serve warm.





# Shabbat Tables

*Breaking Bread Together*

A dinner gathering at Temple Beth-El with  
Congregant Hosts **welcoming** you and your family to  
*break bread, drink wine and share blessings.*

**June 16, 6:30 p.m.**

Please consider hosting a table.  
RSVP to Susan in the temple office. (908-722-0674, ext 112)



## Renaissance Happenings

### The Scoop

Fellowship and delicious cuisine were the order of the day at the annual Spring Paid-Up Membership Luncheon held again at Spain '92 restaurant in Raritan. Upcoming calendar events were presented. Many thanks to Stan Mendelson for coordinating this very enjoyable social.

*Esther Wallach*  
Renaissance Group



*Earth laughs in flowers.  
- Ralph Waldo Emerson*

### Mark Your Calendars

**Wed., June 14** **Liberty Hall Mansion and Gardens Tour,**  
1003 Morris Ave., Union, NJ  
For those carpooling, meeting at TBE  
at 9:45 a.m. sharp.  
11:00 a.m. Mansion guided tour. Cost \$8 per person.  
Explore a 200-year-old family home  
on the grounds of Kean University that  
welcomed Washington, Jefferson, Hamilton  
and Grant. See Victorian women's fashions,  
parterre gardens and some of New Jersey's  
oldest trees! Luncheon following at local  
restaurant. To attend, RSVP to Harriet  
Thaler with your completed email form and  
payment.

### August

**Somerset Patriots Ball Game and  
Girasole Dinner, Bound Brook, NJ**  
Date and time TBD by season schedule.  
Watch for flyer from Bob Taber.

### Wed., Oct. 25

**Ellis Island Immigration Museum via  
Cruise from Liberty State Park, NJ**  
Morning ferry from Liberty State Park to  
Ellis Island. Cost per person: \$14 Senior  
(62+), \$18.50 Adult - includes ferry,  
entrance to the museum, ranger-guided  
tours, self-guided exhibits and audio  
tours. Upon return ferry, a group dinner  
may follow. Watch your emails for further  
information from Harvey Wallach.

*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](mailto:thalerz@embarqmail.com).*

## A Few Words of Gratitude

Two years ago the Temple Beth-El Sisterhood held its Day of Rest and Renewal with a program theme of "GRATITUDE." We all had the opportunity to select notebooks that we decorated and initiated as our personal gratitude journals. We took some time to write in our decorated journals about things, people, places and experiences for which we were thankful. Every day thereafter I opened my gratitude journal and wrote about at least one thing for which I was thankful – until I stopped taking the time to acknowledge my gratitude. So now, as I approach my final year as Sisterhood co-president, I feel compelled to take this opportunity to acknowledge the many Sisterhood sources that have ignited my gratitude during these past three years.

First and foremost, I am grateful for having been a part of all that Sisterhood has been able to accomplish for our congregation during my term: beginning with the support of the Purim bag project that ensured a Purim bag got to every Temple Beth-El family. It has been a goal of Sisterhood that no member of Temple Beth-El should feel forgotten at Purim, and the success of the Purim bag program has been demonstrated both with the numerous enthusiastic volunteers and the financial gains. Two years ago the Purim project bought the temple new major appliances for the kitchen; and this year, the combined profits of the last two Purim projects will provide new carpeting for the sanctuary bimah and temple lobby. In addition to the major Sisterhood contributions from the Purim bag sales, I am proud that we have also been able to support the Brotherhood Youth Scholarship fund, SMOOCHY, the Israel Study Scholarship Fund, and various special holiday functions and campaigns.

Sisterhood has felt strongly about helping those in need, not just in our immediate Temple Beth-El family, but in our local communities. I am so proud to have been involved with our Thanksgiving food drive for the benefit of IHN and HomeShare clients. I am also proud to have been associated with Sisterhood's rummage collection for Big Brothers Big Sisters and its collection of household items for the Giving Network.

It has been such a privilege for me to have been involved with identifying and honoring three Women of Valor within our Sisterhood community: Irene Lieberman, Cindy

Andrews, and Cindy Scott. It has also been wonderful for me to know that Sisterhood collected donations in their honor and then matched those donations to benefit Safe+Sound, a critical program in Somerset County that serves the needs of victims of domestic abuse.

Of course, women's rights, religious freedom, and Israel are very important to the Sisterhood, and I am grateful knowing that we have supported Women of the Wall and the Israel Religious Action Center (IRAC). As somebody who spent several years working and studying in Israel, and as the aunt of a niece and nephew who settled their families in Israel, it was important for me to provide my own daughter with a first-hand experience studying in Israel. I know what a significant, identity-strengthening time my daughter had during her semester in the EIE high school in Israel program, and I am both thankful and thrilled that Sisterhood has resolved to make a regular meaningful contribution to the Israel Study Scholarship fund to help other high school students enjoy similar experiences.

On a very personal level I am thankful for the enrichment that I feel I have gained from my participation in the Sisterhood Torah study sessions. I have enjoyed the warm, nurturing and respectful environment which our discussion leaders and hostesses established for us as we sought to develop a better appreciation and understanding of the Torah portions. I have also enjoyed the opportunities to explore Torah portions more fully in the capacity of discussion leader and to encourage and share the journey as we gently nudged each other to consider new perspectives and deepen our personal connection to Torah.

Finally, I feel blessed and privileged to have the fellowship of this community of talented, caring, competent and nurturing women who have committed themselves to the support of Sisterhood and its mission. They have supported me personally in times of sorrow and need, just as they have supported each other and the Temple Beth-El community. While I step down as co-president, I look forward to enjoying many more Sisterhood programs and helping to support its important mission.

*Marcy Rosenfeld*

Sisterhood Co-President



## Of Purim, Partnership, and the Fun of Giving Back

It generally starts with a phone call and a strategic cup of coffee.

Around the time that Chanukah ends each year, Cindy Scott is already thinking about the next big holiday.

And it's not the secular New Year.

Cindy reaches out to Laura Miller to make time for that cup of coffee so the friends can catch up on life, talk about their families, commiserate, and eventually start planning the biggest Sisterhood fundraiser of the year: the making and distributing of Purim goody bags, and ensuring that every member and temple employee receives one.

The now six-year-old endeavor is massive, and one that Laura somewhat jokingly vows every year that she won't repeat.

After several years of helping spearhead a program that only grows more successful, Laura admits she has come to enjoy it, thanks to Cindy's assistance and friendship.

Laura's planning actually starts a few months ahead of Cindy's call for that cup of coffee.

The intense behind-the-scenes planning that makes the program so successful resulted after Sisterhood was looking for ways to grow the fundraiser. Laura, then a Sisterhood board member, decided to learn more about a similar and very successful program at another local temple and brought back ideas to the board, explained the other temple's program.

Among the results of the extra effort are that every TBE member and employee receives a bag, in addition to others in the community.

"I'm really proud of us for doing that," Cindy said.

The proof is in the numbers.

In 2011 Cindy, Laura and helpers put together 325 goody bags. This past March, the Purim bag team put together 525 bags, and marked the third year that every congregant and staff member received one.

The success of the program has allowed Sisterhood to raise a good amount of money, whether for charitable contributions in the community, or for work at the temple. In fact, revenue from the 2016 and 2017 fundraisers is earmarked to replace bimah carpeting in the sanctuary, and carpeting in the temple lobby.

"It gives me a good sense of accomplishment to raise that kind of money," Laura said.

There's a lot of work done beforehand to achieve that level of success, Cindy and Laura note: crunching numbers to determine the project's budget and scope, deciding on and purchasing the snacks and tchotchkes for each bag, recruiting volunteers to help organize and fill bags, matching bags donated by TBE members with the intended recipients, organizing a corps of drivers to deliver the bags, developing and distributing routes to the drivers that include street addresses and directions, and waiting for feedback.

"I would not do this without Laura," Cindy said. "I treasure Laura and the time we have together to do this."

Laura had similar sentiments about her Purim partner.

"The relationship that I've built with her is great," Laura said of Cindy. "It's really great. I'm really happy about that."

While Cindy handles much of the administrative end of things, Laura works to ensure that each year's bags have something special: 12 items, eight of which must be food. There's no particular reason why she looks to meet those numbers, other than to make recipients happy.

"I'd like it to be a good mixture of things that people would enjoy," Laura said. "I'd like people to be happy when they get it."

Their mission grows every year. This year's 63 drivers is the most ever in the program's history, starting with 22 drivers in 2012. Laura also said that the help of others, particularly Executive Director Amy Rubin, Executive Secretary Susan Walters and Religious School Secretary Ivy Anglin, make the program possible every year.

TBE youth have also become an important part of the program's volunteer ranks. They help assemble bags to make deliveries as part of their community service requirements for bar/bat mitzvah, or to simply engage with a good project.



*Cindy Scott and Laura Miller in a sea of Purim bags*

That was the case for 12-year-old Arielle Heimberg of Somerset, who helped deliver goody bags in the Canal Walk adult community with her mom, Annie Heimberg, as part of her community service requirement for her bat mitzvah, scheduled in late October.

This year's fundraiser was the first time the Heimbergs participated in it, and Annie said it was worthwhile.

"I thought it would be a neat way to get around and meet some temple members," she said.

The delivery also gave the mom and daughter a chance to bond.

"I really liked working together with new people and meeting new people," Arielle said of the experience. "It was really fun. We got to talk a lot. We got to figure out where to go. It was nice."

And beyond making goody bag recipients smile, Arielle said she also understood the larger purpose of *mishloach manot* – the giving of the bags to others.

"It's important to give back when you have a lot," she said. "It's important to give back to those around you. The temple does so much for me and my family that I wanted to give back."



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## Social Action

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# Interfaith Hospitality Network

Leigh Freeman, Coordinator — IHN / Temple Beth-El

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## 2017 IHN Hosting Schedule

June 4-11 August 13-20

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](http://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)	<a href="mailto:dancer.leighfreeman@att.net">dancer.leighfreeman@att.net</a>
Dinner Shift Volunteers	YOUR NAME HERE			
Evening Shift Volunteers	Julie Hirsch	732-580-8246		<a href="mailto:jbghirsch@gmail.com">jbghirsch@gmail.com</a>
Overnight Shift Volunteers	Sharon Sietz		908-256-6483	<a href="mailto:sharon.sietz@gmail.com">sharon.sietz@gmail.com</a>
Meals	YOUR NAME HERE			
Food/Supplies	Mara White	908-231-1518	301-704-6066 (c)	<a href="mailto:mara@alumni.brown.edu">mara@alumni.brown.edu</a>
Linen Pick-Up	Cindy Andrews		908-635-6858 (c)	<a href="mailto:cjrandrews@gmail.com">cjrandrews@gmail.com</a>
Set-Up/Breakdown	David Cohen	609-683-5766		<a href="mailto:david@decarchitect.com">david@decarchitect.com</a>
IHNSC/Day Center	Karen Donohue	908-704-1920	908-217-0217 (c)	<a href="mailto:karen@ihnsc.org">karen@ihnsc.org</a>



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# Lifecycle

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 Betty Roswell, on the passing of her beloved sister, Barbara Hirschhorn  
 Ruth Krongold on the passing of her beloved father, Sanford Krongold

## Our B'nei Mitzvah Students

Sophie Weinberger Carly Wolf Dhani Skole  
 Marissa Pollak Reese Wolf Sam Fromberg

## Mazal Tov...

David and Julie Hersh, on the marriage of their daughter, Shayna, to Joe Chichon  
 Barry and Wendy Horowitz, on the birth of their granddaughter, Lia Rose  
 Sid and Shuey Horowitz, on the birth of their great-granddaughter, Lia Rose  
 Rande and Janet Aaronson, on the birth of their grandson, Damian  
 Jay and Donna Tishfield, on their son Sam receiving his Ph.D in bioinformatics from Sloan  
 Eileen Ruderman in honor of the engagement of her son, Jared, to Gillian Goldmark

## 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](http://new.livestream.com/OurBethEl) from a personal computer or mobile device (apps are available for [apple](#), [android](#) and [roku](#) devices) for a list of upcoming and recent livestream events from Temple Beth-El.

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

**Mitzvah Committee:** To offer or request help, please contact Carol Ahlert, [carolahlert@yahoo.com](mailto: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

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## M a y

### To be read May 5, 6

Jean Chanoch, mother of Keith Chanoch  
Roz Hirsch, mother of Allan Hirsch  
Shirlee Shandler, grandmother of Brett Miller  
Stanley Witlieb, father of Beth Berger  
Leo Mayer, father of Cheryl Nelson  
Norman Weinstein, husband of Ann Weinstein  
Rose E. Seckler, aunt of Ellen Bailin  
Richard Schenkman, brother of Eugene Schenkman  
Ray Shinske, father of Caryn Shinske  
Peter Spaulder, father of Mara White  
Jack Stein, father of Mitchell Stein  
Linda Goldblatt, mother of Lisa Friedman  
Rose Poe, grandmother of Rick Miller  
Florence Roswell, mother of Arthur Roswell  
Bernard Malin, father of Marilyn Muzikar  
Anne Mendelson, mother of Stanley Mendelson  
Mae Waldman, mother of Dori Knauer  
Harris Zeldin, father of Alan Zeldin  
David Cohen, father of Deborah Cohen  
David N. Cohen, husband of Barbara Cohen

### To be read May 12, 13

Irving Fass, father of Alan Fass  
Bonnie J. Lifchus, mother of Rebecca Ascher  
Ben Shandler, grandfather of Brett Miller  
Irene Gluck, mother of Julie Hirsch  
Joseph Landau, father of Steven Landau  
Arthur Wolinsky, father of Shari Farmer  
Phillip Eisenberg, uncle of Sheldon Stept  
Morris Frankel, grandfather of Jan Miller  
Paul Donal Paton, father of Kim Fromberg  
Arlene Reilly, sister of Kelley Evens  
Joel R. Stryker, father of Barbara Blake  
Lloyd Swickle, brother-in-law of Lillian Swickle

### To be read May 19, 20

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  
Tobi Goldberg, grandmother of Shavaun Gliksmann  
Sylvia Goldstein, grandmother of Seth Goldstein  
Nettie Gross, mother of Carol Ahlert  
Murray Hysen, husband of Arlene Hysen  
Wanda Michaelson, mother of Stacy Boxer  
Hilda Goldfeder, great aunt of Lynn Small  
Bennett Lerman, father of Hillary Cole  
Roberta Mangel, mother of Howard Mangel

Larry Vogel, brother-in-law of Max Spinner  
Hyman Kaplin, father of Phyllis Greenberg  
Sheldon Taylor, father of Jay Taylor  
Esther Young, mother of Anita Tolman

### To be read May 26, 27

Ann Adler, grandmother of Michael Cohen  
Betty Berger, grandmother of Wendy Horowitz  
Jean Eisenberg, mother of Dorothy Vogel  
James Fishman, father of Andrew Fishman  
Jessie Steinberg, grandmother of Wendy Horowitz  
Elizabeth M. Stryker, mother of Barbara Blake  
Herman Vogel, father of Irwin Vogel  
Ida Wolf, grandmother of Alan Naroden  
Dora Greenberg, mother-in-law of Phyllis Greenberg  
David Schoenberg, father of Isa Beck  
Perla Tentler, grandmother of Simona Rivkin  
Olga Tompa, mother of Gary Tompa  
Max S. Bernstein, father of Amy McBride  
Meyer Breslow, grandfather of Janice Klein  
Seymour Goldberg, father of Linda Goldberg  
Anita Rosenthal Lidman, mother of Judy Lissa  
Malwine Schneck, mother of Esther Kaufman-Helfman  
George Weintraub, grandfather of Sheldon Stept  
Philip Applebaum, grandfather of Seth Goldstein

## J u n e

### To be read June 2, 3

Doris Braun, mother of Daniel Braun  
Jeanette Busch, mother of Ronald Busch  
Larry Cudzynowski, brother of Joseph Cudzynowski  
Richard Johnston, brother of Russ Johnston  
Dr. Joyce Brothers, sister of Elaine Goldsmith  
William Davidson, father of Bruce Davidson  
Irene Filippone, mother of Susan Julian  
Marie Greenberg Berkowitz, grandmother of Marcy Rosenfeld  
Stephen Reynolds, brother of Mark Reynolds  
Annette Schlosser, mother of Lynn Levine  
Max Tolman, father of Edward Tolman  
Milton Zerring, father of Judith Goldberg  
Marian Ginsberg, mother of Ellen Nusbaum  
Herbert L. Grand, father of Philip Grand  
Dora Cohen Kanterman, mother of Stanley Kanterman  
Leonard Koen, father of Peter Koen  
Frances Blond, mother of David Blond  
Jesse Dulberg, father of Marian Zeldin  
Charles Levinston, father of Bruce Levinston  
Cecile Oringer, mother of Keith Oringer  
Johanna Panthauer, grandmother of Amy McBride  
William Rosenfeld, father of Alan Rosenfeld  
Daniel Wial, father of Ellen Zelnock  
Judith Weinstein, mother of Jeffrey Weinstein

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Barbara Alden, mother of Vicki Brody  
Ed Andell, father of Jonathon Andell  
Stefan Epstein, father of Bruce Epstein  
Burton A. Levy, father of Jill Grand  
Edwin Nusbaum, husband of Ellen Nusbaum and  
father of Samuel Nusbaum  
Barney Shapiro, father-in-law of Joshua Skowronek

## **To be read June 9, 10**

Leonard Carter, father of Pamela Attner  
Ida Friedman, aunt of Doris Moshinsky  
Joan Becker, mother of Marci Becker-Morelli  
Frank Weigl, uncle of Lynn Small  
Ronald Rose, father of Deborah Stark  
George Waas, father of Gene Waas  
Bernard Keiles, father of Ann Weinstein  
Samuel Spevack, father of Gail Wohl  
Herb Helfman, husband of Esther Kaufman-Helfman  
Muriel Herzog, mother of Michael Herzog  
Shirley Skolky, mother of Barry Skolky

## **To be read June 16, 17**

Shirley Kantor, mother of Melissa Pyle  
Bettie Franzblau, mother-in-law of Barbara Franzblau  
Mildred Kaitz, mother of Revalee Brody  
Stephen Lavranchuk, father of James Lavranchuk  
Rosalind Sloane, mother of Leslie Marcus  
Jerry Friedman, father of Helene Fine  
Stanley Rechtleben, father of Deborah Tompa  
Beatrice Insler, mother of Elayne Weitz  
Nathan Milstein, father of Gail Meyers  
Robert Rothschild, father of David Rothschild  
Sanford Sloane, brother of Leslie Marcus  
Celia Chasin, grandmother of Gerald Shubitz  
Joan Mangold, mother of Rick Zack  
Samual Zapolin, father of Zorina Walitsky  
Cindy D'Erasmus, sister of Evette Adler  
Iris A. Epstein, mother of Marci Taylor and  
mother of Leslie Siegel  
Harry Tucker, father of Barbara Cohen

## **To be read June 23, 24**

Ethel Hamelburg, mother-in-law of Rita Fink  
Cecile Redlich, mother of Sam Redlich  
Lillian Rosewater, grandmother of Jonathon Andell  
Edith Beck, mother of Michael Beck  
Anita Berger, mother of Chuck Berger  
Ben Weintraub, father of Arlene Hysen  
Carol Busch, wife of Ronald Busch  
Ruth Schoenberg, mother of Isa Beck  
Barton Kaitz, brother of Revalee Brody

## **To be read June 30, July 1**

Raymond Bateman, father of Caren Bateman  
Henrietta Greenbaum, mother of Robert Greenbaum  
Sari Kaplan, mother of Amy Armant  
Roger Pyle, father of Stuart Pyle  
Morton Rosenking, father of Evette Adler  
Louis Rubin, father-in-law of Sylvia Rubin  
Laura Amy Schachter, daughter of Richard and Judy Schachter

Sid Skowronek, brother of Joshua Skowronek  
Edward Mus, father of Rosemary Brody  
Beatrice Breslow, mother of Janice Klein  
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Wynne Dallow, stepmother of Brian Dallow  
Celia Swickle, mother-in-law of Lillian Swickle  
Eunice Becker, aunt of Marci Becker-Morelli  
Carolyn Bloch, grandmother of Jeremy Bloch  
Eve Milgram, mother of Marc Milgram

# July

## **To be read July 7, 8**

Anna Raynes, mother of Harriet Thaler  
Marvin Friedman, father of Deborah Nisenson  
Esther Moshinsky, mother of Leonard Moshinsky  
Michael Schumsky, grandfather of Nanette Mantell  
Lillian Silverman, mother of Lloyd Silverman  
Jean Lyman, grandmother of Laurie Hills  
Janet Schenkman, wife of Eugene Schenkman  
Henry Wohl, father of Alan Wohl  
Gerald Albin, father of Robert Albin  
Laura Farber, sister of Edith Hurwitz  
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  
Bette Jane Andell, mother of Jonathon Andell  
Abram Friedberg, father of Morton Friedberg  
Michael Sherman, cousin of Jonathon Andell

## **To be read July 14, 15**

Tamara Leah Maizel, sister of Ryan Maizel  
Martin Malberg, father of Edward Malberg  
and father of Marc Malberg  
Melvin Silverstein, husband of Evelyn Silverstein  
Linda Uhlfelder, cousin of Robert Adler  
Robert Wigod, father of Cantor Emily Pincus  
Mollie Minzter, grandmother of Barbara Franzblau  
Florence Morris, mother of Suzan Szych  
Albert Taub, brother-in-law of Goldie Taub  
Alvin Tauber, father of Shelley Berger  
David Weiss, father of Lawrence Weiss  
Samuel Hurwitz, husband of Edith Hurwitz  
Glenn Kass, nephew of Henry Nerenberg  
Norman I. Lapidus, father of Jody Cohen

## **To be read July 21, 22**

Samuel Berger, grandfather of Wendy Horowitz  
Helen Gliksman, mother of Michael Gliksman  
Rita Adler, grandmother of Robert Adler  
Jean Dolgonos, mother of Stephanie Miller



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Marvin Fein, father of David Fein  
Isaac Hills, father of Laurie Hills  
Jacob Kantor, father of Melissa Pyle  
Howard S. Stern, brother of Lisa Dickholtz  
Paul Wedeen, father of Ken Wedeen  
Mollie Cohos, mother of Jane Waldorf

## **To be read July 28, 29**

Moses Fruchter, father of Rena Fruchter  
Anna Miller, mother of Shuey Horowitz  
Anna Schachter, mother of Richard Schachter  
Jerome Seid, grandfather of Kenneth Rubin  
Isidor Taub, father-in-law of Goldie Taub  
William Wisniewski, father of Carol Nerenberg  
Marvin Glaser, father of Cindy Weiss  
Charlotte Levin, mother of Harold Levin  
Harry Bober, father of Michael Bober  
Jerry Spinner, brother of Max Spinner  
Sylvia Zibulsky, grandmother of Robyn Becker  
Morris Mendelson, father of Stanley Mendelson  
Florence Sarnoff, stepmother of Nancy Burke

## **A u g u s t**

### **To be read August 4, 5**

Walter Morris, father of Suzan Szych  
Claire Mosh, friend of Liz Cohen  
Sylvia Bernstein, grandmother of Leslie Maizel  
Jack Haskel, uncle of Shari Farmer  
Harold Stark, father of Jonathan Stark  
Nathan Stone, father of Mary Pleeter  
Susana Gomez de Gonzalez, mother of Oscar Gonzalez

### **To be read August 11, 12**

Marlene Kosnac, mother of Wendy Amodeo  
Helen Lieberman, mother of Madelyn Okun  
Louis Tussman, uncle of Linda Strand  
Abe Lyman, grandfather of Laurie Hills  
George Panthauer, grandfather of Amy McBride  
Alyce Bernstein, grandmother of Lisa Friedman  
Hyman Dolgonos, father of Stephanie Miller  
Sy Epstein, father of Leslie Siegel and father of Marci Taylor  
Isidore Kirsch, father-in-law of Stanley Mendelson  
Leon Markiewicz, father of Leigh Freeman  
Jacob Rosen, father of Rochelle Levin  
Barbara Ditman, mother of Robin Kimmelman  
Milton S. Lidman, father of Judy Lissa  
Christine Sweeney, cousin of Lynn Small  
Jacqueline Ciluffo, mother of Geri Lane  
Terri Davidson, mother of Bruce Davidson  
Madeline Kahn, mother of Eileen Kahn  
Rose Kass, grandmother of Beth Lavranchuk  
Myron Krovetz, father of Robert Krovetz  
Bruno Schachter, father of Richard Schachter

### **To be read August 18, 19**

Carl Jacob Herman, father of Ira Herman  
Simon Wohl, grandfather of Robyn Becker  
Martin Wortzel, father of Barbara Franzblau  
Max Dresdner, father of Arleen Margulis  
Martin Hoffman, father of Julie Hersh  
Rita Mayer, mother of Cheryl Nelson  
Molly Fass, mother of Alan Fass  
Nathan Handler, father of Joel Handler  
Eileen Marcus, mother of Richard Marcus  
Morris Moshinsky, father of Leonard Moshinsky  
Rose Shapero, mother of Alan Wohl  
Richard Weinberger, father of Daniel Weinberger  
Ruth Miller, mother of Leigh Miller  
Sima Kahn, mother of Hillary Angeline

### **To be read August 25, 26**

Rose Brooks Cohen, mother-in-law of Barbara Cohen  
Edith Katzer, sister of Doris Moshinsky  
Sophie Levine, aunt of Rita Fink  
Helen Wisniewski Markiewicz, mother of Leigh Freeman  
Robert Meehan, stepfather of Andrew Kass  
Claire Mandelkorn, mother of Debbie Friedman  
Theodore Stark, father-in-law of Ann Weinstein  
Simon Levendel, father of Sheila Koen  
Samuel J. Rosenblum, father of Fern Kamine  
Harold Sage, father of Eileen Ruderman  
Sheldon Taber, brother of Robert Taber  
Howard Auerbach, husband of Andrea Auerbach  
Sam Cohen, grandfather of Michael Cohen  
Goldie Knauer, mother of Leonard Knauer  
Joseph Shubitz, grandfather of Gerald Shubitz  
Alter Cudzynowski, uncle of Joseph Cudzynowski  
Celia Dilon, aunt of Cindy Mangel  
Solomon Mintz, father of Goldie Taub  
Sadie Baker, grandmother of Pam Sharenow  
Eva Cooperman, mother of Frances Taber  
Sarah Schwartz, aunt of Sylvia Rubin

### **To be read September 1, 2**

Douglas Rogers, father of Sheenagh Hirsch  
Leon Rothman, father of Shelley Gomolka  
Barbara Fine, mother of Tamar Yarkoni  
Harry Morrison, father of Leon Morrison  
Miriam Morrison, mother of Leon Morrison  
Samuel Cohos, father of Jane Waldorf  
Meyer Trachtenberg, father of Alta Malberg  
Albert Kanterman, father of Stanley Kanterman  
Jean Schwartz, mother of Vicki Schwartz  
Morris Bauer, father of Elaine Goldsmith  
Solomon Maizel, grandfather of Ryan Maizel  
Marvin Finkelstein, father of Beth Lavranchuk  
and father of Lori Blond  
Sylvia Isaacson, mother of Gerald Isaacson  
Aaron Ritzer, father of Gayle Skolky

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### GENERAL FUND

*Faith Yvette Donado and Mitch Wilinsky*  
*Elisa Maislin*  
 In honor of Kayla Rubin getting accepted to Rutgers University  
 In honor of Sam Radowitz becoming an Eagle Scout  
 In memory of Roy Freiman's father, Al Freiman  
 In memory of Robin Nafshi's father, Al Leonard  
 In memory of Betty Roswell's sister, Barbara Hirschhorn  
 In memory of Robert Rubin  
 In honor of Robin Osman completing her presidency  
 In honor of our incoming president, Jay Lavroff  
*Ken and Amy Rubin*  
 In honor of Purim  
*Erica Mandell*  
 In appreciation of Amy Rubin  
*Ronald and Diane Burstein*  
 On behalf of the Ken and Amy Rubin Philanthropic Fund  
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### CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In memory of Karen Andell  
*Jonathan, Justin and Jared Andell*  
 In honor of Sam becoming bar mitzvah  
*Rhona Ferling and Simon Stark*

### RELIGIOUS SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

*Rich and Zahava Schafer*  
 In honor of Sam becoming bar mitzvah  
*Rhona Ferling and Simon Stark*  
 In honor of Shayna's wedding  
*David and Julie Hersh*

### RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In memory of Jackie Spinner  
*Evelyn Weiss*  
 In memory of Karen Andell  
*Jonathan, Justin and Jared Andell*  
 In honor of their wedding  
*Ulrich Bauer and Susan Brown*  
 In appreciation of Rabbi Gluck  
*Phyllis Kirshner*  
 In honor of their wedding  
*Daniel and Danielle Weitz*  
 In memory of Anne Finkelstein  
*Beth and Jim Lavranchuk*  
 In honor of Shayna's marriage to Joe Chichon  
*David and Julie Hersh*  
 In honor of Sam Stark becoming bar mitzvah  
*Rhona Ferling and Simon Stark*

### GARDEN FUND

Best wishes for a speedy recovery for Dori Knauer  
*Goldie Taub and Murray Levine*

### SOCIAL ACTION

*Paul Parisi*

### BROTHERHOOD YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In memory of Shirley Berger  
*Keith and Michelle Holler*

### JULES SWICKLE CHESED FUND

*Dan and Rebecca Gus*

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In memory of Harvey Cohen  
*Rita Fink*  
 In memory of David Mendelson  
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 In memory of Farra Tebbi-Lewis  
*Farnaz Tebbi*  
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 In memory of Ralph B. Jackson  
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 In memory of Melvin Wolfson  
*Ed and Laura Kasaukas*  
 In memory of Rose Mintz  
 In memory of Tiby Sharlin  
*Goldie Taub*  
 In memory of Phyllis Phillips  
*Jeannette and Edward Tuckman*  
 In memory of Mary Rugg  
*Stuart and Edith Rugg and Family*  
 In memory of George Skowronek  
*Joshua Skowronek*  
 In memory of Bessie Tucker  
*Barbara Cohen*  
 In memory of Anne Rosenthal  
*Arlene Hysen*  
 In memory of Herbert Schall  
*Barbara Schall*  
 In memory of Cheryl Bloomstein  
*Michael Bloomstein*  
 In memory of Milton Skowronek  
*Joshua Skowronek*  
 In memory of Ray Shinske  
*Caryn Shinske*  
*Jay Jefferson Cooke*  
 In memory of Anne Mendelson  
*Stanley Mendelson*  
 In memory of Matilda Goldberg  
*Michael and Judith Goldberg*

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# May Calendar of Events

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## Monday, May 1

Yom HaZikaron  
4:30 p.m. Hebrew School  
7:00 p.m. Mah Jongg  
7:30 p.m. Ritual Committee Meeting

## Tuesday, May 2

Yom HaAtzma'ut

## Wednesday, May 3

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

## Thursday, May 4

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

## Friday, May 5

Grade 6 Retreat to Camp Kutz  
8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

## Saturday, May 6

Grade 6 Retreat to Camp Kutz  
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Minyan Service and Torah Study  
7:00 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Film Series *Hill Start*

## Sunday, May 7

9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
9:00 a.m. TBE Cycles — Local Ride  
9:00 a.m. Young Family Schmooze  
10:00 a.m. TBE Reads Initial Meeting  
11:00 a.m. Youth: Grades 2-3 Event  
12:00 p.m. Renaissance Brunch and Theater

## Monday, May 8

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

## Tuesday, May 9

7:00 p.m. Program Planning Meeting  
7:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Great Jewish Writers

## Wednesday, May 10

4:30 p.m. Hebrew School  
6:30 p.m. Confirmation Rehearsal  
7:30 p.m. Sisterhood Board Meeting  
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

## Thursday, May 11

6:30 p.m. Interfaith Gathering with Muslim Center of Somerset County  
7:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Israeli Folk Dancing

## Friday, May 12

7:00 p.m. Family Shabbat Service with Yad Chazakah

## Saturday, May 13

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study with Bat Mitzvah of Sophie Weinberger  
4:00 p.m. SMOOCHY Social Action Project

## Sunday, May 14

Lag B'Omer  
9:00 a.m. Grade 6 Heritage Museum  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School

## Monday, May 15

4:30 p.m. Hebrew School  
6:30 p.m. Post-Confirmation Concluding Session  
7:00 p.m. Mah Jongg

## Tuesday, May 16

7:30 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting  
7:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Great Jewish Writers

## Wednesday, May 17

4:30 p.m. Hebrew School  
6:30 p.m. Confirmation Rehearsal  
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

## Thursday, May 18

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

## Friday, May 19

6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class Shabbat Dinner  
8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service with Youth Person of Honor and the choir

## Saturday, May 20

NFTY Gala  
9:00 a.m. Shabbat Experience for Young Families  
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study with Bat Mitzvah of Marissa Pollak  
11:00 a.m. Sisterhood Day of Rest and Renewal

## Sunday, May 21

9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
7:30 p.m. Brotherhood Spring Social at Capital Craft

## Monday, May 22

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

## Tuesday, May 23

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

## Wednesday, May 24

6:30 p.m. Confirmation Rehearsal  
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

## Thursday, May 25

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

## Friday, May 26

8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

## Saturday, May 27

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

## Monday, May 29

Memorial Day  
Temple Offices Closed  
7:00 p.m. Mah Jongg

## Tuesday, May 30

Erev Shavuot  
7:00 p.m. Tikkun Leil Shavuot: Community Observance of Shavuot at Temple Shalom

## Wednesday, May 31

Shavuot  
Temple Offices Closed

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# June

## Calendar of Events

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### Thursday, June 1

6:30 p.m. Confirmation Rehearsal  
7:00 p.m. Israeli Folk Dance Chavurah  
7:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Israeli Folk Dancing

### Friday, June 2

7:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service and Ceremony of Confirmation

### Saturday, June 3

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study with B'not Mitzvah of Carly and Reese Wolf  
7:00 p.m. Jewish LIFE Film Series TBA

### Sunday, June 4

IHN Hosting Week Begins  
10:00 a.m. Brotherhood Person of Honor Breakfast

### Monday, June 5

7:00 p.m. Mah Jongg  
7:30 p.m. Ritual Committee Meeting  
7:30 p.m. Religious School Committee Meeting

### Tuesday, June 6

7:00 p.m. Grade 6 B'nei Mitzvah Parent Meeting

### Wednesday, June 7

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

### Thursday, June 8

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

### Friday, June 9

7:00 p.m. Family Shabbat Service

### Saturday, June 10

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

### Sunday, June 11

IHN Hosting Week Concludes  
10:00 a.m. Calendar Meeting  
11:00 a.m. Renaissance Liberty Hall Tour  
4:00 p.m. Jewish LIFE: iEngage 3: Jewish Values and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict  
6:30 p.m. Sisterhood Installation and Dinner

### Monday, June 12

7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Mah Jongg  
7:15 p.m. Volunteer Reception  
8:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting

### Wednesday, June 14

11:00 a.m. Renaissance Outing  
7:30 p.m. Sisterhood Board Meeting  
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, June 15

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

### Friday, June 16

6:30 p.m. Shabbat Tables  
8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service with Installation and the choir

### Saturday, June 17

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

### Monday, June 19

7:00 p.m. Mah Jongg

### Wednesday, June 21

7:00 p.m. Membership Committee Meeting

### Thursday, June 22

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

### Friday, June 23

8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

### Saturday, June 24

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

### Monday, June 26

7:00 p.m. Mah Jongg  
7:30 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting

### Thursday, June 29

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

### Friday, June 30

8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

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