

Shofar



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Rabbi's Message

Israel @ 70 – A Dream in Progress

"When God returns the exiles to Zion, we will be like dreamers." – Psalm 126

The State of Israel is the fulfillment of a dream. As we sing in "Hatikvah," the modern return to Zion was a hope — a dream of 2,000 years! Today, on Israel's 70th birthday, it still seems like a miracle that a people could renew its national life after 2,000 years of living among the nations of the world — an existence that was precarious and tenuous, and frequently disastrous.

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Shavuot

Community Evening of Study and Discussion
Saturday, May 19, 7:30 p.m.
at Temple Sholom (see page 2)

Multigenerational Shavuot Experience
Shavuot Service and Yizkor
Sunday, May 20, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.
(see page 2)



Ceremony of Confirmation

Friday, June 1, 7:00 p.m.
(see page 11)

Volunteer Reception

Monday, June 11, 7:15 p.m.
Followed by congregational meeting at 8:00 p.m.
(see page 9)

Worship Schedule

MAY

Friday, May 4

6:30 p.m. Israel Shabbat Pot-luck Dinner
8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service Celebrating Israel
with Choir and the Tefillah Band

Saturday, May 5

Parashat Emor, Leviticus 21:1–24:23
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study with
Bat Mitzvah of Allison Fischer

Friday, May 11

7:00 p.m. Family Shabbat Service with Yad Chazakah and
the Youth Person of Honor, Mitchell Friedman

Saturday, May 12

Parashat B'har - B'chukotai, Leviticus 25:1–26:2 / 26:3–27:34
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Minyan Service and Torah Study

Sunday, May 13

Yom Yerushalayim

Friday, May 18

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

Saturday, May 19

Parashat B'midbar, Numbers 1:1–4:20
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study with
Bat Mitzvah of Amanda Brody
Erev Shavuot
7:30 p.m. Community Shavuot Service, Study and
Discussion at Temple Sholom, Bridgewater

Sunday, May 20

Shavuot
9:00 a.m. Multigenerational Yom Tov Shavuot Experience
with Yizkor and End of Year School Celebration

Friday, May 25

8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, May 26

Parashat Naso, Numbers 4:21–7:89
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Minyan Service and Torah Study

JUNE

Friday, June 1

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

Saturday, June 2

Parashat B'haalot'cha, Numbers 8:1–12:16
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study with
Bat Mitzvah of Rachel Geller

Friday, June 8

8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, June 9

Parashat Sh'lach L'cha, Numbers 13:1–15:41
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study with
Bat Mitzvah of Aidan Torres

Friday, June 15

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

Saturday, June 16

Parashat Korach, Numbers 16:1–18:32
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study with
Bat Mitzvah of Sofia Morales

Friday, June 22

8:00 p.m. Summer Shabbat Service

Saturday, June 23

Parashat Chukat, Numbers 19:1–22:1

Friday, June 29

8:00 p.m. Summer Shabbat Service

Saturday, June 30

Parashat Balak, Numbers 22:2–25:9

JULY

Friday, July 6

8:00 p.m. Summer Shabbat Service

Friday, July 13

8:00 p.m. Summer Shabbat Service

Friday, July 20

8:00 p.m. Summer Shabbat Service

Sunday, July 22

Tisha B'Av

Friday July 27

8:00 p.m. Summer Shabbat Service

AUGUST

Friday, August 3

8:00 p.m. Summer Shabbat Service

Friday, August 10

8:00 p.m. Summer Shabbat Service

Saturday, August 11

Rosh Chodesh Elul

Friday, August 17

8:00 p.m. Summer Shabbat Service

Friday, August 24

6:00 p.m. Shabbat Under the Stars, Dinner and Service
at the JCC

Friday, August 31

8:00 p.m. Summer Shabbat Service

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)

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Temple Calendar Webpage

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

A Note From Our Cantor

by Emily Wigod Pincus



Yad Chazakah — Thanks to our Torah Readers

We are happy to announce that the fifth round of beautiful yadot will be presented from our *Yad Chazakah* program during Shabbat services Friday, May 11 at 7:00 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 59 adults and students post b'nei mitzvah who have chanted or who will chant Torah this year.

Grace Amodeo
Hillary Angeline
Joey Angeline
Lauren Angeline
Joy Auerbach
Jared Bendavid
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Dhani Skole
Justine Smith
Sam Stark
Yael Tuckman
Aidan Torres
Cory White
Ella Wolkofsky

CELEBRATE SHAVUOT

Community Tikkun Liel Shavuot
An Evening of Study and Discussion

Ruth or Ruthless? — The “Stranger” in Jewish Life

Saturday, May 19

7:30 p.m. at Temple Sholom, Bridgewater



Yom Tov Shavuot

A Multigenerational Shavuot Experience

Sunday, May 20

9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at TBE

9:15 – 10:00 a.m. Parallel Sessions

Students

learning and projects
in class

Adults

Spiritual reflections on gratitude
and remembrance (*Yizkor*)
In the sanctuary

10:00 a.m.

All Gather in the Sanctuary

Joyful song • pre-summer food drive • ice cream truck, and more!

Rabbi's Message, *continued from page 1*

The founding of the State of Israel was an extraordinary turn of history — a new lease on life for a people decimated by the Shoah. A bleak outlook for our future became one filled with promise, albeit amidst continued great uncertainty. The early years were marked by an existential struggle with hostile neighbors who were numerous and better armed, and of the challenge to create the human and physical infrastructure to sustain, govern, and manage a diverse population, most of whom arrived just as the state was born, or shortly thereafter. Most of these immigrants were either survivors of the Holocaust or refugees from Arab lands that, with the founding of the Jewish State, had suddenly turned hostile to Jews.

Today, one has to marvel at what has been accomplished in just 70 years. The physical reality of Israel is that of an impressive modern nation with economic and military strength and world-class cities. Millions of Jews from all over the world have made aliyah and been absorbed into the multi-colored tapestry of Israeli society. The Hebrew language has been revived and has been used to create great works of literature and scholarship. Israel has also developed world-class cultural institutions, artistic creativity of all types, fabulous cuisine, award-winning wines, and so much more.

Israel is home to top-notch universities that help fuel cutting-edge technologies of all sorts, especially digital, medical, and agricultural. One example that hasn't received sufficient coverage in the western press is the fact that Israel has resolved its dependence on rain through economically efficient desalinization. In this era of damaging climate change and increasing desertification, Israel stands out as the only nation in the world to counter this trend.

And yet, for all that Israel is the fulfillment of a dream of 2,000 years, there are many ways in which it has failed to live up to its promise. Israel's Declaration of Independence guaranteed "complete equality of social and political rights to all its inhabitants, irrespective of religion, race or sex," and "freedom of religion, conscience, language, education and culture." Compared to the rest of the Middle East, Israel is a bastion of freedom and enlightenment. But compared to the standards of western liberal democracy to which Israel intentionally set out to aspire, it has come up short on many fronts.

The 20 percent of Israelis who are Arabs enjoy complete religious and political freedom, which is no small thing, but there are huge economic and social gaps between them and Israel's Jewish citizens. Israeli Palestinian Arabs bear an equal share of the tax burden but do not receive a just proportion of state allocations for their municipalities to fund education and infrastructure. This population has been extraordinarily loyal to the Jewish state, especially considering the ongoing Israeli-Palestinian conflict, but its loyalty has not been requited adequately, and there is a deeply troubling increase in anti-Arab racism, which the government has failed to address sufficiently.

Ironically, non-Jews enjoy greater freedom of religious expression in Israel than Jews who are not Orthodox. The ultra-Orthodox state rabbinate has a monopoly on Judaism that ranges from funding of rabbis and synagogues to kashrut, marriage, divorce, conversion, most burials, and religious education. As most of you know, there are Reform and Conservative Jewish institutions in Israel, but they receive little or no funding from the government and are denied legitimacy when it comes to all matters pertaining to Jewish status, such as marriage and conversion. Tens of

thousands of ultra-Orthodox men receive draft exemptions to study Torah, while others put their lives on the line to defend them and their country — a fact that is a source of outrage to a majority of Israel's Jewish citizens. As if all this weren't enough, both the Arab and the ultra-Orthodox populations rank prominently among the poorest of Israel's citizens, with all the complications that brings.

After decades of humanitarian leadership around the world, including always being among the first to send advanced medical and relief teams to sites of natural disasters like Haiti and Turkey, the government of Israel has hardened its heart to 40,000 asylum seekers from Africa, claiming that they are illegal immigrants and opportunists who should be deported. A significant proportion of Israelis, many of whom are Holocaust survivors who cannot accept the idea that the Jewish state would close its borders to refugees, look upon these people with compassion and openness. Fortunately, Israel's Supreme Court, in its enlightenment, has issued a stay on their expulsion.

And then there is the ongoing occupation of millions of Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza. Yes, Israel has made significant attempts to resolve this situation over the years, which have been thwarted by the failures of the Palestinian leadership and the actions of the Israeli right, especially the settler movement. The Palestinian leadership has failed time and again to make the commitments necessary to achieve peace and reconciliation, and the massive growth of Jewish settlements in the West Bank is making the possibility of a two-state solution less and less realistic.

Some American Jews are so disappointed that they are giving up on Israel. This is a terrible decision. First, there is simply too much good in Israel to render such harsh judgment. Be critical and speak loudly and responsibly about Israel's flaws, but do so in a way that is loyal to our people and fair to those who bear the burden of the reality on the ground. Most importantly, understand that approximately half of the Jewish population of Israel shares your disappointments and needs our support in their struggle for Israel's future.

The renewal of Jewish sovereignty is a miracle after 2,000 years. It is a reality that every Jew and all who would be our allies should cherish, not just as a dream come true but also as an unparalleled opportunity. The dream shouldn't end with the return to Zion. The return is just the beginning, and the first 70 years are just prelude and prologue to the story that will yet unfold. As the psalm says, "when God returns the exiles to Zion, we will be like dreamers."

To realize the exalted vision enshrined in Israel's Declaration of Independence will require the full commitment and participation of the entire Jewish people the world over. Israelis cannot and must not be left to do this alone. We American Jews must bring the fullness of our spirit to the cause of building Zion into the beacon of light we envision. Israel needs us as full partners. It needs both our love and our passion. It especially needs our experience of liberal democracy and our commitment to justice.

So, let us continue to dream dreams of Zion. Let us renew our embrace of Israel on this auspicious birthday of our precious Jewish State. And let us work shoulder to shoulder with our Israeli sisters and brothers to bring about the full realization of our highest dreams.

L'shalom,

Rabbi Arnold S. Gluck

From Our President

The Future's So Bright We've Got To Wear Shades



Years ago, when Pam and I first joined a Reform congregation, I noticed that the walls of the synagogue were adorned with pictures of young women and men in robes, usually accompanied by the rabbi and cantor. A small engraved plaque identified each photograph as the "Confirmation Class" of some year. The photos stretched back to the 1950s. I was intrigued by the caption "Confirmation Class." What was this confirmation? Being the product of a Conservadox upbringing, I was unfamiliar with the notion of Jewish confirmation. As far as I knew, confirmation was something that my Catholic friends experienced.

When we came to Temple Beth-El, I saw the same kind of pictures, so I began to investigate this concept of which I had no knowledge. I wanted to know who the confirmands were, why they were being confirmed and what exactly they were confirming. I did some research and found the answers, which I'd like to share with you.

In Germany in the early 1800s, leaders of the Reform Movement began questioning whether 13 (i.e., bar mitzvah age) was an appropriate age for a young person to affirm their Jewish identity. It was decided that a somewhat older teenager was better equipped for the task, and so the confirmation ceremony was instituted. This coming of age event enabled young Jewish adults to publicly "confirm" their commitment to Judaism. The first documented confirmation ceremony in the United States took place in Albany, New York in 1846, and the presiding Rabbi was none other than Isaac Mayer Wise. By 1900, the practice had become commonplace in American Reform congregations.

As time passed, the confirmation ceremony evolved from a substitute for bar and bat mitzvah to a completely separate Jewish life cycle event. The modern confirmation practice celebrates the completion of a level of formal Jewish study (at Temple Beth-El it is, in effect, graduation from Confirmation Academy). Confirmation occurs at the end of the 10th grade. The confirmands lead a service on erev Shabbat, during which they address issues of significance and affirm their commitment to leading a Jewish life.

This year's confirmation will take place on Friday, June 1. I recently caught a glimpse not only of what the confirmation service will be like, but what the next steps our young

women and men take along their Jewish journey may yield. I really like what I saw.

During the April 20 erev Shabbat service, Rabbi Gluck invited the soon-to-be confirmed onto the bimah to answer a series of questions about God, about their Jewish experiences to date, and about how they have grown personally. Our entire community should be proud of how these beautiful examples of Jewish adulthood have made their mark. They are intelligent, studious, conscientious, funny and insightful. They see the world around them and within them, recognize that there is room for improvement, and express their desire to make those improvements. But most of all they are committed: to their Judaism, their Jewish values and their Jewish identities.

And there is another message that came through clearly as I watched and listened to those who will carry our tradition forward. At a time when parts of the world seem to have lost their moral compass, and Jews and Judaism are under attack from many different angles, it is particularly important and appropriate that the education of our young people continue beyond their bar or bat mitzvah. As they get older, they have a greater capacity to understand and appreciate what is going on around them and how best to deal with it. This is true whether they are advocating for themselves or on behalf of others. We are truly fortunate to live in a community where our clergy and educators enthusiastically nourish the growth of young Jewish souls through high school, and where our young folks emerge from their Jewish studies with a strong and confident sense of their own Jewishness.

A 1980s party song by the new wave group Timbuk3 reminds us that "the future's so bright I gotta wear shades." While few of this year's confirmands may be familiar with this cult classic, I think that it nicely describes how we should all feel about the confirmation process at Temple Beth-El, and the delightful people who pass through it. I've got my shades on, and I look forward to peering through them at many more confirmation class pictures on the Temple walls.

L'shalom,

Jay Lavroff

Temple Beth-El

65TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

APRIL 14, 2018

OUR HONOREES

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Arthur Roswell
Ed Malberg
Ed Tolman
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Rabbi Gluck and Cantor Pincus flank our honorees l-r: Past-presidents Sid Horowitz, Arthur Roswell, Lillian Swickle, Ed Malberg, and Ed Tolman.

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Dear friends Elaine Goldsmith and Shuey Horowitz enjoyed the evening.



Dave Cohen, Jim Lavranchuk and Mark Andrews



Assemblyman Roy Freiman, Vicki Freiman, Jay Lavroff and Ken Rubin enjoy a laugh at the event.

Our 65th Anniversary Celebration is over, but some spots remain for select Party Board events:

- Cruise the Raritan
- The Poor People's Campaign - 50 Years Later
- "Smoke Rings"
- Schlumpia and Beer, the Perfect Pair
- Aloha Luau

Event details can be found below. Check them out! Sign-up is easy; just click on the link below. Don't miss the fun! Spaces are available on a first-come, first serve basis.

Questions? Please call the temple office at (908) 722-0674

Sign up at www.tinyurl.com/TBEPartyBoards2018

Cruise the Raritan, Date TBD

Enjoy a one-to-three hour guided kayak tour of the North Branch of the Raritan River with Julie and Greg Hirsch. Finish the calm cruise at their home, nestled in the woods above the Raritan, where you will enjoy a delicious barbecue lunch. No kayaking experience necessary; however, some physical activity (and good balance) will be required, getting to and from the shore. The water is calm, warm, and easy to navigate. BYOK or contact hosts for rental resources. The Hirsches will also make their four extra kayaks available to the first four guests who sign up to use one. (add \$36 pp) See the beauty of Somerset County like you've never seen it before!

When: TBD, 2018 (Hosts and interested guests will arrange a mutually agreeable date and time.)
Contact Julie Hirsch or sign up above (with no obligation) if you are interested.

Where: Branchburg

Total: 10 guests (ages 10 and up), \$48 per person

Poor People's Campaign, June 23

The Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. envisioned a Poor People's Campaign, in a shift from civil rights to human rights. He didn't live to see this dream, but we now have a chance to act on it. Join the Religious Action Center, the Cohens and the Lavanchuks at the Poor People's Campaign rally/march in Washington, D.C., the culmination of 40 days of local and state actions throughout the country in support of economic justice, as envisioned by MLK 50 years ago and today led by Rev. Dr. William Barber. (See Rev. Barber's speech on this topic.) Bus transportation to and from Washington and a light bite will be provided. We'll worship on the bus and then pray with our feet. Don't miss this memorable day of social action and camaraderie, made possible by the generosity of Liz, Dave, Beth and Jim.

When: Saturday, June 23, 2018, 7:00 a.m. departure

Where: Roundtrip N.J.-D.C.

Total: 20 guests, \$50 per person

"Smoke Rings", June 23

Hosts Amy and Ken Rubin offer up an evening of flavors gone "up in smoke" in their Hillsborough home. A variety of meats and vegetables deliciously slow-cooked with the culinary power of smoke. Brisket, chicken, veggies and maybe some duck...if Ken's feeling adventurous! What better way to cap off this culinary foray than with a bourbon tasting—as the smoke clears we will enjoy a flight of bourbon and one another's company.

When: June 23, 2018, 6:30 p.m.

Where: Hillsborough

Total: 10 adult guests, \$100 per person

Schlumpia and Beer, the Perfect Pair, July 14

The Osmans and Blooms invite you to join them for a meal of Uncle Larry's Schlumpia—yes, appy, entrée and dessert schlumpia, expertly paired with craft brews by Charley Bloom. Enjoy Pastrami Schlumpia with a rich and roasty stout, Cheese Blintz Schlumpia with an imperial IPA, veggie pairings, and more. Selections from Uncle Charley's infamous beer bottle collection will be on display. Robin, Gari, Larry and Charley hope you will join them at the Osmans' home for a delicious and delightful evening.

When: July 14, 2018, 7:30-10:00 p.m.

Where: Bridgewater

Total: 20 adult guests, \$36 per person

Aloha Luau, August 11

Join hosts Jeff and Barrie Resnick and David and Debbie Herman for a festive summer luau at the Resnick's tiki hut in Belle Mead! Don't forget your Hawaiian shirt and sunglasses; they'll provide the leis! Guests will enjoy delicious island cuisine and music, as well as a selection of tropical drinks. Sandy beaches with palm trees might be far away, so the Resnicks and Hermans will bring the tropics to you on this special day. Don't miss your chance to experience island living at its best!

When: August 11, 2018, 6:00 p.m. (rain date: August 12)

Where: Belle Mead

Total: 16 adult guests, \$54 per person

Meet the Steinfields

If you attended Temple Beth-El's recent 65th anniversary gala, you may have sampled the delicious tray of chocolate 65s that added an extra note of sweetness to the festivities. Those tasty morsels were compliments of Susan Steinfeld, who, with her husband Ed, is one of our newest congregants.

Susan and Ed moved to Somerset Run in Somerset, after living in Edison for 34 years. Ed, a retired systems analyst, developed Parkinson's and needed living arrangements that he could more easily negotiate. "Every day I wake up so grateful to be here," says Susan. When the Steinfields were unable to go on a planned cruise last Thanksgiving, they posted a message on Somerset Run's community bulletin board, offering to host other community members who would otherwise be alone on Thanksgiving. They ended up with 14 people at their table that Thanksgiving, eight of whom they hadn't met yet. "It was a lot of work," recalls Susan, "but I wouldn't trade those memories for the world. It was marvelous!"

The couple were also seeking a change of scenery from their prior synagogue. Susan explains, "We were very active for 35 years and made wonderful friends, but we felt that since we'd moved to a new area, it would be good for us to join a new temple family and establish a new sense of community."

The Steinfields found what they were looking for at TBE. "We were very happy with Temple Beth-El from the start. We just love it here," Susan enthuses, and Ed agrees that he feels very comfortable at TBE. "Everyone we've met has been so warm and welcoming. We are so grateful to have found this incredible community where we can have

a true spiritual home." What is most important to them is this strong sense of community and support, and having people around them who care, during life's happy and sad moments, they add.

Ed and Susan have been married for 48 years and have one daughter, Michelle, who lives in Falls Church, Virginia, with her husband and children, ages three and five. Ed enjoys watching Rachel Maddow and listening to various genres of music. He also loves to create mosaic tile artworks, and Susan shares a similar interest in tiles, working on pixel mosaics, tiny mosaic pieces that she mounts in various designs on plates. On the sports front, Susan plays pickleball and bocce ball, something Ed is planning to try out this summer. Susan also bowls with the Somerset Run Senior Bowling League, and is learning canasta and mah jongg. She sings in the Makhelat HaMercaz Jewish Choir of Central NJ, under the direction of Cantors Anna West Ott of Anshe Emeth Memorial Temple in New Brunswick, and Sheldon Levin of Congregation Neve Shalom in Metuchen.

So, what about that chocolate we were just talking about? That comes from Susan's chocolatier enterprise, a small business she runs

from her home. With more than 700 chocolate molds to work with, she enjoys catering for birthdays, anniversaries, b'nei mitzvah, holidays, and other simchas. At Passover, she offers a large selection of chocolate-covered matzohs with various toppings, as well as chocolate frogs.

Welcome, Susan and Ed! We are so glad to have you as part of our TBE family.



Susan Steinfeld. Unfortunately Ed couldn't make the photo shoot.

Annual Congregational Meeting and Volunteer Recognition Reception

Monday, June 11

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.

From the Education Directors

Sarah Gluck and Lisa Friedman

Shavuot: Celebrating the Gift of Torah

First, a little Hebrew. The three root letters of *shavu'ot* are *shin-bet-ayin* — the same root that yields the word *sheva'*, “seven, sevenfold, seven times.” (In the language of the Bible, *sheva'* can also mean the less specific “many times.”)

Sheva' appears frequently in Jewish tradition. The *sheva b'rachot*, “seven blessings,” are recited at a wedding ceremony. *Sh'nat ha-sheva'*, “the seventh year,” is the Sabbatical year, when the *mitzvah* of leaving one's fields to lie fallow is to be fulfilled.

The masculine form of the number seven, *shiv'ah*, is the customary term for the traditional seven-day period of mourning.

Seven days make a week, a *shavu'a*. Because God rested on the seventh day (*ba-yom ha-sh'vi'i*), we, too, take a break from routine on Shabbat and throughout the weekend (*sof ha-shavu'a*). As part of the ritual of Havdalah after sundown on Saturday night, we wish each other a good week, with a hearty *Shavu'a tov!*

The plural of *shavu'a* is *shavu'ot*, which is one the of the names of the holiday we celebrate on the 50th day (i.e., seven weeks) after the beginning of Pesach. This year, Shavuot — also known as the Feast of Weeks, *Chag ha-Shavu'ot* — falls on May 19–20 on the secular calendar (6 Sivan every year on the Jewish calendar).

Shavuot is the festival that commemorates the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai. Like so many other Jewish holidays, it began as an ancient agricultural festival, marking the end of the spring barley harvest and the beginning of the summer wheat harvest.

Our tradition teaches that the words of Torah are as sweet as milk and honey, which is where the custom of eating sweet dairy foods on Shavuot comes from. Also based on this teaching is a beautiful old custom related to the beginning of a child's Jewish education. Children who were in the classroom for the first time and just beginning



to learn the *alef-bet* would find the letters covered in honey. As they learned each letter, they would be allowed to lick the honey — a tangible demonstration that learning, especially Jewish learning, is sweet and rewarding.

For Jews everywhere, Shavuot has agricultural, historical, and religious significance. In the American Jewish community, it is also the time when Jewish teens, typically 10th graders, reaffirm their commitment to Judaism. Confirmation is a beautiful ceremony led by our young people who have chosen to continue their Jewish education after bar/bat mitzvah and live a Jewish life as they grow into independent young adults. It has become customary for many Reform congregations to celebrate the ceremony of Confirmation on or around Shavuot, for just as Shavuot commemorates the moment in Jewish history when our people accepted the Torah, so Confirmation marks the time when Jewish young adults take their next significant step in publicly accepting Torah and affirming their covenant with God.

On Friday, June 1, at 7:00 p.m., Temple Beth-El's 10th graders will take their place on the bimah during the erev Shabbat service and ceremony of Confirmation. Please share our pride in our students and join us for this joyous and moving service, as we witness their affirmation of the rewards of Jewish learning and the sweetness of the Covenant.

Chag Shavuot sameach — wishing you a happy Shavuot!

CELEBRATE SHAVUOT

Community Tikkun Liel Shavuot
An Evening of Study and Discussion

Ruth or Ruthless? — The “Stranger” in Jewish Life

Saturday, May 19

7:30 p.m. at Temple Sholom, Bridgewater



Yom Tov Shavuot

A Multigenerational Shavuot Experience

Sunday, May 20

9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at TBE

9:15 – 10:00 a.m. Parallel Sessions

Students
learning and projects
in class

Adults
Spiritual reflections on gratitude
and remembrance (*Yizkor*)
In the sanctuary

10:00 a.m.

All Gather in the Sanctuary

Joyful song • pre-summer food drive • ice cream truck, and more!

The Temple Beth-El Confirmation Class of 2018



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

Friday, June 1st, 2018 at 7pm

Temple Beth-El

67 Route 206 North, Hillsborough, New Jersey

2018 Youth Person of Honor

We are thrilled to announce Mitchell Friedman as our Youth Person of Honor this year.

At school, Mitchell is a member of the National Honor Society and German Honor Society, and he is active on his cross country team. Mitchell has been an active member on the SMOOCHY board and is currently serving his second term on the NFTY-GER (North American Federation of Temple Youth, Garden Empire Region) Regional Board as the communications vice president. Mitchell spent last summer traveling Europe and Israel with a group from the URJ's Camp Harlam. He will be returning to Camp Harlam for his eighth summer and his CIT (counselor in training) year so he can continue to give back to a community that helped shape him into the person he is today.



About Mitchell

- Runs cross country
- Member of National Honor Society
- Member of German Honor Society
- NFTY-GER CVP for two years
- SMOOCHY board member
- Attended Camp Harlam for seven summers, this will be his eighth and his CIT year
- Traveled to Israel and Europe with Camp Harlam and NFTY in Israel

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Opens Friday, May 18

Watch your temple email for the link and register early!

Questions? Contact Sarah Gluck or Amy Rubin.

Youth at TBE

It has been an exciting spring for the youth of Beth-El. Earlier this month, our second, third and fourth graders went bowling on a Sunday afternoon – a perfect way to end the weekend! Some had amazing scores of over 125, and others preferred to show their skills with trick shots between their legs, or bowling with their non-dominant hand. Everyone was all smiles, and they even taught me how to do the “floss” – a dance move I’m still not great at!

Our teens have been busy, too! Early in April, senior Kelsey Kaplowitz ran a blood drive through the New York Blood Center. “We were able to collect blood for a great cause, and I hope we have good turnouts again in the years to come,” Kelsey reports. Just two weeks ago, 12 of our high school teens participated in a Midnight Run, where they gathered donations of food and toiletries, packed them into kits and meal bags, and went into Manhattan on a Saturday night to donate them to homeless people. Matt Goralnick, a sophomore, said it was “one of the most impactful experiences I’ve ever had. It’s just so nice to meet these people and know that you’ve potentially made their day.” Needless to say, we’re excited to continue this event next year!

This past weekend, we celebrated our seniors at NFTY-GER Spring Kallah and their dedication to their youth groups throughout their time in high school. There’s still time to register for Gala, the last NFTY-GER event of the year, where we will see our very own Sarah Friedman installed as the incoming NFTY-GER president; Mitchell Friedman will serve his second term as NFTY-GER communications vice president. We’re so proud of the

work they’ve done this year, and we can’t wait to see how they continue to grow in the upcoming year.

Finally, I’d like to say a huge mazel tov to our newly selected SMOOCHY board for 2018-2019/ 5779-5780!

President
Programming VP
Social Action VPs

Recruitment VPs

Outreach Representatives

Communications VP

Shayna Friedman
Jack Haftel
Jared Bendavid and
Matt Goralnick
Michelle Engler and
Ethan Wolkofsky
Rebecca Stept
(Confirmation Academy)
and Bella Almeida (Post
Confirmation)
Amanda Cohen

I’m incredibly proud of all of my teens who have stepped up and into leadership roles for the coming year! I’m excited to work with them in planning events for all grade levels and to watch them continue developing into wonderful leaders.

L’shalom,

Rachel Frish

Director of Youth Engagement



TBE teens making sandwiches and baked potatoes, which they later delivered to homeless people in NYC.



Teen Activists of TBE

Every movement has a flashpoint that helps create a new generation of activists.

Count TBE's Erica Milgram, 18, and Mitchell Friedman, 17, among the young people across New Jersey and the country who say they will no longer stay silent on issues impacting their generation and the world.

Both say they were called to action after the February 14 fatal shootings at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla., and wanted to make their voices heard on an important issue.



TBE Teens and Lisa Friedman at the March for Our Lives, March 24

Erica and Mitchell in March were among a number of students who got on a bus outside TBE on March 23 that took them to Washington, D.C. to join many others from across the country at the March for Our Lives to protest gun violence. Similar marches were held the same day in major cities across the world.

Advocating on the issue was personal for Mitchell, who is friends with a student who was at Stoneman Douglas the day of the shooting. Mitchell said he went to Washington to show support for his friend.

But Mitchell's support of his friend did not stop with the march. He knows that having an opinion on important topics, and advocating accordingly, is critical.

"I think every individual voice matters," said Mitchell, who lives in Hillsborough and plans to study either political science or pre-law in college. "Every person has an opinion, and every person wants their voice to be heard."

Those are the kinds of values Mitchell said he was raised with – to ask questions, to make his voice heard, and to do those things for which he has strong beliefs.

Erica, 18, of Somerset, has long been interested in helping people, but decided to begin her advocacy journey

with the TBE bus ride to Washington.

"This type of advocacy is important because nothing will change if we don't start somewhere," Erica said. "I believe that the start to change is just beginning, and showing up at marches all over the world proves that we truly want and need something to be done."

Advocating on behalf of others is a staple of Jewish education at TBE, both for students and adults.

In February, TBE's 10th grade confirmation class traveled to Washington for an educational leadership program known as the L'Taken Seminar for Social Justice.

The program engages youth on issues ranging from economic justice to abortion, gun-violence prevention and other civil and human rights issues.

Students who participated in the L'Taken seminar were able to meet with members of the New Jersey congressional delegation at the U.S. Capitol to lobby on important issues, visit historic sites in Washington, and celebrate their Jewish heritage through other activities.

TBE also has a vigorous Social Action Committee that focuses on matters of social justice to help people in need, regardless of faith. The committee works regularly on issues addressing religious action, the environment and Jewish ethics.

Those kinds of issues and others speak to Erica, who plans to study social work and health sciences this fall at North Carolina's Elon University. Ultimately, she



said, she would like to have a positive impact on the world while working in Israel, where she has already spent a semester abroad.

"If adults can see that we have strong opinions and want to do something about issues, then hopefully a better future will come of it," Erica said. "It is so critical that youth my age speak up. If enough of us speak up, then maybe we'll be heard."

Legacy Circle

To my future grandchildren,

I don't know you yet. You haven't been born or conceived; your mothers aren't even in serious relationships! Yet I think of you. I wonder what you will know of me, whether we will share our holidays, whether you will think of yourself as Jewish. I deeply hope so.

There's a story that goes with my Jewish identity. A story worth telling. I was raised culturally Christian but had a strong interest in learning what other people believed. In college, I studied religions and grew interested in Judaism. When I joined my Jewish boyfriend (your grandfather) at his family's home for Chanukah, I surprised my future in-laws by knowing that there were three blessings to recite on the first night.

Later, after your grandfather and I married, I began to be interested in Judaism for me, not just as a subject of academic study. We searched for a Reform synagogue and found Temple Beth-El in Hillsborough. I enrolled in an Introduction to Judaism course that led to my conversion. I got very involved in the synagogue. I grew more comfortable with the holidays and even adopted a modest form of Kashrut. From my teenage curiosity about what other people believe to a full embrace of Judaism that could be mine as an adult, I chose to lead a Jewish life, one with meaning and purpose.

I was blessed to be part of two communities and have made a legacy commitment to each. Temple Beth-El, ever close to my heart, nurtured my Jewish soul; The Jewish Center of Princeton, where I worked briefly, engaged my Jewish mind. I would not be the Jew I am without both of them.

So... my loves, some day you will walk this earth and you will learn about your Jewish heritage and identity. I hope my story of embracing Judaism will inspire you. I hope you will choose to lead a meaningful and joyous Jewish life with the support of a wonderful community (or two).

*All my love,
Safta Amy*

(Originally published in the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Mercer's quarterly newsletter.)



Amy and Ken Rubin celebrating Sukkot

We honor our Legacy Circle:

Anonymous (4)
Rande and Janet Aaronson
Lou and Myrna Binder
Gari and Charles Bloom
Mike Bloomstein
Jody and Gary Cohen
Liz and Dave Cohen
Rabbi Arnold and Sarah Gluck
Julie and Greg Hirsch
Chrys Jochem
Barbara and Russ Johnston
Andy and Leslie Kass
Bob Krovetz

Jay Lavroff
Leigh Miller
Rick Miller
Robin and Larry Osman
Art and Betty Roswell
Amy Rubin
Lillian Swickle
Goldie Taub
Irwin Vogel
Steve and Elayne Weitz
Ann Weinstein
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.

Jewish LIFE

STARTING ON MAY 8 WITH RABBI GLUCK The Meaning and Purpose of Life According to Jewish Text and Teaching Tuesdays, May 8 & 15, 7:00 p.m., in the Beit Midrash

Last year, the Sai Baba community that meets on Sunday afternoons at Temple Beth-El invited Rabbi Gluck to speak about Jewish scriptural views of the meaning and purpose of human life. The question itself and ensuing discussion were so engaging that Rabbi Gluck was inspired to expand it to two sessions for our congregation. Please join him for lively study and conversation.

Israel at 70 and Its Place in the Middle East Ambassador Daniel Kurtzer Tuesday, May 22, 7:00 p.m.

Jewish LIFE and TBE welcome Ambassador Dan Kurtzer as our last featured speaker of the year. Ambassador Kurtzer will bring his unique experience and insights to his talk on "Israel at 70 and Its Place in the Middle East." Please join us for what promises to be an engaging and enlightening presentation.

Israeli Folk Dancing Thursdays, 7:00 p.m.

Israeli dancing is ongoing through mid-July. Consult the temple calendar for details.

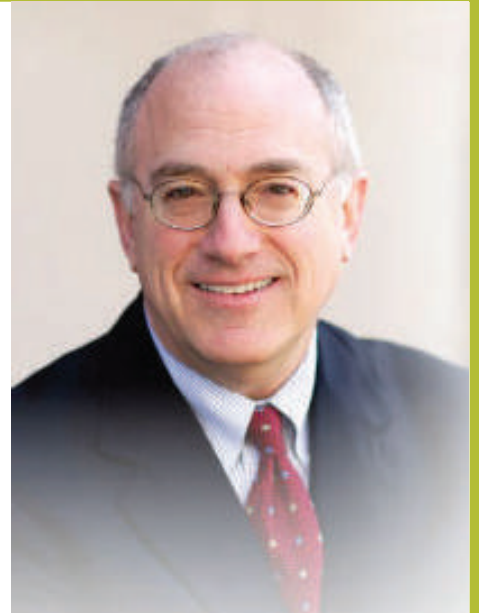
Jewish LIFE thanks you for a rich and rewarding year of Jewish learning in all its aspects. Planning is already underway for next year. We look forward to starting up again in the fall for another great year of learning and growing through LIFE!



Jewish LIFE special event

Ambassador Daniel Kurtzer "Israel at 70 and Its Place in the Middle East" Tuesday, May 22

Daniel Kurtzer is the S. Daniel Abraham professor of Middle East policy studies at Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. Following a 29-year career in the U.S. Foreign Service, Kurtzer retired in 2005 with the rank of career-minister. From 2001-2005 he served as the United States ambassador to Israel and from 1997-2001 as the United States ambassador to Egypt. He served as a political officer at the American embassies in Cairo and Tel Aviv, deputy director of the Office



Dan Kurtzer Former Ambassador to Israel

**7:00 p.m.
Hosted by Temple Beth-El, Hillsborough
(67 U.S. Hwy. 206, Hillsborough)**

of Egyptian Affairs, speechwriter on the Policy Planning Staff, deputy assistant secretary of state for Near Eastern Affairs, and principal deputy assistant secretary of state for intelligence and research.

Throughout his career, Kurtzer was instrumental in formulating and executing U.S. policy toward the Middle East peace process. He remains active in Track II diplomacy related to the Middle East. Kurtzer was appointed by Secretary of State John Kerry to serve on the Secretary's Foreign Affairs Policy Board. Governor Chris Christie has appointed Kurtzer to serve on the New Jersey-Israel State Commission. Previously, Kurtzer served as an advisor to

the bipartisan Iraq Study Group, and as a member of the Advisory Council of the American Bar Association's Middle East Rule of Law Initiative. In 2007, he was named as the first commissioner of the professional Israel Baseball League.

He is the co-author of "Negotiating Arab-Israeli Peace: American Leadership in the Middle East;" co-author of "The Peace Puzzle: America's Quest for Arab-Israeli Peace, 1989-2011;" and editor of "Pathways to Peace: America and the Arab-Israeli Conflict." He earned his Ph.D. from Columbia University.

COMMUNITY
TIKKUN LEIL SHAVUOT

RUTH OR RUTHLESS?

AN EVENING OF STUDY & DISCUSSION:
"THE STRANGER" IN JEWISH LIFE

SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2018

7:30PM

TEMPLE SHOLOM, 594 N. BRIDGE ST. BRIDGEWATER

ROTATING STUDY & DISCUSSION WITH RABBIS KRAMER,
GLUCK, & SELSBERG, FOLLOWED BY A NOSH & SHAVUOT
SERVICES

YOUTH PROGRAMMING (AND ICE CREAM) INCLUDED!

JOIN KNESSETH ISRAEL, TEMPLE BETH-EL, AND TEMPLE
SHOLOM FOR TIMELY TORAH STUDY, SWEET SHAVUOT
TREATS, AND AN EVENING WITH FRIENDS OLD & NEW
FROM ACROSS THE JEWISH COMMUNITY.

Cultural Arts

Cultural Arts Happenings

Join us at the movies and Israeli folk dancing!

The Jewish Film Series will continue on Saturday, May 12, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., with the film **Brothers**. One brother, Dan, works on the land, living in a kibbutz in the south of Israel. Aaron, his brother, is a doctor of law and philosophy and a distinguished scholar of the Torah. He comes to Jerusalem from the United States to defend the rights of Torah students. The conflict that arises between the two brothers reflects that of a society torn between its religious and political principles. This film opens a subtle yet essential debate on the question of separation of the state and religion in Israel. We will hold an interesting discussion after the film, leader TBA. Come before the film at 6:45 p.m., to partake of a delicious spread of snacks, coffee, tea and beverages.

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

Israeli folk dancing with ruach has evolved into a weekly program and is continuing through May, June and half of July. Like zumba, or yoga, we use many muscles, work hard and burn many calories. You will breathe deeply and sweat,

as in any good workout. But you will also lose yourself in the rhythms of the dance and the tuneful Israeli music and feel great as your endorphins kick in! Wouldn't it be nice to feel happy, and lost in the pleasure of the moment? Every Thursday evening from 7:30 p.m. til 9:00 p.m. in the multi-purpose room in the school wing. Beginners are welcome!

Cost: \$15 at the door, or prepay for five sessions for much less. Call Simona if interested in prepaying. The first dancing class is free for newcomers.

The Cultural Arts Committee hopes to enhance your joy, pleasure and knowledge as you participate in the events of Jewish cultural life that we bring to you!

L'shalom,

Simona Rivkin

Cultural Arts Committee

Temple Beth-El



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 15, 6:30 p.m.

Please consider hosting a table. Or let us know you'd like to be hosted.

RSVP to Dina in the temple office. (908-722-0674, ext 312)



Temple Beth-El Jewish Film Series presents



Saturday, May 12
7:00 p.m.

Doors open at 6:45 p.m.

Discussion after the film

In Hebrew with English subtitles
Not rated, 1 hr 56 minutes.

Suggested donation \$7/pp or more

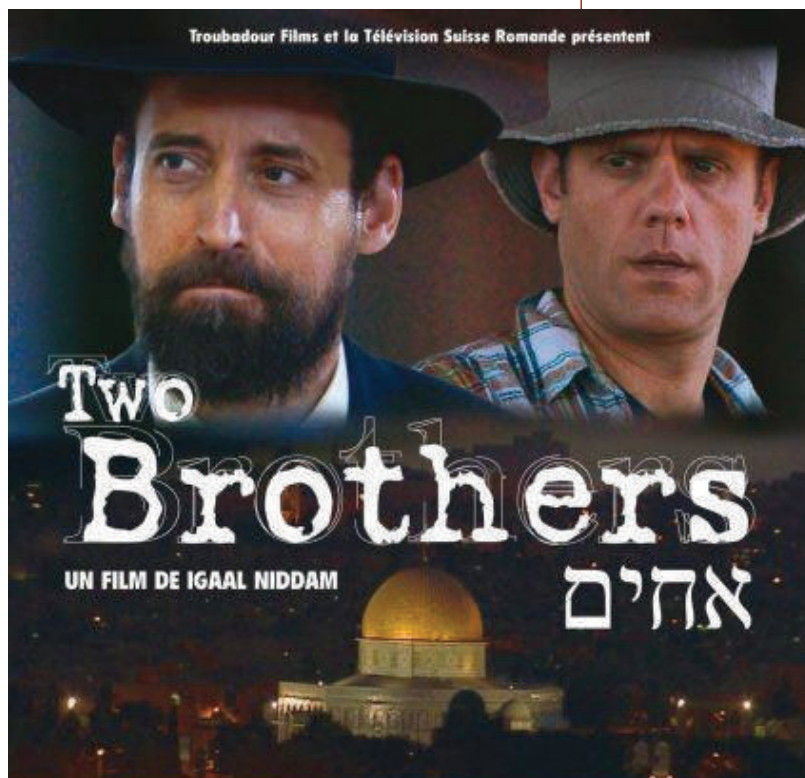
RSVP required to Simona at
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Awards:

Best Director, Igaal Niddam, Amiens International Film Festival 2009

About:

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*Sponsored by TBE Cultural
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Shavuot: The Dairy Dilemma

Shavuot is around the corner, and it's traditional to celebrate the holiday with dairy dishes such as blintzes, cheesecake, and other creamy fare. But what if you can't eat dairy? Whether you're lactose-intolerant, vegan or simply choose to avoid dairy for other reasons, there are delicious alternatives out there that will allow you to stay

healthy and still enjoy the holiday with your friends and family. Here are some tips for replacing dairy ingredients with plant-based alternatives, and two recipes to get you started.

Not interested in almond milk? We haven't forgotten you. Check out our recipe for a Shavuot bar cookie below.

Five Ways to Replace Dairy in Your Cooking and Baking

- The simplest substitution is to use a plant-based milk – rice milk, soy milk, or almond milk – in a one-to-one ratio for animal-based dairy milk.
- To replace buttermilk, substitute soy milk or almond milk in a one-to-one ratio. Stir in 2 tablespoons of lemon juice or apple cider vinegar per one cup of plant milk. Let the mixture rest for up to 10 minutes, and then fold it into the recipe in place of the buttermilk.
- To replace heavy cream, substitute a canned coconut milk in a one-to-one ratio. It works best if the coconut

milk is very cold, so place the can in the refrigerator or freezer before using.

- To replace butter, use a vegan butter like Earth Balance or vegan cream cheese for baked goods (for the occasional rich dessert).
- To replace sour cream or ricotta cheese, substitute in a one-to-one ratio of mashed soft or silken tofu blended with teaspoon of lemon juice or soy yogurt.

Source: Jewishfoodhero.com

Nondairy Creamy Pasta

This tasty dish is like a cream of mushroom soup mixed with chicken or turkey and noodles. It can serve as a meal on its own, or as a great side dish. Vegans can simply eliminate the chicken or turkey.



Ingredients

8 oz. cubed pumpkin or butternut (cubed into 1/2" pieces)
Olive oil spray
1/2 tsp. cinnamon mixed with 1 Tbsp brown sugar
1 lb. thinly sliced turkey/chicken cutlets
2 T. chicken bouillon (or vegetable stock)
1 chicken (or vegetable) bouillon cube dissolved in 2-1/2 c. boiling water

1 15-oz. can mushrooms
1 heaped T. cornstarch
1-1/2 c. soy milk
Salt and pepper
14 oz. fettuccine pasta
1/4 c. salted pecan nuts, lightly crushed (toast in oven or sauté to crisp them up)

Preparation

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Place the pumpkin or squash in a roasting pan, spray with a little olive oil and sprinkle with cinnamon and brown sugar. Place in the oven and bake for 30 minutes, until golden brown.

Slice the turkey/chicken into thin, bite-size strips. Lightly sprinkle with chicken bouillon and fry it in small batches in a lightly oiled pan, until golden on both sides. Remove from the pan and set aside. Repeat this process until all the meat has been cooked.

Remove the pan from the heat and add the chicken stock. Drain the liquid from the canned mushrooms into a bowl, and dissolve the cornstarch in this liquid. Add the soy milk to the cornstarch mixture and mix well.

Add this to the chicken stock mixture and return to the heat. Bring to the boil, stirring continuously with a whisk. When it starts to thicken, add the turkey/chicken and mushrooms. Give it a good stir, remove it from the heat and set aside. Add salt and pepper to taste.

By now, the pumpkin should be ready. Remove it from the oven and set aside.

When you are ready to serve the meal, cook the pasta according to the instructions on the packet. Heat the turkey and mushroom sauce, stirring as you do so. Lastly, add the pumpkin, mixing it carefully so as not to mash it up too much.

As soon as the pasta is ready, pour the turkey/chicken, mushroom and pumpkin mixture over the pasta and sprinkle with toasted pecan nuts.

Serves 6

Source: Joyofkosher.com

"Cream Cheese" Tarlets or Pie

No need to forego cheesecake if you are lactose-intolerant and/or gluten-free, and don't pass up this easy, delicious recipe even if you do eat dairy. Vegans can use an egg substitute to enjoy this recipe as well.



Crust Ingredients

- 2 1/3 c. Puffins Honey Rice cereal, or any lightly sweetened cereal
- 3 T. light brown sugar
- 3/4 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp. nutmeg
- 4 T. melted vegan butter or coconut oil

Filling Ingredients

- 8 oz. good quality cream cheese substitute, such as Kite Hill
- 1/3 c. sugar
- 1/2 tsp. vanilla
- Grated zest from 1/4 medium orange
- 1 egg
- 3 T. non-dairy creamer

Preparation

Place the cereal in a processor work bowl and pulse on and off until you get fine crumbs. Add the sugar and spices to the work bowl and pulse three times to combine.

With the processor running, add the melted fat and process until all the crumbs are moistened and begin to cling together. Press the crumbs into 4 four-inch tart tins with removable bottoms, or a 9-inch pie plate. Place in the freezer for 10 minutes while you pre-heat the oven to 350° F.

Meanwhile, add the cream cheese substitute and sugar into a clean processor work bowl and process until "cream cheese" is smooth. Add the remaining ingredients and process for three minutes, stopping to scrape down the sides of the bowl at least once to create a smooth batter.

Place the prepared pans or pie plate in the preheated oven and bake for five minutes. Remove from the oven and fill the pan(s) with the prepared filling. Bake for 18-20 minutes for tartlets and 25-30 minutes for a pie. Serve chilled, plain or with fresh fruit topping.

Serves 4-8.

Source: Cookingandmore.com

Shavuot Dainties

This recipe combines malted milk and brownies for a delicious Shavuot treat. There is no chocolate to melt. The secret ingredient is the chocolate-flavored malted milk powder.

Ingredients

- 1 c. sifted all-purpose flour, plus an additional 2 T.
- 1/3 c. solid white vegetable shortening
- 1/2 c. firmly packed dark brown sugar
- 1/2 c. chocolate malted milk powder (if you can't find this in your supermarket, try the chocolate malt flavor of Ovaltine powder)
- 1/2 tsp. baking powder
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 2 large eggs
- 1/3 c. sugar
- 1 c. grated or shredded coconut
- 1 c. chopped nuts (optional)

Preparation

Preheat the oven to 375° F. Lightly grease an 8 x 12-inch pan. With a pastry blender or your fingers, combine the cup of flour, shortening, and brown sugar until crumbly. Pat the mixture into the prepared pan, and bake for 10 minutes. Do not turn off the oven.

Into a small mixing bowl, sift together the 2 T. flour, malted milk powder, baking powder, and salt. In a separate, medium-sized bowl, beat the eggs very well with a mixer. Gradually beat in the sugar. Toss the coconut and nuts, if using, with the sifted dry ingredients. Add all the dry ingredients gradually to the beaten egg mixture, and blend well. Pour the batter into the baked crumb mixture, and bake for 25 minutes.

Cool, then cut into 24 two-inch squares. You may also cut these into larger squares, and top with a dollop of whipped cream or a scoop of ice cream.

Source: *Kosher Cookery: Classic & Contemporary*, by Frances R. AvRutick, Jonathan David Publishers, 1989.

Renaissance Happenings

The Scoop

Thank you to Stanley Mendelson for arranging our April annual paid-up membership luncheon this year, and at a new spot, Cafe Graziella in Hillsborough. Following a delicious bill of fare and cordial conversation, Harriet Thaler invited members to present their upcoming suggested events to the group: namely, the Lake Hopatcong brunch cruise this summer, and a tour of the Robbinsville Hindu temple, to be scheduled this fall. We look forward to enjoying these and other events in the works.

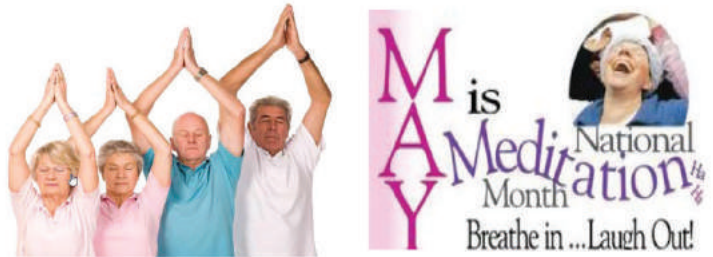
Esther Wallach
Renaissance Group

Mark Your Calendars

Sun., July 15 **Two-hour cruise and brunch outing on Lake Hopatcong, NJ**
Watch for Carol Ahlert's forthcoming email with full details. To confirm your interest, RSVP, or call Carol at 732-430-6669, as a total headcount is necessary to reserve this booking. Carpooling from TBE.

Stay Tuned For Particulars On These Events

- **Somerset Patriots ball game and Girasole dinner, Bound Brook**
- **Free tour of Swaminarayan Hindu Temple, Robbinsville, NJ**
Opened in 2014, an awe-inspiring work of marble craftsmanship
- **A performance venue at Hopewell Theater, Hopewell, NJ**



"An optimist is the human personification of spring."
- Susan J. Bissonette

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.

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Sisterhood

2018 Purim Bag Mishloach Manot Update

Sisterhood had a very successful Mishloach Manot effort this year, from delivering more than 500 bags to achieving a strong profit.

This year we delivered 418 bags to every temple member who wanted one; 20 teachers and staff; and about 70 write-in families, who are not TBE members.

We believe our continued success is due to the extreme generosity of our temple community who want to be part of giving a Purim bag to every member. The success of the Purim drive allows Sisterhood to commit \$5,000 to the ongoing temple carpeting project.

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

- 525 bags were made and delivered.
- We had 44 Golden Groggers, the most ever, up from 34 last year. That means 34 percent of temple members who gave were Golden Grogger givers.
- 32 percent of temple families gave a bag to 72 percent of temple families.
- The Mitzvah bag option continues to be popular: 29 percent of temple orders also included a mitzvah donation and 141 mitzvah bags were donated. Some orders were just for mitzvah donations.
- Golden Grogger and Mitzvah donations enabled us to send a bag to 28 percent of our temple family who wouldn't otherwise have received bags.
- As they did last year, the Temple Membership Committee also sent 17 new members bags that included a special Purim greeting card from the committee.
- We had about 55 terrific temple member drivers, which included many Sisterhood and Brotherhood members. Thanks also go to Cindy Andrews, who prepared all the routes for drivers using a special home-by-home routing tool, as we continue to improve the delivery process.

We offer special thanks to those who helped assemble the bags this year: Lou and Myrna Binder, Laure Paul, Eileen Kahn, Amy McBride, Marsha Malberg, Karen Kaplan, David Goldberg and Marcy Rosenfeld. Our team of dedicated drivers who are the last, and the very important personal touch in this process, are listed below. Many drivers took routes outside of their area — one driver delivered a bag to Easton, Pennsylvania because her daughter lived nearby; and we had a new temple family and someone new to our temple staff each take a route.

We also want to thank Amy Rubin for hours of countless and immeasurable support during this process. Thanks to Ivy Anglin and Dina Fisher for all of their help and can-do spirit, as well as the ongoing support of the custodial staff.

This effort would not have been possible without the tremendous amount of work and countless hours put in by Laura Miller and Cindy Scott. Sisterhood and our entire temple community owe them a HUGE "Todah Rabah"!

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

A special THANKS to our team of dedicated drivers!

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Enjoy a delicious luncheon buffet with something for everyone!*

Our guest speaker, Rabbi Rachel Hertzman, will lead us after lunch as we explore *The Spirituality of Giving*. She is a faculty member of the Jewish Wellness Center of North Jersey. Rabbi Hertzman has made notable contributions in the areas of outreach to Jews-by-Choice and intermarried families and domestic violence awareness and prevention.

Join in an afternoon of learning, discussion, creativity and companionship with a wonderful group of women...and that includes YOU!

*Bring your mothers, sisters and friends for a relaxing
and rewarding day...You deserve it!*

**This is Sisterhood's way of saying "Thank You!"
to all of our members for all that you do!**

Early Bird Special Rates until Tuesday, May 8!

Sisterhood member Early Bird rate is just 30% of the actual cost.

***Sisterhood members: \$18 (\$25 after May 8)**

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Please RSVP by May 9 to Karen Kaplan at 908-222-3423 or at karen@repsfitnesssupply.com

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Monday Night Mah Jongg

TBE Sisterhood has a wonderful mah jongg group that meets on Monday night all year round at the temple. We welcome all levels of players and we would be happy to teach newcomers to the game.

Please contact Eileen Ruderman for further details.

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Adult Board Game Night

Come join us for a fun night of games at ADULT BOARD GAME NIGHT at TBE. Feel free to bring something to share; it is BYOB (board and/or bottle).

Upcoming Game Night Dates:

May 12

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Interfaith Hospitality Network

Leigh Freeman, Coordinator — IHN / Temple Beth-El

Our next hosting date is June 3-10

2018 IHN Hosting Schedule

June 3-10 October 21-28
August 12-19 December 23-30

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

IHN Coordinators Contact List

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



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Our Condolences to...

Andrea Auerbach on the passing of her beloved mother, Sarah Wang
Karen Kaplan on the passing of her beloved mother, Agnes Boschen
The Hysen family on the passing of our dear congregant Arlene Hysen
Steve Lane on the passing of his beloved father, Harold Lane
The Hurwitz family on the passing of our dear congregant Edith Hurwitz
Jody Cohen on the passing of her beloved mother, Myrna Lapidus

Mazel Tov to...

Judy and Mike Goldberg on the arrival of their grandson, Aaron Gabriel Smith, son of Ashley and Steve Smith and brother of Jason.

Dave and Liz Cohen on the birth of their first grandchild,
Elena Mira Cohen Reniero, daughter of Molly and Andres Reinero.

Jay and Donna Tischfield on the marriage of their son David
to Jillian Lazor.

Shari and Bob Albin on the marriage of their daughter Jessica
to Bryan Nesheim.

*Bob and Shari Albin escort
their daughter Jessica down
the aisle. Bryan Nesheim
was waiting for Jessica
under the chuppah.*



Our Caring Community

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

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

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

In the event of a loss during the evening or on the weekend, call Rabbi Gluck at 908-722-0674, ext. 311, or 908-229-1618.

To share your family's news in the Shofar, call Dina Fisher in the temple office. Please contact Dina 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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Temple Beth-El And The Somerset County 4-H Fair 2018 August 8, 9, and 10, 2018

This August, Temple Beth-El will once again set up its annual food booth under the food tent at the Somerset County 4-H Fair at North Branch Park in Bridgewater. We are hoping the weather will be perfect and we will have another successful year. This year, we will be selling only our freshly squeezed lemonade, in three locations: under the food tent and at two stations on the fairgrounds. We still need many volunteers to run the three lemonade stations. Because we freshly squeeze the juice for each one of our lemonade beverages when a customer orders one, we need three people at each station to make this work easily. (We make the sugar water in a bucket ahead of time.) This year, the shifts are:

9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Of course, we understand that not everyone can spare enough time for an entire shift. We are encouraging people to come for whatever amount of time they can give us. An hour or two is also much appreciated. One of the best parts about volunteering for the fair is the sense of teamwork, camaraderie and fun in pulling for the same goal. We have had volunteers ranging in age from six to 86. At what other temple event can people with an 80 year age span work together and have a good time, all while contributing to the temple and community?

The 4-H Fair is a great community-building event as well as a monetary making event for the temple. As a thank-you for volunteering, you will receive a TBE T-shirt, color to be determined. We all look great wearing our T-shirts and working together! Along with all the hard work, we talk, laugh and have a good time being together. It is a great time to schmooze with existing friends or make new ones.

If you are interested in finding out about how you too can become a part of Temple Beth-El's 4-H Team, please contact Fern at tbepitafern@gmail.com or call 908-963-4921. Do not miss out on this year's fair and all of the fun you can have. So mark August 8, 9, and 10 on your calendars and come on down!

Mark Your Calendars!

**TBE at the 4-H Fair
August 8 - 10**



Come join the Lemonade Brigade!
This is TBE FUNraising at its best.

Contact Fern Schiffman
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to learn more about getting involved.



Health Screening at TBE



Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive health screenings at Temple Beth-El on June 7.

By virtue of their renting space at TBE, they are offering all congregants a discount of \$10 off of their screenings. Here is more information from Life Line Screening:

"Life Line Screening will be at Temple Beth El on Thursday, June 7, 2018 offering safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical. To be more proactive about your health and to live longer for yourself, your family and your community, please register for these potentially life-saving tests today. Please refer to the attached flyer to get more info about how you can sign up while receiving \$10 off any package priced above \$139. For only \$139 (regularly \$149) you can learn your risk of having stroke or vascular disease."

Three ways to register:

- Call toll-free: 866-229-0469
- Online: www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle
- Text: the word **circle** to 797979

Save the Date — Celebrate Israel Parade in New York, June 3



Yahrzeits M a y

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

To be read on May 4, 5

Irene Gluck, mother of Julie Hirsch
Joseph Landau, father of Steven Landau
Arthur Wolinsky, father of Shari Farmer
Sylvia Barrow, mother of Steve Barrow
Paul Donal Paton, father of Kim Fromberg
Irv Schwartz, father of Sandy Schwartz
Norman Weinstein, husband of Ann Weinstein
Anne Bernstein, mother of Alan Bernstein
Dorothy Chester, mother of Simma Friedman
Ethel Milstein, mother of Gail Meyers
Alice Nackman, wife of Gary Nackman
Peter Spaulder, father of Mara White
Arnold Bernstein, grandfather of Lisa Friedman
Sylvia Goldstein, grandmother of Seth Goldstein
Nettie Gross, mother of Carol Ahlert
Murray Hysen, husband of Arlene Hysen
Rose Poe, grandmother of Rick Miller
Florence Roswell, mother of Arthur Roswell
Anne Mendelson, mother of Stanley Mendelson
Wanda Michaelson, mother of Stacy Boxer
Mae Waldman, mother of Dori Knauer

To be read on May 11, 12

Hilda Goldfeder, great aunt of Lynn Small
Bennett Lerman, father of Hillary Cole
Larry Vogel, brother-in-law of Max Spinner
Ruth Bauer, wife of Ulrich Bauer
Oscar Schneck, father of Esther Kaufman-Helfman
Esther Young, mother of Anita Tolman
James Fishman, father of Andrew Fishman
Ida Wolf, grandmother of Alan Naroden
Phillip Eisenberg, uncle of Sheldon Stept
Morris Frankel, grandfather of Jan Miller
Joel R. Stryker, father of Barbara Blake
Dora Greenberg, mother-in-law of Phyllis Greenberg
Karen Hicks, mother of Derek Adler

To be read on May 18, 19

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
Lloyd Swickle, brother-in-law of Lillian Swickle
Philip Applebaum, grandfather of Seth Goldstein
Tobi Goldberg, grandmother of Shavaun Gliksmann
Doris Braun, mother of Daniel Braun
Jeanette Busch, mother of Ronald Busch
Dr. Joyce Brothers, sister of Elaine Goldsmith
William Davidson, father of Bruce Davidson
Marie Greenberg Berkowitz, grandmother of Marcy Rosenfeld
Roberta Mangel, mother of Howard Mangel
Stephen Reynolds, brother of Mark Reynolds
Max Tolman, father of Edward Tolman
Milton Zerring, father of Judith Goldberg
Herbert L. Grand, father of Philip Grand
Hyman Kaplin, father of Phyllis Greenberg
Leonard Koen, father of Peter Koen

To be read on May 25, 26

Frances Blond, mother of David Blond
Jesse Dulberg, father of Marian Zeldin
Charles Levinston, father of Bruce Levinston
Eleanor Miller, mother of Susan Brown
Cecile Oringer, mother of Keith Oringer
Johanna Panthauer, grandmother of Amy McBride
William Rosenfeld, father of Alan Rosenfeld
Sheldon Taylor, father of Jay Taylor
Daniel Wial, father of Ellen Zelnock
Ann Adler, grandmother of Michael Cohen
Betty Berger, grandmother of Wendy Horowitz
Jean Eisenberg, mother of Dorothy Vogel
Jessie Steinberg, grandmother of Wendy Horowitz
Elizabeth M. Stryker, mother of Barbara Blake
Herman Vogel, father of Irwin Vogel
Judith Weinstein, mother of Jeffrey Weinstein
Barbara Alden, mother of Vicki Brody
Stefan Epstein, father of Bruce Epstein
Burton A. Levy, father of Jill Grand
Edwin Nusbaum, husband of Ellen Nusbaum, father of Samuel and Paul
David Schoenberg, father of Isa Beck
Perla Tentler, grandmother of Simona Rivkin
Olga Tompa, mother of Gary Tompa
Leonard Carter, father of Pamela Attner
Ida Friedman, aunt of Doris Moshinsky
Malwine Schneck, mother of Esther Kaufman-Helfman
Frank Weigl, uncle of Lynn Small
George Weintraub, grandfather of Sheldon Stept

J u n e

To be read on June 1, 2

Larry Cudzynowski, brother of Joseph Cudzynowski
Richard Johnston, brother of Russ Johnston
Ronald Rose, father of Deborah Stark
George Waas, father of Gene Waas
Irene Filippone, mother of Susan Julian
Annette Schlosser, mother of Lynn Levine
Marian Ginsberg, mother of Ellen Nusbaum
Herb Helfman, husband of Esther Kaufman-Helfman
Dora Cohen Kanterman, mother of Stanley Kanterman
Shirley Skolky, mother of Barry Skolky
Shirley Kantor, mother of Melissa Pyle
Minnie Singer, great aunt of Kimberly Beman
Robert Wood, father of Brian Wood
Stephen Lavranchuk, father of James Lavranchuk

To be read on June 8, 9

Ed Andell, father of Jonathon Andell
Stanley Rechtleben, father of Deborah Tompa
Barney Shapiro, father-in-law of Joshua Skowronek
Isidor Soodik, grandfather of Kimberly Beman
Beatrice Insler, mother of Elayne Weitz
Tyler Landesman, son of Carol and Glen Landesman
Nathan Milstein, father of Gail Meyers

Yahrzeits

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Robert Rothschild, father of David Rothschild
Joan Becker, mother of Marci Becker-Morelli
Celia Chasin, grandmother of Gerald Shubitz
Joan Mangold, mother of Rick Zack
Cindy D'Erasmo, sister of Evette Adler
Iris A. Epstein, mother of Marci Taylor and Leslie Siegel
Jean D. Kovats, mother of Barbara Weinstein
Harry Tucker, father of Barbara Cohen
Ethel Hamelburg, mother-in-law of Rita Fink
Cecile Redlich, mother of Sam Redlich
Bernard Keiles, father of Ann Weinstein
Samuel Spevack, father of Gail Wohl

To be read on June 15, 16

Muriel Herzog, mother of Michael Herzog
Anita Berger, mother of Chuck Berger
Judith Frid, aunt of Wendy Horowitz
Carol Busch, wife of Ronald Busch
Ruth Schoenberg, mother of Isa Beck
Bettie Franzblau, mother-in-law of Barbara Franzblau
Mildred Kaitz, mother of Revalee Brody
Rosalind Sloane, mother of Leslie Marcus
Jerry Friedman, father of Helene Fine
Henrietta Greenbaum, mother of Robert Greenbaum
Sari Kaplan, mother of Amy Armant
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
Sanford Sloane, brother of Leslie Marcus
Frieda Krongold, mother of Ruth Krongold
Edward Mus, father of Rosemary Brody
Samual Zapolin, father of Zorina Walitsky

To be read on June 23

Beatrice Breslow, mother of Janice Klein
Rose Rosenfeld, mother of Alan Rosenfeld
Rachel Kelson, mother of Ellen Brown
Anita Schrier, mother of Sally Rosen
Lillian Rosewater, grandmother of Jonathon Andell
Eunice Becker, aunt of Marci Becker-Morelli
Carolyn Bloch, grandmother of Jeremy Bloch
Eve Milgram, mother of Marc Milgram
Edith Beck, mother of Michael Beck
Marvin Friedman, father of Deborah Nisenson
Esther Moshinsky, mother of Leonard Moshinsky
Janet Schenkman, wife of Eugene Schenkman

To be read on June 30

Rose Haskel Wolinsky, mother of Shari Farmer
Barton Kaitz, brother of Revalee Brody
Morris Mandelkorn, father of Debbie Friedman
Marc Young, brother of Anita Tolman
Raymond Bateman, father of Caren Bateman
Sally Kirschenbaum, mother of Steven Lane
Helen Marciniak, mother of Judi DiMaio
Roger Pyle, father of Stuart Pyle
Meriam Snyder, mother of Ken Snyder

Bernard Kass, father of Andrew Kass
Anne Stark, mother-in-law of Ann Weinstein
Tamara Leah Maizel, sister of Ryan Maizel
Martin Malberg, father of Edward Malberg and Marc Malberg
Stanley Milstein, brother of Gail Meyers
Robert Wigod, father of Cantor Emily Pincus
Wynne Dallow, stepmother of Brian Dallow
Celia Swickle, mother-in-law of Lillian Swickle
Linda Uhlfelder, cousin of Robert Adler

J u l y

To be read on July 6

Florence Morris, mother of Suzan Szych
Anna Raynes, mother of Harriet Thaler
Michael Schumsky, grandfather of Nanette Mantell
Lillian Silverman, mother of Lloyd Silverman
Alvin Tauber, father of Shelley Berger
Glenn Kass, nephew of Henry Nerenberg
Norman I. Lapidus, father of Jody Cohen
Jean Lyman, grandmother of Laurie Hills
Gerald Albin, father of Robert Albin
Laura Farber, sister of Edith Hurwitz
Helen Gliksman, mother of Michael Gliksman
Rita Adler, grandmother of Robert Adler
Jean Dolgonos, mother of Stephanie Miller
Marvin Fein, father of David Fein
Isaac Hills, father of Laurie Hills
Jacob Kantor, father of Melissa Pyle

To be read on July 13

Bette Jane Andell, mother of Jonathon Andell
Abram Friedberg, father of Morton Friedberg
Michael Sherman, cousin of Jonathon Andell
Howard S. Stern, brother of Lisa Dickholtz
Melvin Silverstein, husband of Evelyn Silverstein
Paul Wedeen, father of Ken Wedeen
Mollie Cohos, mother of Jane Waldorf
Mollie Minzter, grandmother of Barbara Franzblau
Evalyn Steinberg, mother of Roselle Jaffe
Albert Taub, brother-in-law of Goldie Taub

To be read on July 20

David Weiss, father of Lawrence Weiss
Marvin Glaser, father of Cindy Weiss
Charlotte Levin, mother of Harold Levin
Samuel Berger, grandfather of Wendy Horowitz
Harry Bober, father of Michael Bober
Alice Goldberg, mother of Kevin Goldberg
Rachel Jaffe, daughter of Rabbi Hirshel and Roselle Jaffe
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Sylvia Zibulsky, grandmother of Robyn Becker
Florence Sarnoff, stepmother of Nancy Burke
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

Yahrzeits

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To be read on July 27

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
Helen Lieberman, mother of Madelyn Okun
Louis Tussman, uncle of Linda Strand
George Panthauer, grandfather of Amy McBride
Alyce Bernstein, grandmother of Lisa Friedman
Miriam Lerner, mother of Evan Lerner
Morris Mendelson, father of Stanley Mendelson

A u g u s t

To be read on August 3

Hyman Dolgonos, father of Stephanie Miller
Sy Epstein, father of Leslie Siegel and Marci Taylor
Leon Markiewicz, father of Leigh Freeman
Jacob Rosen, father of Rochelle Levin
Charlotte Kaplin, sister-in-law of Phyllis Greenberg
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
Philip Jaffe, father of Rabbi Hirshel Jaffe
Madeline Kahn, mother of Eileen Kahn
Rose Kass, grandmother of Beth Lavranchuk
Myron Krovetz, father of Robert Krovetz
Ariel Malberg, daughter of Marc and Alta Malberg
Paul Bauer, father of Ulrich Bauer
Carl Jacob Herman, father of Ira Herman
Simon Wohl, grandfather of Robyn Becker
Susana Gomez de Gonzalez, mother of Oscar Gonzalez
Martin Hoffman, father of Julie Hersh
Rita Mayer, mother of Cheryl Nelson

To be read on August 10

Molly Fass, mother of Alan Fass
Nathan Handler, father of Joel Handler
Marlene Kosnac, mother of Wendy Amodeo
Morris Moshinsky, father of Leonard Moshinsky
Richard Weinberger, father of Daniel Weinberger
Abe Lyman, grandfather of Laurie Hills
Ruth Miller, mother of Leigh Miller
Sima Kahn, mother of Hillary Angeline
Rose Brooks Cohen, mother-in-law of Barbara Cohen
Murry Goldberg, father of Kevin Goldberg
Edith Katzer, sister of Doris Moshinsky
Sophie Levine, aunt of Rita Fink
Helen Wisniewski Markiewicz, mother of Leigh Freeman
Isidore Kirsch, father-in-law of Stanley Mendelson
Claire Mandelkorn, mother of Debbie Friedman

Theodore Stark, father-in-law of Ann Weinstein
Barbara Ditman, mother of Robin Kimmelman
Simon Levendel, father of Sheila Koen
Harold Sage, father of Eileen Ruderman

To be read on August 17

Bruno Schachter, father of Richard Schachter
Sheldon Taber, brother of Robert Taber
Howard Auerbach, husband of Andrea Auerbach
Joseph Shubitz, grandfather of Gerald Shubitz
Celia Dilson, aunt of Cindy Mangel
Martin Wortzel, father of Barbara Franzblau
Sadie Baker, grandmother of Pam Sharenow
Eva Cooperman, mother of Frances Taber
Max Dresdner, father of Arleen Margulis
Sarah Schwartz, aunt of Sylvia Rubin
Leon Rothman, father of Shelley Gomolka
Barbara Fine, mother of Tamar Yarkoni
Eileen Marcus, mother of Richard Marcus
Samuel Cohos, father of Jane Waldorf
Meyer Trachtenberg, father of Alta Malberg

To be read on August 24

Albert Kanterman, father of Stanley Kanterman
Jean Schwartz, mother of Vicki Schwartz
Robert Meehan, stepfather of Andrew Kass
Solomon Maizel, grandfather of Ryan Maizel
Marvin Finkelstein, father of Beth Lavranchuk and Lori Blond
Sylvia Isaacson, mother of Gerald Isaacson
Aaron Ritzer, father of Gayle Skolky
Samuel J. Rosenblum, father of Fern Kamine
Leonard Alan Shubitz, brother of Gerald Shubitz
Sam Cohen, grandfather of Michael Cohen
Goldie Knauer, mother of Leonard Knauer
Alter Cudzynowski, uncle of Joseph Cudzynowski
Dorothy Lowenthal, grandmother of Lynn Small
Solomon Mintz, father of Goldie Taub

To be read on August 31

John Gale, father of Janet Aaronson
Sol Greenberg, father-in-law of Phyllis Greenberg
Anita Maizel, grandmother of Ryan Maizel
Harry Morrison, father of Leon Morrison
Miriam Morrison, mother of Leon Morrison
Herbert Sloan, husband of Judith Sloan
Gregory Sussman, father of Yelena Kalikina
Susan Berger, mother of Michael Berger
Alvin Resnick, father of Jeff Resnick
Martin Richard, father of Scott Richard
Frances Tolman, mother of Edward Tolman
Ida Cudzynowski, mother of Joseph Cudzynowski
Marian Weigl, grandmother of Lynn Small
Morris Bauer, father of Elaine Goldsmith
Edith Katchen, mother of Beverly Cohen

Acts of Tzedakah

Ariel E Malberg Social Action Fund (IHN)

In memory of Ariel Malberg
Marshall Trachtenberg

Beautification

In honor of Cantor Pincus
Jay and Patricia Lavroff
In memory of Agnes Boschen
Barbara and Russel Johnston

Brotherhood Youth Scholarship

In honor of Ed Malberg
Raymond and Mary Luther

Cantor's Discretionary Fund

In honor of Henry Nerenberg
Jay and Patricia Lavroff
In honor of Steve and Irene Lieberman being honored at the Celebrate Israel event
Cindy Scott
In appreciation of Temple Beth-El
Larry and Helen-Ann Epstein

Cultural Arts

In honor of the Israeli Film Series
Temple Beth-El Sisterhood

Library Fund

In memory of Abraham Levenson
Edith and Stuart Rugg

Garden Fund

In memory of Agnes Boschen
Harriet Thaler

Israel Matters

In honor of the arrival of Marc and Sara Friedman's grandson
Jay and Patricia Lavroff

Israel Travel Fund

In honor of Steve and Irene Lieberman being honored at the Celebrate Israel event
Temple Beth-El Sisterhood

Memorial Fund

In memory of Hyman Cohen
Barbara Cohen
In memory of Paul Glaser and Ruth Papier
Joseph and Shelley Drozd
In memory of Sarah Zerring
Michael and Judith Goldberg
In memory of Herb Ringel
Jeffrey and Melissa Ringel
In memory of Edward Fink and Harry Cohen
Rita Fink and Vicki Umbro
In memory of Irving Fass
Alan and Elaine Fass
In memory of Milton Skowronek and George Skowronek
Joshua and Marion Skowronek
In memory of Phyllis Phillips
Jeanette and Edward Tuckman
In memory of Herb Schall
Barbara Schall
In memory of Bernard Cudzynowski
Joseph and Barbara Cudzynowski
In memory of David Schoenberg
Michael and Isa Beck
In memory of Stanley Witlieb
Beth and Michael Berger
In memory of Anne Mendelson
Stanley Mendelson
In memory of Robert Wood
Brian Wood
In memory of Elizabeth and Joel Stryker
Barbara Blake
In memory of Richard Johnston
Russ Johnston

Prayerbook Fund

In memory of Leon Fish
Jay and Patricia Lavroff

Yad Chazakah

In appreciation of Temple Beth-El
Larry and Helen-Ann Epstein

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In honor of Kim Fromberg's conversion
Kim and Evan Fromberg
In appreciation of Temple Beth-El
Larry and Helen-Ann Epstein
In honor of the naming of our daughter, Lauren
Michael and Allison Goldstein

Religious School Scholarship

In memory of Scott Waldman
Rich and Zahava Schaefer
In appreciation of Temple Beth-El
Rich and Zahava Schaefer
In appreciation of Mark Heller being a member of Temple Beth-El
Robert and Elaine Baer and Jennifer Heller
In honor of Jude Bergman becoming bar mitzvah
Kia and Aaron Bergman
In appreciation of Temple Beth-El
Larry and Helen-Ann Epstein

General Fund

In memory of Robert Maynard Wigod and Matthew David Jacobson
Dorothy Wigod
In memory of Pat Weissman
Steven and Elayne Weitz
A speedy recovery to Rhona Ferling
Amy and Ken Rubin
In honor of Steve and Irene Lieberman
Amy and Ken Rubin
In appreciation of Alta Malberg chairing the 65th Anniversary Dinner
Amy Rubin
Congratulations to Kim Fromberg on her conversion
Amy Rubin
In memory of Sarah Wang
Amy and Ken Rubin
In appreciation of the teachings of T. Berry Brazelton
Amy Rubin
In memory of Agnes Boschen
Myrna and Lou Binder

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May – August

Calendar of Events

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MAY

Tuesday, May 1

7:30 p.m. Brit K'hillah Meeting with Health and Wellness Professionals

Wednesday, May 2

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

Thursday, May 3

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

Friday, May 4

6:30 p.m. Israeli-themed Shabbat Dinner
8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service with the Choir and Tefillah Band

Saturday, May 5

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study with Bat Mitzvah of Allison Fischer
7:00 p.m. Baby Boomers and Empty Nesters event

Sunday, May 6

9:00 a.m. RS: Grade 4 Trip to Cemetery, Rain Date
9:00 a.m. Young Family Schmooze
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Go See The OC — Office Hours
10:00 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Beginning Biblical Hebrew
10:00 a.m. Brotherhood Person of Honor Breakfast
10:00 a.m. Jewish Spirituality Group

Monday, May 7

4:30 p.m. Hebrew School
6:30 p.m. Post-Confirmation
7:00 p.m. Mah Jongg
7:30 p.m. Ritual Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 8

7:00 p.m. Jewish LIFE: The Meaning and Purpose of Life
7:30 p.m. Membership Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 9

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

Thursday, May 10

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

Friday, May 11

7:00 p.m. Family Shabbat Service with Youth Person of Honor and Yad Chazakah
7:00 p.m. Youth: Teen Shul-in

Saturday, May 12

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Minyan Service and Torah Study
11:00 a.m. Women's Day of Rest and Renewal
7:00 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Film Series: *Brothers*
7:00 p.m. Game Night

Sunday, May 13

Yom Yerushalayim
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Go See The OC — Office Hours

Monday, May 14

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

Tuesday, May 15

7:00 p.m. Jewish LIFE: The Meaning and Purpose of Life

Wednesday, May 16

4:30 p.m. Hebrew School
6:30 p.m. Confirmation Rehearsal
7:15 p.m. TBE Reads — Book Club: *We Were the Lucky Ones*

Thursday, May 17

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

Friday, May 18

8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, May 19

Erev Shavuot
9:00 a.m. NFTY-GER Board Meeting
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study with Bat Mitzvah of Amanda Brody
7:30 p.m. Community-wide Shavuot Service at Temple Sholom

Sunday, May 20

Shavuot
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:15 a.m. Shavuot Service with Yizkor

Monday, May 21

7:00 p.m. Mah Jongg
7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting

Wednesday, May 23

6:30 p.m. Confirmation Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Women's Torah Study

Thursday, May 24

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

Friday, May 25

8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, May 26

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

Monday, May 28

7:00 p.m. Mah Jongg

Tuesday, May 29

6:00 p.m. Jewish Spirituality Group
7:30 p.m. Oversight Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 30

6:30 p.m. Confirmation Rehearsal

Thursday, May 31

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

JUNE

Friday, June 1

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

Saturday, June 2

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study with Bat Mitzvah of Rachel Geller
7:00 p.m. NFTY-GER Gala (Time TBA)

Sunday, June 3

IHN Hosting Week
10:00 a.m. Annual Calendar Meeting
11:00 a.m. Salute to Israel Parade in NYC

Monday, June 4

IHN Hosting Week
6:30 p.m. Youth Culture Committee Meeting
7:00 p.m. School Committee End-of-Year Dinner
7:00 p.m. Mah Jongg
7:30 p.m. Ritual Committee Meeting

Tuesday, June 5

IHN Hosting Week
7:00 p.m. Grade 6 B'nai Mitzvah Parent Meeting
7:30 p.m. Membership Committee Spring Dinner

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Wednesday, June 6

IHN Hosting Week
6:30 p.m. Sisterhood End of Year Dinner

Thursday, June 7

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

Friday, June 8

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

Saturday, June 9

IHN Hosting Week
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study with
Bar Mitzvah of Aidan Torres
7:00 p.m. SMOOCHY Board Transition

Sunday, June 10

IHN Hosting Week
1:00 p.m. Wise Aging Group
7:30 p.m. Brotherhood Social

Monday, June 11

7:00 p.m. Mah Jongg
7:15 p.m. Volunteer Appreciation Reception
8:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting

Tuesday, June 12

7:30 p.m. Sisterhood Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 13

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

Friday, June 15

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

Saturday, June 16

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

Monday, June 18

7:00 p.m. Mah Jongg

Thursday, June 21

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

Friday, June 22

8:00 p.m. Summer Shabbat Service

Monday, June 25

7:00 p.m. Mah Jongg

Tuesday, June 26

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

Friday, June 29

8:00 p.m. Summer Shabbat Service

Saturday, June 30

7:00 p.m. Game Night

JULY

Thursday, July 5

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

Friday, July 6

8:00 p.m. Summer Shabbat Service

Thursday, July 12

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

Friday, July 13

8:00 p.m. Summer Shabbat Service

Friday, July 20

8:00 p.m. Summer Shabbat Service

Friday, July 27

8:00 p.m. Summer Shabbat Service

Friday, August 3

8:00 p.m. Summer Shabbat Service

Wednesday, August 8

TBE at the 4-H Fair

Thursday, August 9

TBE at the 4-H Fair

Friday, August 10

TBE at the 4-H Fair
8:00 p.m. Summer Shabbat Service

Sunday, August 12

IHN Hosting Week

Monday, August 13

IHN Hosting Week

Tuesday, August 14

IHN Hosting Week

Wednesday, August 15

IHN Hosting Week

Thursday, August 16

IHN Hosting Week

Friday, August 17

IHN Hosting Week
8:00 p.m. Summer Shabbat Service

Saturday, August 18

IHN Hosting Week

Sunday, August 19

IHN Hosting Week

Friday, August 24

6:00 p.m. Shabbat Under the Stars, Dinner and Service

Friday, August 31

8:00 p.m. Summer Shabbat Service

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