



BULLETIN

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Mission Statement: Temple Beth-El is a congregation of Jews and their families building a community committed to participation in all aspects of Jewish life. By community, we mean a group of diverse people who share a strong connection fostered by Temple Beth-El. By participation, we mean that all members will partake in and support the spiritual, cultural, educational and social life of Temple Beth-El.

Rabbi Wing for Five

By unanimous vote of the Temple Board, the newly negotiated contract between Rabbi Wing and Temple Beth-El was signed prior to our regular March Board Meeting. Rabbi will be with us as our longest standing Rabbi through (at least) June of 2020. Rabbi Wing will have served 13 years with Temple Beth-El as we move into the new five year contract beginning July 1, 2015.

"It is wonderful to be able to have the continuity and to be able to have our Rabbi, who has developed such rich roots in both the clerical community of Rockford and the regional and national Jewish scene.

We are fortunate to have such a wonderful spokesperson for us in the community at large as well as our spiritual leader" according to Jay Sklar, chair of the contract committee.

Brina Grigg, President of Temple Beth-El said, "I am thrilled to see our congregation and Rabbi Wing united for another five years".

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Dear Friends,

Approximately 13 years ago, I was a rabbinic student looking forward to being ordained as a rabbi. I was looking for a congregation that would be the best match for my skills and personality. Like some of my classmates, I thought that perhaps I would start my career as an assistant rabbi in a large congregation. It was my father (z'l) who suggested that perhaps I would be best suited in a small congregation, known as a "solo." And so, I began to look through the applications from smaller congregations. One of the questions was "What qualities are most important to you in your new rabbi?" One congregation's top answer read, "A person who is warm, a sense of humor and not afraid to talk about feelings." I saw that and said, "Mmmm, that sounds a lot like me." Little did I know then that that moment was the beginning of my tenure as rabbi of Temple Beth-El in Rockford. Together we have formed a wonderful partnership and friendship which has brought holiness to our lives. It has been a wonderful fit since that first impression all those years ago.



From Rabbi Binah Wing

For that reason, I am so happy, grateful and blessed to have just signed a contract for another 5 years! How exciting! I look forward to thinking about what we can continue to do here at Temple, here in Rockford and in the wider world to enrich our lives with the Jewish values of Torah (study), Avodah (worship) and Gemilut Chasadim (deeds of loving kindness). Special thanks are due to Jim Gesmer, Sharon Goldsand, Brina Grigg, Jerry Grubb, Barbara Holmstrom, Jerry Paris and especially Jay Sklar who chaired the committee for the many hours they worked in order to hammer out the details. Jay and his committee were

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very accommodating and easy to work with. The whole process, which in every congregation has the potential to be unpleasant, was perfectly enjoyable. Thank you all.

My new contract begins in July of 2015 and ends in June of 2020! When I think about the year 2020, on some level, it seems very far off. In truth, as time usually does, it will pass very quickly. Sometimes, I try and imagine what my life will be like in the future. Of course, no one has a crystal ball and there are always unexpected changes but still, it's fun to use a milestone like this to imagine the future. Five years from now, God willing (I don't believe in a deity who wills the future but perhaps I'm superstitious enough to put this before my musings...): Shlomo and I will have been married for almost 20 years, Lilly will have celebrated her bat mitzvah and be finishing her freshman year at Guilford, Dana will be the age that Lilly is now – finishing 4th Grade. I won't think about how old I'll be in 2020 but I'll have crossed a major age threshold and leave it at that. Where do you think you'll be in five years? What milestones will have occurred in your lives? Your children? Grandchildren? Retirement?

And of course, I wonder, what will the next five years bring for Temple Beth-El? What changes would we like to make? What would we like to stay the same? Together, we will need to chart the answers to these questions. In 2020, I will have completed 18 years as the rabbi of this congregation. As you know, the number 18 in Jewish tradition means "life." It is my prayer that in the year 2020, Temple Beth-El will be thriving and full of life. It will be our task, together, to make that happen. I am excited to see where life will take us and I am looking forward to our future.

With love and gratitude,
Rabbi Wing

From the Temple Board.... By Secretary Ellen Salley



The Temple board met on March, 11th, 2015. Rabbi opened with a prayer from the morning liturgy that asks God to give us a healthy body so we can pray. Brina then called the meeting to order. Brina announced that the Rabbi signed her contract and is now the longest serving Rabbi that Temple Beth-El has had. The board voted to accept proxy votes to be counted in the quorum at the annual Temple meeting. A nominating committee for next year's board is being formed and headed by Jay Sklar. The safety committee is still working on keeping our congregation safe. Jay said that he is looking into surveillance through our alarm company, that the county Sheriff will be looking at our building and Com-Ed is looking at our lighting.

Rabbi reported on what kept her busy. Some highlights included working at the 5th-6th OSRUI retreat, attending a Kallah in Arizona, working with GRTY on their Shabbat service and officiating at two funerals. The finance committee is still working on having the Temple audited some time this year. They are waiting on a few more bids.

The Temple Passover Seder will be held on Saturday April 4th. The cost will be the same as last year. \$20 for adults, \$10 for children and no more than \$50 for a family.

The Sunday school children have been busy making Mandelbrot, Tu'Beshevat trees, celebrating Purim and participating in Good Deeds Day.

GRTY led a wonderful Friday Shabbat Service with members of Healing Pathways attending along with the congregation. All their fundraising efforts benefited Healing Pathways. GRTY also helped with the Purim Carnival and will be helping set up and take down the rummage sale.

Food-a-Rama is approaching. Karen and Sara have sent letters to businesses asking for ads for our brochure. Joyce will put a post about Food-a-Rama on Craig's list. If you have a Facebook page, please put a post about Food-a-Rama on your site.

The Rockford Register Star contacted Goldie and asked if we would be willing to write a guest column once a month. Watch for Goldie's column in one of the April issues.

Some events coming up are:

April 12th Holocaust Remembrance Service
April 24th Joint Shabbat Service
June 3rd Blood Drive

Brina's Bits

As you read this we have crossed the border into April with a miserable winter still fresh in our memories. I don't know about you, but many times I thought

it would be great to be in the Caribbean and away from the cold and snow. I'm sure I could even go to Shabbat services almost anywhere. I asked myself what it would be like to be president in a synagogue or temple in Puerto Rico, or Curacao.

I have been fortunate enough to visit Mikve Israel-Emanuel Synagogue in Curacao. This synagogue was founded in 1732 and is believed to be the oldest operating synagogue in the Western Hemisphere. It has sand on the floor and beautiful candelabras hanging from the ceilings.

Hadassah Magazine had an article about two congregations and a Jewish Community Center in Puerto Rico. A newspaper article titled "Jamaica Reaches Out to Bring in Jewish Tourists" was in a Florida newspaper. The island once was home to 2,500 Jews in the 1800's but today only about 200 remain. There were once eight synagogues and now most members are in their 50's and trying to preserve their Jewish History. There also remains a tiny Jewish Community in St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands. So you could enjoy the sun, beaches, shopping and Judaism as well.

It seems to me that even in such desirable climates the challenges of operating and maintaining our Jewish communities and Temples are the same. I think being President there might be very similar to being president here.

Here, we have our veteran Rabbi to lead us for another five years. We are fortunate to have wonderful members here, many very dedicated volunteers that we could not do without. We have just completed a very successful Rummage Sale. We are deep into work on Food-A-Rama. Our Youth did a service that can only be called inspiring. Watching 23 young adults take on projects and responsibility was spell-binding for the over 100 people present.

The Caribbean or Rockford Illinois? I think I will stay right here (except for occasional visits, I hope) because our congregation is first rate. If you are not participating as much as you might, I truly believe you are missing out. Come join us. We'd love to see you more often. Happy Passover to all.

See you soon,
Brina

At Temple Beth-El



Spring is just around the corner and what is the first thing that Temple members think of ----- Food-A-Rama of course, and **what would FAR be without blintzes?**

I can't imagine. Everyone loves our blintzes and they are a BIG moneymaker for FAR. If we are to have enough blintzes to meet the demands of our customers, we need your help. We will be doing 4 cooking sessions between Sunday, April 12th and Sunday April 19th. Plan ahead and mark your calendar to join us for one or more

Below are the dates and times:

Sunday, April 12th, 9 am - noon – led by Ronit Golan (pitagolan@yahoo.com – 815-394-1013)

Monday, April 13th, 9 am – noon – led by Sharon Goldsand (sgoldsand@comcast.net – 815-335-4050)

Tuesday, April 14th, 9 am – noon - led by Barbara Simon (bjsimon61114@yahoo.com)

Sunday, April 19th, 9 am – noon – led by Ronit Golan (pitagolan@yahoo.com (815-394-1013)

Contact the above leaders to volunteer today.
We need YOU!!!!

Thank you,
FAR Committee

SCHOOL DAZE

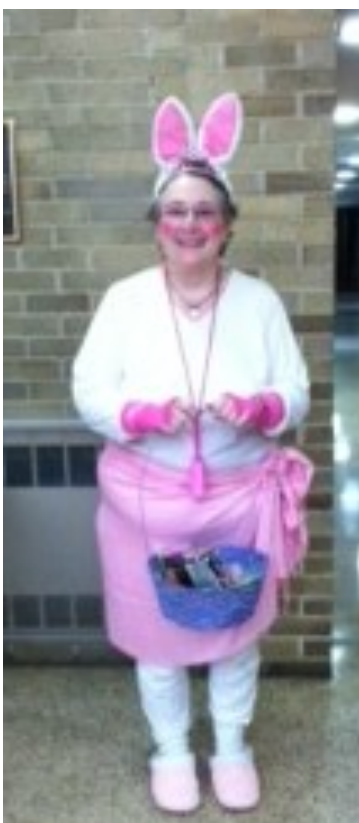
200 Words or Less...

By Goldie & Adrian



We had two big events in March. First, there was all things Purim. Students made edible *graggers* for themselves and for Jewish seniors in nursing homes. On March 4, students participated in a fun service led by the Easter bunny – no, make that the Esther bunny, aka Rabbi Wing. The following Sunday, March 8, students enjoyed the Purim Carnival. There were crafts, games, face painting, prizes and a hot dog lunch. All this wouldn't be possible without our great volunteers.

The games and prize table were run by the fantastic Youth Group and the Quimbys. The Townes helped Ronit in the kitchen, and special thanks goes to Sandy Simon for helping with setup, take down, art projects and face painting. The Carnival was sponsored by the Jewish Federation, Temple Beth-El Religious School and Congregation Ohave Shalom.



The second big project was Good Deeds Day. Students and adults donned their t-shirts and made gift bags and homemade cards for women and children at Remedies, an organization that helps abused women and their children. Thanks Barbara and Mitch for providing the students with Jewish music opportunities.

We are now on spring break. There is no school Sunday, March 29, Wednesday, April 1, and Sunday, April 5. Enjoy the end of winter!

Think spring,
Goldie and Adrian

KUGEL MAKERS NEEDED FOR FOOD-A-RAMA



Kugels are a very popular and profitable item at our Food-A-Rama fundraiser. Nanci Soriano has graciously agreed to head up a group to make kugels on **Monday, April 6th at 9:30 am** for this year's event. However, Nanci can't do it alone. Nanci has all the instructions and will advise how you can help prepare and then work as a team to put the kugels together in the Temple kitchen.

Please call Nanci today at 815-654-7677 or e-mail her at Soriano.5@comcast.net to let her know she can count on you.

Food-A-Rama is our biggest fundraiser each year and requires the efforts of everyone.

Save
The
Date

TBE Blood Drive
JUNE 3
2-6 p.m.

We are again teaming with the Rock River Valley Blood Bank to sponsor a blood drive to benefit not only the Jewish community, but the general population.

The Blood Bank's blood mobile will be parked in our front parking lot. If you are a regular blood donor, please consider giving blood at that time. This might also be a good time for new donors to begin that process.

Faye Marcus

April Oneg Committee

April 3

No Services

April 10

Ellen and Fred Dietz
Jan and Ted Liebovich

April 17

Madeleine Libman Bat Mitzvah

April 24

Joint Shabbat Service

The Temple
Beth-El
Family greatly
appreciates and
thanks our Oneg
Hosts for helping to
make our Services
more meaningful
and offering an op-
portunity for us all
to mingle and
socialize.



April Birthdays & Anniversaries

Adults

John Rosenbloom	4/3
Katherine Hulick	4/3
Natalie Share	4/5
Kim Einhorn	4/8
Merle Langs	4/9
David Sklar	4/9
Nanci Soriano	4/10
Daniel Whitman	4/11
Mary Roufa	4/12
Jan Liebovich	4/12
Aaron Barenbaum	4/13
Rachel Shore	4/20
Fred Young	4/21
Rachel Zussman	4/22
David Weiss	4/24
Julia Barenbaum	4/27
Jamie Zussman	4/28
Pria Hosmane	4/28
Andrea Bear	4/29

Children

Joshua Zussman	4/3/03
Briana Lawson	4/4/03
Madeline Libman	4/16/02
Brandon Lawson	4/26/06



*We invite you to celebrate
with us as
Madeleine Ruth Libman
is called to the Torah as a
Bat-Mitvah
On the 18th of April, 2015 at
10:00am
Temple Beth-El
1203 Comanche Drive
Rockford, IL 61107*

*Please join us
for lunch immediately
following the service
at the temple*

*RSVP to dlibman@gmail.com
By April 2nd*

The Temple Beth-El Gift Shop



GIFT SHOP HOURS

Monday—Friday, call the office

Sunday 10am - noon*

*Open Sundays when school is in session.

And 1/2 hour before 7:30 p.m. services

If you need to visit the shop at another time, please call
the Temple office (398-5020), Milly Kaplan (877-5717) or
Susan Rosenfeld (964-8642).

YAHRZEIT LIST

If you are interested in having your loved one's name on the Yahrzeit list, please call Joyce in the Temple Office, 398-5020

Read April 3

Benjamin Stone
David S. Sher
Joel Huss
Norman Share
Adolph Wiener
Charlotte Marcus
Rose Goldman
Esther Druker
Sara Ellman
Felicia Sachs-Levy
Bertha Rossin
Dr. Julian Greenberg

Read April 10

Dr. Herman Blustein
Margaret Slavin
Thelma Spear
Robert Garten
Stewart Freifeld
Mary Corpuel
Herman Salomon
Stetler Young
Morris Hertz
David Schaider
Ida Shanhouse
Samuel Dryer

Read April 17

Agnes Blumenthal
Hannah Saal
Clara Landy
Ida Lans
Evelyn Goldman
Florence Holmstrom
Jack Milsk
Rose Kobrin
Sylvia Sachs
Goldie Collier
Karen Stern
Leona Light

Read April 24

William Feder
Emma Laser
Edna Froelich
Mildred Shanhouse Frank
Rose Rusnak Messinger
Aaron Brenner
Gussie Bagus
Dr. David Light
Elsie Rettig



MEMORIAL BOARD

Honor the memory of your loved ones by placing their names on the board in our memorial alcove. Please supply the Temple office with the name, date of birth and date of death. The minimum donation is \$200. The light alongside each name is lit every year to mark the anniversary of the death, and the name appears in the annual memorial book.



CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR FUNDS

Garten Fund

In memory of Stephen Craig Osran
-Lillian and Bruce Osran

Hannah and Herbert Saal Fund Landscaping Fund

In memory of Evalyn Kaplan
-Milly Kaplan

Unrestricted Donation

In memory of Betsy Castellano
In memory of Robert Silverman
Speedy Recovery to Sherry Brownstein
Congratulations to Lisa and Larry Pearlman
In honor of Susan Bernstein's big birthday
Best wished to Tony Toback
-Elisa Whitman

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In memory of Rhea Bork
In memory of ML Bork
In memory of Saul Bork
In memory of Patti Bork
-Brina Grigg and Norman Bork

In loving memory of beloved father Dr. Herman Blustein
-Marian Peters

In honor of Nanci and Lauren's work with GRTY
-Larry and Lisa Pearlman

Sheldon Liebovich Fund

In honor of Nanci, Lauren and the GRTYites
-Brina Grigg

In loving memory of Marci Digiovanni
-Rosie Liebovich Hyman

Thank You.....

The Temple has been the recipient of donations from the Temple Family in the name of many funds in order to supply much needed money for worthwhile programs and projects. We would like to spotlight a couple of these funds.

The Robert and Joel Garten Youth and Scholarship Fund

is to provide camperships for religious school students. This fund is administered by the Education Committee and the Rabbi.

The Michael Dermer Religious School Fund

was established for the purpose of raising money to support religious school activities. This fund is used to provide enrichment programs, scholarships and youth activities.

Landscaping Fund provides funding for enhancements to our grounds.

Sheldon Liebovich Fund for Families in Crisis

provides funds for Temple families who are in need at the discretion of Temple leadership.

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund provides for the Rabbi to purchase necessary

Opportunity to remember or honor someone special

If you would like to remember or honor someone special, please consider making a donation of \$65 to the J Woodruff Memorial Book Fund for the purchase of a Torah Commentary. The book purchased will contain a bookplate in the front of the volume commemorating your loved one for everyone who uses that volume to see. Send in your check or call the Temple office today.

CONDOLENCES TO:

The Family and friends of

Cherie Lerner

who passed away March 18th at her home in Scottsdale Az.



TEMPLE BETH-EL MINUTE WITH A MEMBER

Dear TBE Friends:
Our next "Minute with a

Member" will feature the Barenbaum family. Please take a few moments to learn a bit more about them. Below are answers to a few questions. We hope you will enjoy getting to know them a bit more!

Tell a little about yourself and family:

We both grew up in the Chicago suburbs. Jerry works as an attorney defending medical malpractice cases at Hinshaw & Culbertson in Rockford. Linda is a pediatric Nurse for Rockford Health System. Aaron is a sophomore at Hononegah High School. Julia is an 8th grader at Willowbrook Middle School.

What do you do for fun?

We spend most of our free time at Aaron and Julia's sports events- track meets, soccer games and basketball games. Aaron runs for his school. Julia plays soccer for Rockford Raptors.

Something people would be surprised to learn about you/us:

Aaron has written three 200 plus page books. Julia was selected to the Illinois Olympic Development Program State soccer team for her age group in 2014.

A memorable moment at TBE:

We can't choose just one moment- Linda's conversion, Aaron's Bar Mitzvah, and Julia's Bat Mitzvah are tied for most memorable!



Favorite Judaic holiday or food:

Hamentashen, preferably made by the Temple Youth Group.

What is the biggest challenge you have ever faced?

Linda's battle with Multiple Sclerosis. She is winning.

Where's your favorite place to go in the area?

Our favorite restaurant is Ciao Bella. We probably spend more time at Sportscore 2/ ISC than anywhere else in Rockford!

What was the last movie, TV show or book that you couldn't stop watching or put down?

We enjoyed reading Gone Girl by Gillian Flynn and Big Little Lies by Liane Moriarty



Memorial and Tribute Donation Form



From:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip: _____

For: (check one and fill in names as appropriate)

☐ In Memory of: _____

☐ Speedy Recovery to: _____

☐ Congratulations to: _____

☐ In Honor of: _____

☐ Other: _____

To: Send the acknowledging card : ☐ Same as from, or: Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip: _____

Donation:

☐ Triple chai (\$54)

☐ Double chai (\$36)

☐ Chai (\$18) ☐ \$10

☐ \$4 (Min.)

☐ Other: _____

Fund:

☐ Garten ☐ Powell ☐ Lazarus ☐ Dermer ☐ Building ☐ Woodruff ☐ Rabbi's Discretionary ☐ Pap ☐ Kupperman ☐ Landscaping ☐ Gifts&Flowers ☐ Sachs ☐ Liebovich Fund ☐ Other _____

GRTY NEWS

Submitted by:
Co-President
Emily Shore

March has been a busy month for GRTY filled with many service projects for the Temple. On March 8th, the teens helped run the Purim Carnival for the Sunday School students. There, we had jump rope and sack race competitions, face painting and prizes galore!



less Student Program. Thank you to all who came out and helped!

After a couple months of preparation, we led the annual GRTY Shabbat service. We want to extend a special thank you to Rabbi Wing for all of her guidance and work in preparing the service booklet for us, "Rabbi" Jacob Kopnick for doing such a great job as our Spiritual VP, Mitch Kopnick and Brian Shore for our beautiful music and to everyone who attended and for all the donations for Healing Pathways. We really appreciate your support! The service went very well and was filled with songs, our perspectives on various prayers and information about what we have learned throughout this past year. Also, thank you to the parents who helped with the very special and yummy Oneg.

Upcoming events include the Soup Kitchen on April 5th, our Chicago trip on April 11th, and Puppy Washing on the 17 and 18.

Every year, GRTY plays a huge role in helping set up and take down the rummage sale. During the take-down, we separated clothes that high schoolers might want and those will be donated to the Rockford Public School Home-



Yom Hashoah Memorial Observance

Please join us for our annual Community Holocaust Commemoration Program

Sunday, April 12 at 3:00 pm

U of I College of Medicine

1601 Parkview Ave., Rockford, IL 61107

Candle lighting and a memorial ceremony

Student essay, poetry and art contest

Excellent teachers of the Holocaust awards

Middle and High School students are encouraged to attend

This is the last generation that will be able to hear a Holocaust Survivor

Featured Speaker

Doris Fogel

Doris (Warschawski) Fogel, at the age of four, and her mother left Berlin in 1939. They arrived as "Stateless Refugees" in Shanghai, China. She spent the next eight (8) years in the Hongkew Ghetto living in internment camps (Heime) among the starving Chinese citizenry, in a city without benefit of running water and modern sanitation facilities. Through the incredible work of the JDC (Joint Distribution Committee) representatives, including Laura Margolis, they and nearly 20,000 thousand Jews were fed and cared for as they "existed" in the Hongkew ghetto throughout the Japanese occupation of Shanghai for the balance of the war.

For more information, contact Goldie at the Jewish Federation. 815-399-5497 rockfordfederation@sbcglobal.net

There is no charge to attend this program



Jewish Federation Sponsored Joint Shabbat Service

Please join the Jewish Federation, Congregation Ohave Sholom,
and Temple Beth-El in celebrating Shabbat together.

Where: Temple Beth-El

Date: April 24, 2015

Time: 6:00 service / dinner to follow



Menu:

Cheese Lasagna, Spinach Lasagna, Salad, Garlic Bread provided by Schnucks

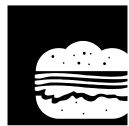
An oneg, co-sponsored by the Federation, Ohave Sholom and Temple will follow the service and include a scrumptious cake by Julie Sparks.

No Charge, but Donations Appreciated

We do need to know how many adults and children will be attending the dinner, so please call the Temple at (815) 398-5020 by Tuesday, April 21, and let Joyce know if you are coming to the dinner.

Members of the Federation, Ohave Sholom and Temple Beth-El will participate in a joint service that will highlight some of the services and events sponsored by the Jewish Federation.

Save these pages for future reference



The Official Food-A-Rama Primer for Temple Members



53rd ANNUAL FOOD-A-RAMA

Wednesday, May 20th, 2015

The first four letters of "delicious" spell "Deli"—as in Delicious Delicatessen style lunches made from corned beef and breads imported straight from Chicago and assembled by scores of super volunteers from the Temple Beth-El Family for the Rockford community.

FAR will be from 10-7:00pm with lunch buffet from 10-1:30pm

Each lunch contains a generous quarter pound corned beef sandwich on rye, a kosher-style pickle, potato chips, and a generous piece of mandelbrot.

And that's not all. In addition to the lunches the temple sells all kinds of Jewish specialty foods—from pies, cakes, and cookies (baked by YOU) to blintzes, chopped liver, pastrami and herring and much, much more.

FOOD-A-RAMA WORKERS WANTED

In the next few weeks you will receive a phone call asking you to help. Do you like to drive? We need delivery people. Like to bake? The bakery is a crucial part of Food-A-Rama and we need bakers. Got muscle? We always need help with set-up and take down. How are you at packing pickles? Bagging cookies? Assembling pre-orders? Could you be a sponsor? We have a job for nearly every skill.

So when you are called, please, just say YES

PREORDERS FOR TEMPLE MEMBERS

Pick-up after 1:00 pm, Tues., May 19th, the day before FAR

One of the most important purposes of Food-A-Rama is to open our Temple to the Rockford community and share our gastronomic delights with them, but we want to be able to purchase those goodies, too. You will be receiving an order form with a list of Food-A-Rama foods and their prices. Fill it out and return it to the temple if you want to preorder these goodies and reserve them for your family.

FOOD-A-RAMA TICKET SALES

Soon, you'll be getting seven tickets to FAR in the mail. Please sell them. The price is \$11.00 each and the lunch is worth every penny. Call the Temple office if you need more tickets. Please do not get them from other Temple members, as it confuses the records. And please send in the ticket money as soon as possible.

BEAUTIFUL BAKED GOODS FOR FOOD-A-RAMA

Each temple family is asked to bake something to sell in the Food-A-Rama bakery. **You can bake cakes, strudels, cookies, pies, breads, whatever you like and as many items as you like.**

Cakes and pies usually sell for \$5-\$10. Cookies by half dozen sell for about \$2-\$3.

Bakery Ideas: (Include some smaller portions for singles; for example, half a cake.

Bar cookies (toffee, brownies, strudel, lemon bars, butterscotch, etc.)

Coffee cakes (sour cream, cinnamon, pecan, etc.)

Cookies (chocolate chip, peanut butter, Mandelbrot, rugelach)

Cakes (chocolate, sponge, Bundt, poppy seed, carrot, pound, etc.)

Pies (cheese, fruit, pecan)

Breads/Muffins/Rolls: Any specialty you may have!

You could bake items from our cookbook. Identify the recipe and list the page number on the label.

Label each package clearly and in detail so we know exactly what the item is.

The Board of health is requiring a list of ingredients (recipe not required).

Packaging: Make each package look pretty so it sells quickly. Foil pans enclosed in clear plastic baggies, tied with a twist or colored ribbon look attractive. Ask the butcher at your favorite store for some Styrofoam trays or keep the small plastic containers from purchased rolls or cookies.

Cakes and Pies can be lightly covered with plastic wrap since we put them in boxes when they are sold. **Breads** should be wrapped in clear plastic so they can be seen.

Where and When to Deliver Baked Goods

Bring your items to the Temple on Tuesday, May 19th, the day before Food-A-Rama. Sign in at the bakery table. Leave your name and what you brought.

If you cannot provide baked goods, we ask you to make a \$25 donation, but we hope you will bake since the community really looks forward to a full bakery table.

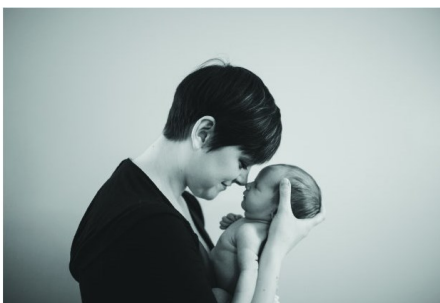
2015 FAR Committee Chairs

Co-Chairperson/Ticket Printing/Set-Up/Signage/Pre-Order Set-Up/Cookies - selecting, purchasing and packaging/Transition	Jay Sklar	815/218-9106
Co-Chairperson /Kitchen/Beans/Transition	Ronit Golan	815/394-1013
Personnel	Faye Marcus	815/877-4285
Deli, Bakery, Chip Ordering/updating letters, articles, forms, etc./creating labels/preparing reports/taking in and depositing cash	Sharon Goldsand	815/335-4050
Sponsorships - getting sponsors	Sara Deutsch	815/636-9607
	Karen Zussman	815/282-9058
Boxes	Mark Smith	
Publicity	Susan Rosenfeld	815/964-8642
Decorations	Mary Shore	815/282-5259
Ticket Mailing	Goldie Pekarsky	815/397-7978
Arrangements	Amy Towne	845/876-9421
Purchase Food Supplies and Paper Goods	Ellen Salley	815/885-1042
Health Department	Sara Deutsch	815/636-9607
Floor Supervisor	Sara Deutsch	815/636-9607
Deli-Meat	Barbara Simon	815/637-6430
Deli-Salads	Sandy Simon	815/397-3462
Check-out	Milly Kaplan	815/877-5717
Sampling/Pre-order Loading	Lynda Vanderweit	815/332-2198
Parking/Police	Jack Simon	815/637-6430
	Jerry Grubb	815/885-8554
Blintzes	Victoria Rozman	815/633-0338
Faxes	Elisa Whitman	815/636-1007
Stuffing bags/buffet/Kugel	Nanci Soriano	815/222-9626
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Please contact the new manager at 815-962-7914 and he will insure that Temple is properly rewarded. If you have any questions, please call Jerry at 815-222-6016.

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Coming Attractions

May 2015

Sun. 3rd Israel Day
Wed. 20th Food-A-Rama

June 2015

Sun. 7th TBE Annual Meeting

July 2015

August 2015

September 2015

October 2015

November 2015

Sat. 21st Aron Tatman Bar
Mitzvah

December 2015

January 2016

February 2016

March 2016

Sat. 12th Josh Zussman Bar
Mitzvah

April 2016

Tentative Date *

Temple Board

Meets the 2nd Wed. each month
Library 7:00 PM

We hope this page of Coming Attractions helps you plan ahead for activities at Temple Beth-El. Please understand that some dates and times might be tentative and will be updated each month as dates get

Have a Date to add?

Well!

Jayski@aol.com

GRTY 2014-2015 Calendar

April 5*Soup Kitchen—(4/shift)
Sun.10:00-11:45; 11:30 – 1:00 p.m.
Sat.April 11 Chicago Trip
April 19*Holocaust Service at Rock-
ford University 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
April 23 -26NFTY SPRING KAL-
LAH- Kenosha, WI
April 26 EXEC. BOARD LETTERS
OF INTENT TO RUN FOR OFFICE
DUE TODAY!

***Means you can earn service
hours**

Advisors: Nanci Soriano H: 654-
7677 cell: 222-9626
Lauren Lamont: cell: 988-3727

RSVP to ALL activities quickly
please even if you can't attend
Dues: 7-8 graders: \$25 (2nd child \$20)
9-12 graders: \$40 (2nd child \$25)

NFTY on line Registration:

HELP WANTED: CARING COMMITTEE

The Caring Committee was formed to provide a meal(s) to a member in the event of a birth, death or illness. Anyone interested in being on the Car-ing Committee list or is interested in providing a ride to a Temple function, please contact Carol Gordon at 815-398-4214 or cggordon50@hotmail.com.

Membership

Do you know of any unaffiliated
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congregation?
If so, contact Elisa Whitman,
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Study Group
Saturday Morning 10:00 AM

The Tree of Life

Remember a loved one or celebrate a wonder-
ful occasion by noting it forever on the Temple
Beth-El Tree Of Life in the foyer. Contact the
Temple office for details.

The Temple Bulletin goes away to College....

If you have a student heading off to college, we would like to send him or her a copy of the Temple Bulletin. Let them have one more connection to home while they are away. All we need are name and address, and we will do the rest. Give Joyce a call in the office, and add one more piece of mail from home for your student.

**Visit the Temple Beth-El
New Web Site Address...**

<http://templebethel-rockford.org/>.

Check it out!



A BLOOMIN' GREAT PLANT SALE!

Plants by Gensler Gardens

Place order by April 20th

Pick up plants at St. Anskar's
May 9th from 9 a.m. to noon

Make check out to:
Temple Beth-El

Write plant sale on memo line
Leave in or mail to church office

Gift certificates may be
redeemed at either Gensler
location:

8631 11th Davis Junction, IL
(Ill Hwy 251 4.5 miles south of U.S. 20 Bypass)

102 Orth Road, Loves Park, IL
(Half of a mile north of Riverside on Argyle Road
behind the Indoor Sports Center)

All sale proceeds will be used to help sup-
port:

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Name _____

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Hanging Baskets (at \$20 each)	Num-ber	Total
Ivy Geraniums (G's choice)		
New Guinea Impatiens (G's choice)		
Wave Petunias (G's choice)		
Flats of Annuals (at \$19 each)	XXX	XXX
Petunias	XXX	XXX
Red		
White		
Blue		
Mix		
Begonias (Gensler's choice)		
Dianthus (Gensler's choice)		
Marigolds (Gensler's choice)		
Pansies (Gensler's choice)		
4.5-in Pots (at \$4 each)	XXX	XXX
Geraniums	XXX	XXX
Red		
Pink		
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New Guinea Impatiens (G's choice)		
Wave Petunias (G's choice)		
Asparagus Ferns		
Spikes		
Vinca Vines		
6-inch pots (at \$6.50 each)	XXX	XXX
Geraniums	XXX	XXX
• Red		
• Pink		
• White		
• Violet		
Gift Cards	XXX	XXX
\$25		
\$50		
\$100		
Grand Total		

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Order plants by April 20
Pick up May 9 -- 9 a.m.- noon

St. Anskar Church, 4801 Spring Creek Rd

Food-A-Rama

at Temple Beth-El

FOOD-A-RAMA
53rd Annual

Wednesday, May 20th



Shopping & Carry-Out
10:00AM - 7:00 PM
Lunch Served
10:00 AM - 1:30 PM

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The Yiddish Corner

mazel

maazel (rhymes with nozzle)

Luck

When a man has *mazel*, even his roosters lay eggs!

On the Lighter Side...

Yaakov Modechai was taking an oral exam applying for his citizenship papers.

Yaakov was asked to spell "Cultivate" - he spelled it correctly.

He was then asked to use the word in a sentence.

He thought about it for a moment and then said,

"Last vinter on a very cold day, I vas waiting for de bus, but it vas too cultivate, so I took the subway home."



In a little seen item in the Jerusalem News, there was a major theft of a warehouse loaded with egg enriched dough.

Unfortunately, this has happened right before the upcoming Sabbath.

This will force all of the bakeries to bake their Sabbath challahs with plain, white flour.

Leading rabbis were quoted as saying that they are appalled by the rise in "white challah crimes."

April 2015 Religious Services

April 3
1st Seder No Services

April 10
Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 pm

April 17
Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 pm

April 18
Madeleine Libman Bat Mitzvah
10:00 am

April 24
Joint Shabbat Service 6:00 pm

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