

TEMPLE BETH-EL



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.

Holocaust Remembrance Tuesday, April 10th

Yom Hashoah Memorial Observance

Please join us for our annual
Community Holocaust
Commemoration Program

Tuesday, April 10 at 7:00 pm

Rockford University
5050 East State Street, Rockford, IL
Regents Hall in Burpee Student
Center

Candle lighting and memorial
ceremony

Students age ten and older are
encouraged to attend

They are the last generation that will be
able to hear from a survivor

Featured Speaker
Eva Mozes Kor

Chaverim,
A bit out of order, as you'll
see, I want to make sure
that everyone knows about
and is encouraged to at-
tend the annual **Greater
Rockford Temple
Youth (GRTY)**
**Shabbat Service on
Friday, April 27th.**

The kids are so amazing
and it is our great joy as a
congregation to support them. They are again creating
their own service including writing many of their own
prayers. They are also writing the sermon on their cho-
sen social justice project for the year. It is sure to be a
wonderful evening and I know you will want to be there!
Come support our amazing youth!

Now, on to my other topic...As you read this article,
some of you may be preparing to celebrate Passover
with your families, some of you may be looking forward
to the Temple Seder, and others may not see the article
until we are well into the week of Pesach. In any case,
most of you know that one of the more important parts of
the seder is the asking of the Four Questions, tradition-
ally done by the youngest people who are present. In pre-
paring for my own seder and our congregational seder, I
came across four more questions created by Rabbi Eli
Freedman. I edited them a bit and want to share them
with you. Hopefully, we can look at these questions,
maybe even discuss them with members of our family.
If you feel so inclined, I'd love to hear about your an-
swers or even your discussion.



From Rabbi Binah Wing

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Question 1: Asking Questions of the Past -- If you
could ask any Jewish person from history a
question, who would you ask and what would
you ask that person? Why?

Question 2: Sparked from the #MeToo movement
that brought to light this year the shocking num-
ber of women and girls who have experienced

sexual harassment, assault, and mistreatment because they are women. While the voices of women are finally being heard, there is still much work to do. What will you do this year to stand up for the rights of women?

Question 3: Immigration and Refugees (based on HIAS Haggadah Supplement) -- The heart of the Passover Seder tells the story of the Jewish people's exodus from slavery in Egypt. We are reminded of the Jewish experience: a rootless people who have fled persecution time and time again. These words acknowledge that we have stood in the shoes of the refugee. How will you commit this year to standing with contemporary refugees?

Question 4: Gun Violence (based on Rabbis Against Gun Violence Haggadah Supplement) -- Gun violence is a plague upon our nation when 35,000 Americans are killed each year with guns. No matter which side of the aisle you are on, we must begin a conversation that raises awareness and can lead us to act. This night is different because we begin to see that there are steps we can take to save lives and create safer homes and communities. What will you do this year to save lives and create safer homes and communities?

What other questions would you like to ask?

I encourage you to continue asking and struggling with the questions of our day.

Shalom,
Rabbi Wing

Mazel Tov

To Kathy and Arthur Rettig on the
birth of grandson,

Toby Benjamin Rettig and

To Goldie Pekarsky on the birth of
her granddaughter,
Aria Jayne Pekarsky.

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



The Temple Board met on March 14th, 2018. Karen Zussman presented a D'var Torah on portion *Vayikra*. This is the first parshah of Leviticus. God calls to Moses to explain all the sacrifices. Sacrifice comes from the Hebrew word *Korvan* which means to draw near. The sacrifices were the way the people could draw nearer to God. The Torah lists five different sacrifices, three of which were voluntary and two were offerings for sins. Since we don't sacrifice today, you go to services or pray to become closer to God. When we commit a sin, we not only repent on Yom Kippur, but we are supposed to repent each month and even each day. This will get us closer to God, but when we sin against another human being, we must face that person to heal that wound before we can be forgiven.

Jim reported on the progress of the strategic planning committee. After discussion, the board voted to provide D&O insurance for the Foundation's Board of Directors.

Rabbi reported that she made a few hospital visits and led Shiva services for Larry Pearlman's father and Marc Soriano's father. She attended a steering committee meeting for Compassionate Impacts. This committee is setting up "closets" on the internet which is a way for people to connect to items they may need and other people may have to donate. For example, there is a "closet" for special needs such as medical equipment. Rabbi taught about Judaism to a religion class at Rockford University. The Rabbi also began planning the GRTY Shabbat Service with the youth group. She attended the third of four sessions for anti-racism leadership training.

Sharon reported on our total income and our expenses. Sharon presented a draft of the 2019 budget.

Brina reported on our receivables and our pledges for our 86-member units. The next finance committee meeting will be on March 20th. She is still looking for a candidate for Foundation Treasurer.

Rob reported on the Foundation and our net over principal. In February, we had a loss of 3.57%. The market did poorly in February. The principle is showing a healthy amount. Year to date we have lost .63%.

David reported that the work on the classroom doors and HVAC doors is complete. The window film for security purposes is on Ohave Shalom's door. David is not satisfied with how it works so he will meet with an interior tinting specialist. David replaced some



On behalf of my family, I wish all members of our congregation a Happy Passover.

Please be sure to read my letter to the congregation, which you will find on page

11 in this month's Temple bulletin. The letter pertains to a congregational meeting that will take place on Sunday April 29th at 12:00 noon. It is vitally important that as many members as possible attend this meeting.

Bowling Shabbat 2018

Temple Beth-El's Annual Bowling Shabbat was held on February 23rd. A good time was had by all...



From the Temple Board cont. from page 2....

batteries, a light, put up the Food -A- Rama sign and ordered the crowd control barrier that will be used at Food -A- Rama. David received nine bids for the HVAC/roofing project. He is looking into incentives which will help keep the cost down.

Carol reported that the Sunday school students practiced the new security plan. They practiced a tornado drill and discussed what to do in case of an intruder. The students baked Hamantaschen with Ronit, attended the Jewop performance and listened to a presentation from the ADL. The Purim service was on Wednesday night with a pizza dinner and there was a Purim carnival during Sunday school. Barbara Simon taught the students Israeli dancing. There will be no Sunday school from March 25th to April 1st due to Shabbat Break.

GRTY baked 600 Hamantaschen to sell as their fundraiser. They assisted at the Purim Carnival and attended the ADL presentation. They will be helping in the soup kitchen and the rummage sale. The students are preparing for the Shabbat service they will be leading in April.

Karen reported that nine people attended the wine glass making party. They had a good time and will possibly do this again. Karen said we have a possibility of three new members.

Mary reported that Food -A- Rama is underway and Midway Village has been booked for the Art Auction, which will be November 3rd.

Ellen reported The Holocaust Remembrance Service will be held on Tuesday April 10th at 7:00 at Rockford University in Regents Hall. (see more in this bulletin). On Sunday April 29th, Dr. Arthur Pitz will talk about Israeli innovations. A breakfast will be served at 10:00 with the presentation at 10:30. On Sunday May 6th there will be a birthday party for Israel at the Temple. The dinner with the Golan's has been changed to Saturday June 2nd. They will be speaking on life in Israel.

Brian Shore showed the board a rendering of what the Temple Sanctuary might look like and is ready to show it to the congregation.

Brina reported that the nominating committee met and are making progress on filling the officers for next year.

Jay reported that the 1914 Legacy has begun receiving responses.

SCHOOL DAZE

200 Words or Less...

By Goldie & Adrian



March was a fun month. The Purim Service was in February, but the Purim Carnival was held March 4. Everyone had a great time playing the games, choosing prizes and eating a hot dog lunch. We also sang Purim songs with Barbara Simon and Mitch Kopnick, made Purim masks with Sandy Simon and enjoyed the hamantaschen that Ronit Golan helped the students bake.

All of this was possible because of our great volunteers: Amy and Jordan Towne, Andrea Baird, Alma and David Quimby, Mitch Kopnick, Aaron Anton, Max Tatman, Ben Kopnick, Adam Gesmer, Ben Levy, Maddox Towne, Carol Gordon, David Sklar, Jim Gesmer, Sandy Simon and Rabbi Wing. The Purim party was sponsored by the Jewish Federation and Temple Beth-El Religious School.

On March 18, students participated in a Chocolate Seder officiated by Allison Braswell and Rachel Bagne. This was a fun way to learn about the Seder Plate and the order of the meal. Our older students also participated in a program presented by the Anti-Defamation League.

Religious School is collecting small school supplies, granola bars, and small toiletries for Good Deeds Day on April 15. This is a good time to donate all those hotel hair products and lotions that you have been saving. All the small items will be packed in 30 gift bags that will be presented to Muslim refugees at East High School. Their teacher is Melissa Lawson, daughter of Carol Gordon. We are now on spring break. Hebrew School will resume Wednesday, April 4 and Sunday School will be back April 8. Have a great spring break!

Think spring,
Goldie and Adrian



April Oneg Committee

April 6

Amy and Jordan Towne
Lisa and Rob Levy

April 13

Sara and David Deutsch
Elisa Whitman

April 20

Lauren and Mark Lamont
Laura and Tim Sage

April 27

GRTY

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



56th Food-A-Rama Deli for a Day



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 1
week of cooking sessions, and we are scheduling
them now so that you can plan ahead and mark
your calendar to join us for one or several.

Sunday, April 15th, 9 am – noon headed by Alma
Quimby (815-484-3294)

Tuesday, April 17th, 9 am – noon headed by Barbara
Simon (815-637-6430)

Wednesday, April 18th, 9 am – noon headed by Sharon
Goldsand (815-335-4050)

Sunday, April 22nd, 9 am – noon headed by Ronit Go-
lan (815-222-4259)

Contact the above leaders to volunteer today.
We need your help!!

Thank you,
FAR Committee

April Birthdays & Anniversaries

Adults

Children

Brandon Lawson 4/26/06

John Rosenbloom 4/3
Katherine Rosenbloom

4/3

Joshua Zussman 4/3

Briana Lawson 4/4

Natalie Share 4/5

Kim Einhorn 4/8

Amy Goldberg 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

Steven Lirtzman 4/12

Aaron Barenbaum 4/13

Madeline Libman 4/16

Rachel Shore 4/20

Fred Young 4/21

Rachel Zussman 4/22

David Weiss 4/24

Julia Barenbaum 4/27

Jamie Zussman 4/28

Andrea Bear 4/29



The Temple Beth-El Gift Shop



GIFT SHOP HOURS

Monday—Friday, call the office

Sunday 10am - noon*

*Open Sundays when school is in session.

If you need to visit the shop at another time, please call
the Temple office (398-5020)

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 6

Chalotte Marcus
Rose Goldman
Sara Ellman
Felicia Sachs-Levy
Bertha Rossin
Dr. Julian Greenberg
Stewart Freifeld
Mary Corpuel
Dr. Herman Blustein
Margaret Slavin
Thelma Spear
Robert Garten
David Schaider
Ida Shanhouse

Read April 13

Herman Salomon
Stetler Young
Morris Hertz
Samuel Dryer
Agnes Blumenthal
Hannah Saal
Clara Landy
Ida Lans

Read April 20

Evelyn Goldman
Florence Holmstrom
Jack Milsk
Rose Kobrin
Sylvia Sachs
Goldie Collier
Karen Stern
William Feder
Emma Laser
Edna Froelich
Mildred Shanhouse Frank
Rose Rusnak Messinger
Elsie Rettig

Read April 27

Aaron Brenner
Gussie Bagus
Dr. David Light
Robert Hinton
Anne Blumberg
Esther Stone
Frances Johnson
Eli Stern
Bessie Levitz



CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR FUNDS

Benjamin Schaider Building Fund

In memory of Louis Soriano
-Gerry Schaider

In memory of Louis Soriano
Mazel Tov to Nanci and Marc Soriano on the birth of their granddaughter, Zoey Sue
In memory of Rabbi Pearlman
-Jay and Susan Kamin

In honor of the birth of Ronit and Roni Golan's granddaughter, Claire
In honor of the birth of Kathy and Arthur Rettig's grandson, Toby
In memory of Rabbi Pearlman
In memory of Sherry Brownstein
In loving memory of George Goldman
In loving memory of Louis Soriano
In loving memory of Bob Goldman
In loving memory of Ida Kimmelman
-Nanci and Marc Soriano

In memory of Louis Soriano
-Jackie and Len Bernstein

In memory of Louis Soriano
-Arthur and Kathy Rettig

Cy Sachs

In honor of the birth of Kathy and Arthur Rettig's grandson, Toby
-Faye Marcus

Garten Fund

In memory of Sherry Brownstein
In memory of Rabbi Pearlman
In memory of Louis Soriano
In memory of Lola Shapiro
In memory of Jules Hertz
In memory of J.J. Javaharian
-Adrian and Jerry Grubb

In memory of Martha Simmrin
-John and Katherine Rosenbloom

In memory of Rabbi Pearlman
-Alma and David Quimby

In memory of Jules Hertz
In memory of Rabbi Pearlman
In memory of Louis Soriano
-Judy and Chuck Picus

In memory of Sherry Brownstein
-Steve and Susan Weiss

In memory of Louis Soriano
In memory of Rabbi Pearlman
In memory of Jules Hertz
Congratulations to Milly Kaplan on the marriage of her granddaughter, Samantha
-Faye Marcus

In memory of Louis Soriano
In memory of Jules Hertz
-Connie and Jerry Paris

GRTY

In memory of Louis Soriano
-Michael and Jill Rosenbaum

In memory of Louis Soriano
In memory of Rabbi Pearlman
-Barbara and John Holmstrom

Landscaping Fund

In memory of Jules Hertz
In memory of Louis Soriano
In memory of Rabbi Pearlman
Speedy recovery to Howard Kaufman
-Fred and Ellen Dietz

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In memory of Sherry Brownstein
-Greg and Julie Sparks
-Joan Eagle
-Jean Anderson
-Ohave Sholom and Ohave Sholom Sisterhood
-Delores Garmen

Sheldon Liebovich Fund

In honor of Rosie's Hyman's birthday
Speedy recovery to Howard Kaufman
In memory of Jules Hertz
-Barbara and John Holmstrom

In memory of Louis Soriano
In memory of J.J. Javaharian
In memory of our dad, Shelly Liebovich
-Barb and Steven Lirtzman

Unrestricted Donations Fund

In memory of Louis Soriano
In memory of Rabbi Marvin Pearlman
-Sara and David Deutsch

In memory of Dr. Sherwin Gersten
-Sharon Goldenson

In memory of Louis Soriano
-Jeff and Phoebe Wilhelm

In memory of Sherry Brownstein
-Eliot Weinstein and Clare Rosean
-Carol Kiplinger

-Gitta Jacobs
-Joan Klein
-Jean Trager
-Rev. Bob and Susan Saunders
-Rabbi Andrea London

In memory of Louis Soriano
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-Steve and Susan Weiss

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Featured Speaker Eva Mozes Kor

Recipient of the 2017 Sachem award, the highest honor in the state of Indiana, Eva Mozes Kor is a survivor of the Holocaust, a forgiveness advocate, and a revered public speaker. With the driving message of "never give up" in mind, she has emerged through a life filled with trauma as a brilliant example of the power of the human spirit to overcome. Kor's account illustrates the dangers of hate and the consequences of allowing prejudice to persist, unchecked, in others.

For more information, contact Goldie Pekarsky at the Jewish Federation

815-997-0286 or rockfordfederation@sbcglobal.net
Sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Greater Rockford and
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This event is free and open to the public, but tickets are required
Please call or email to reserve your seat: 815-226-4100 / boxoffice@rockford.edu



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: _____



TEMPLE BETH-EL MINUTE WITH A MEMBER

*Dear TBE Friends:
The bulletin this
month will feature our*

*next "Minute with a Member." Please take a
few moments to learn a bit more about
Ginny and Sheldon Weiss. Below are an-
swers to a few questions. We hope you will
enjoy getting to know them a bit
more!*

Tell a little about yourself and family:

Ginny was born and raised in Rockford (after her Viennese parents escaped the Holocaust) and has been a member of TBE for her whole life - with the exception of a few years in Madison and in Hartford, CT. Sheldon grew up in rural western Pennsylvania and moved to the suburbs of Chicago when he was 11. Sheldon is a recently retired internist. Ginny is still teaching English as a second language part time, working at a Japanese owned snack cracker plant in Loves Park. We have three adult daughters, now in Evanston, San Francisco and Seattle - all fun places to visit. Judy is a H.S. French teacher, Laurie is a genetics research professor and Gillian is an engineer working in health care. So far, we have three adorable granddaughters and are currently expecting a fourth grandchild in July.

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

We met after college on a blind date set-up by a high school friend of Ginny's who wanted to use the set-up to date Shel's roommate! (Shel claimed he'd found my phone number scribbled on a bathroom wall!) Our first date was canoeing on the Rock River. The friends dated briefly and broke up, but we ended up engaged after dating for 5 months. We will celebrate our 43rd anniversary soon.

What do you do for fun?

We both love to travel, read and spend time with the grandkids. Currently we're taking a couple of

RVC CLR classes, one a film class and one a "Great Decisions" class about foreign policy. Sheldon loves to play tennis and work out at Peak, and his newest love is fly-fishing. He ties flies in the winter and goes fishing now as often as he can. He also volunteers at the medical school. Ginny loves to walk, take photographs and spend time with her students. She spends time at Peak too, but doesn't love it!

Your favorite Temple activities:

Ginny loves going to Saturday Torah study; Shel's favorites would have to be Adult Ed breakfasts



and programs.

A memorable moment at TBE:

Lots of those - Most meaningful would have to be our own wedding and those of our daughters. Kol Nidre services are always special for us, too. Of course, the 100-year anniversary celebrations were a highlight as well.

Favorite Judaic holiday or food:

Passover has always been a favorite. Shel's family always had a big crowd of family with extras invited. We've tried to do that through the years with family and friends in our home, including medical students and other connections. We love most of the food and all the conversation! Shel's favorite dessert was always his mom's homemade macaroons (which I still make for him), but he's decided he loves all my other Passover baking now too! (My favorite would have to be prune or poppyseed hamentaschen) So much food, so little time...

Dr. Arthur Pitz
After 70 years,
has
Israel Really
Made the
Desert Bloom?
Sunday, April 29,
2018



Temple Beth-El
 1203 Comanche Dr., Rockford 61107
 10:00 Breakfast / 10:30 Presentation

Professor of History

- Ph.D. (1975) in History from Northern Illinois University
- M.A. (1965) in History from Bucknell University
- B.A. (1964) in History with High Honors from State University of N.Y. at Potsdam
- Taught (1991-Now) at Black Hawk College
- Academic Administration (1979-1991) at Black Hawk College
- Taught (1969-1979) and Coached Tennis (1970-1977) at Black Hawk College
- Taught (1965-1969) at Northern Illinois University
- Significant international experience including teaching in Slovakia in 1996-1997 and studying in Chile in 1991 and in Israel in 1983.
- Interests include: a Christian commitment with service to the Jewish community, developing and delivering workshops especially related to the Holocaust, reading, tennis, aerobic exercise.
- Recipient of 1999 Faculty Member Award for the Central Region from the Association of Community College Trustees.

Sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Greater Rockford,
 Temple Beth-El Adult Education Committee,
 Congregation Ohave Sholom
 Consulate General of Israel to the Midwest

There is no charge to attend and everyone is welcome

Please RSVP by calling 815-398-5020 or email:
Rockfordfederation@sbcglobal.net

Good Deeds Day

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Save the Date



Grand 70th Birthday Party for Israel!!!

Birthday Cake by Julie
Falafel Lunch by Ronit's Kitchen
Games

Presents

And a surprise or two
Watch for more details coming soon

May 6, 10 am - noon at
Temple Beth-El

GRTY NEWS

Submitted by:
Zachary Hergert

In March, GRTY had one of our busier months of the year. We kicked it off by preparing for the annual GRTY Shabbat service where we also received a very meaningful presenta-

tion from Project Undershare, which is our service project. Next up was the set up and take down of the rummage sale. This is the Temple event where we sell donated items to the community. With the help of GRTY and other Temple members, we were able to power through the take down process in record time!! Looking forward, we have another big event on Easter Sunday... the soup kitchen. This is one of our most important events of the year due to the impressive amount of people that are positively impacted by this event. We are definitely looking forward to this event! Zachary Hergert





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Rabbi Binah Wing
President Jim Gesmer
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March 29, 2018

Dear Congregant,

The Temple Beth-El Board of Directors would like to invite you and encourage your attendance at a specially called congregational meeting on Sunday, April 29, 2018 at 12:00 PM. The meeting will be held at the Temple Social Hall and a light lunch will be served.

As a direct response to matters raised in the extensive strategic planning led by Larry Pearlman, a great deal of thought and work has been done to develop a proposal for the repair and renovation of the sanctuary space. We have, along the way, told you on several occasions (holiday services, annual meeting, strategic planning review meetings, and bulletin articles) of the work being done and some preliminary information. We are now exploring what the congregation would like to do going forward. We understand and appreciate that when it comes to a place as special as our sanctuary, there may be members who have different visions of what changes may be best. We want to hear your views and answer any and all questions you may have. We cannot, and will not, move forward without some concurrence regarding the project.

We believe that the proposal that has been developed for your consideration accomplishes significant goals while, very importantly, maintaining the beautiful look of our sanctuary. The architectural firm of Hagney Architects, LLC has consulted with a committee formed by the board to explore a variety of options and the costs associated with any proposed project. We are eager to share the proposals with you and obtain your views. No plans have been put into place, as we want input before any plans are made. There will, of course, be information available as to costs related to the various aspects of the proposal, and a representative of Hagney Architects, LLC will be present to answer any questions.

We look forward to your attendance and your input on this exciting move toward meeting the goals expressed in the strategic plan we developed together.

Shalom,

James Gesmer



Wednesday May 16, 2018
Shopping & Carry-Out
10:00 AM—7:00 PM
Lunch Served
10:00 AM—1:30 PM

56th **Food-A-Rama** **Deli for a Day at Temple Beth-El**

Save these pages for future reference
The Official Food-A-Rama Primer for Temple Members

56th ANNUAL FOOD-A-RAMA—Wednesday, May 16th, 2018

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.

Again This Year

We are offering Turkey Pastrami to our sandwich offering both on the buffet and for delivery. For those not red meat fans, this is a tantalizing option we are sure will meet with great acceptance. It was well received last year so spread the word. Turkey Pastrami is now a full option.

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

Each delivery lunch contains an even more generous quarter pound plus corned beef sandwich on rye OR Turkey Pastrami sandwich on rye bread, a kosher-style pickle, potato chips and a generous piece of mandelbrot. Dine-in and receive sides of cole slaw and our famous baked beans. 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, herring and much, much more. We are adding exciting new desserts too!

FOOD-A-RAMA WORKERS WANTED

You will receive an email to volunteer to help. It is through “sign-up genius” a software that allows us to keep better track, send out reminders etc. It is safe to use, and if you have any questions, please contact Sharon Goldsand or Faye Marcus. 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 lunches? Could you be a sponsor? We have a job for nearly every skill. So answer your email or call and be a part of Temple's largest fundraiser. Just say YES!

PREORDERS FOR TEMPLE MEMBERS

Pick-up after 1:00 pm, Tues., May 15th, 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 at special pricing on many items.

FOOD-A-RAMA TICKET SALES

Soon, you'll be getting seven tickets to FAR in the mail. Please sell them. Remember, Turkey Pastrami is now an option, too! 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. If you can't sell all your tickets please return them to the office.

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!

Here's an idea.... 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 16th, 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. They really do look forward to your goodies!

***Help promote Food-A-Rama by posting our poster.
Contact the office for additional copies.***

Here we go.

The 56th Annual Food-A-Rama. Thank you for making it a success!

2018 FAR Committee Chairs

What areas would you like to help with? Pick the areas of interest and give the chair for the area a call. Thanks.

Steering Committee: Ronit Golan, Jay Sklar, Sharon Goldsand, Faye Marcus, Nanci Soriano, Sara Deutsch, Karen Zussman, Allison Braswell, Alma Quimby, Jim Gesmer, Mary Roufa

Kitchen/Beans	Ronit Golan	815/394-1013
Personnel	Faye Marcus	815/877-4285
Bakery, Meat, and Chip Ordering/update calendar/creating labels/prepare reports and spreadsheets/order signs/taking in and depositing cash	Sharon Goldsand	815/335-4050
Sponsorships - getting sponsors		
	Sara Deutsch	815/636-9607
Boxes	Andrea Baird	815/621-8239
	Mary Roufa	815/543-6520
Publicity/Updating letters, articles, and forms	Jay Sklar	815/218-9106
Decorations	Allison Braswell	815/978-1067
Ticket Mailing	Goldie Pekarsky	815/397-7978
Arrangements	Tina Sievers	815/742-4537
Purchase Food Supplies, Blintz Ingredients and Paper Goods	Ellen Salley	815/222-9923
	Carol & Terry Gordon	815-398-4214
Health Dept/Floor Supervisor	Sara Deutsch	815/636-9607
Deli-Meat	Barbara Simon	815/637-6430
Deli-Salads	Sandy Simon	815/608-5701
Check-out	Andrea Baird	815/621-8239
Sampling	Lynda Vanderweit	815/332-2198
Pre-order Loading	Lynda Vanderweit	815/332-2198
Parking/Police	Jerry Grubb	815/616-6006
Blintz sessions	Alma Quimby, Barbara Simon, Sharon Goldsand, and Ronit Golan	
Faxes	Elisa Whitman	815/636-1007
Set Up/Stuffing bags/buffet/Kugels		
	Nanci Soriano	815/222-9626
Bakery	Adrian Grubb	815/505-1167
Hostesses	Barbara Holmstrom	815/399-7166
Herring/chopped liver	Ellen Dietz	815/877-2348
Mock Chopped Liver	Mary Roufa	815/543-6520
Deliveries	Connie Paris	815/885-8545
Mandel Packing	Jerry Grubb & Adrian Grubb	815/616-6006
Truck Unloading/Pickle Packing	Jerry Paris	815-222-6016
Carry Out	Brina Grigg	815/963-0159
Drive through	Allison Braswell	815/978-1067
Photography	Harvey Melamed	815/398-1834
Extended Hours/Transition	Jordan Towne	815/394-9800
Clean-Up and inventory	Jill Shachter	815/978-8035



Wednesday May 16, 2018
Shopping & Carry-Out
10:00 AM—7:00 PM
Lunch Served
10:00 AM—1:30 PM

56th
Food-A-Rama
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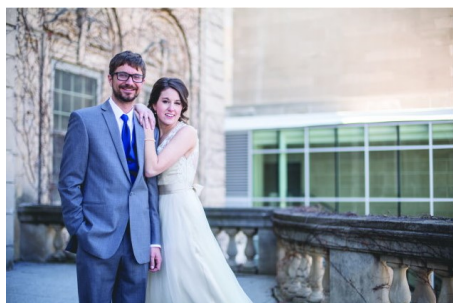
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Our car mitzvah donation program has earned over \$60,000. in the last 12 years.

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 2018

Sun. 6th Israel Day
Wed. 16th Food-A-Rama

June 2018

Sat. 2nd Dinner and talk with
Golans

July 2018

Thur. 12th Israel House at Midway
Village

August 2018

Sat. 18th Lilly Wing Bat Mitzvah
Sun. 26th Ethnic Festival

September 2018

Sun. 9th Erev Rosh Hashanah
Mon. 10th Rosh Hashanah
Tue. 18th Kol Nidre
Wed. 19th Yom Kippur

October 2018

Sat. 27th David Syme -Rockford
Symphony Orchestra

November 2018

Sat. 3rd TBE Art Auction
Sun. 11th Federation Kick-off

December 2018

January 2019

February 2019

March 2019

April 2019

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 closer.

Have a Date to add?
Well!
Jayskl@aol.com

GRTY 2017-2018 Calendar

Sun. Apr. 1*Soup Kitchen: (4/shift)
10-11:30 am; 11:30-2:00 pm

Fri. Apr. 6 EXEC BOARD LETTERS
OF INTENT TO RUN FOR OFFICE
DUE TODAY!!

Sun. Apr. 8 Kugel Making 12-2:30
pm -Parents needed for kitchen help
- Temple

Tue. 10th Holocaust Service: 7:00
pm Rockford University

Apr. 15 Service Planning Session
#2: 12-2:00 pm Run through with
music. BRING LUNCH

Apr. 22 Final Service Run-
Through with Music: 12-2:00 pm
BRING LUNCH

Fri. Apr. 27 GRTY SHABBAT
SERVICE: 7:30 pm at Temple.
Be at Temple at 7:00 pm DRESS
UP!!

Sun. Apr. 29 Exec. Board Brunch/
Lunch: Time/place to be decided

****Means you can earn service hours**

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

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 Caring Committee list or is interested in providing a ride to a Temple function, please contact Carol Gordon at 815-398-4214 or cggor-don50@hotmail.com.

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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.

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Zissen Pesach
(*ziss en pay sock*)

Have a sweet Passover!

Our wish to all...zissen Pesach.

On the Lighter Side...

A Jewish man took his Passover lunch to eat outside in the park. He sat down on a bench and began eating.

A little while later a blind man came by and sat down next to him.

Feeling neighborly, the Jewish man passed a sheet of matzo to the blind man.

The blind man ran his fingers over the matzo for a few minutes, looked puzzled, and finally exclaimed, "Who wrote this crap?"

Two kids are in a hospital each lying on a stretcher next to each other outside the operating room. The first kid leans over and asks, "what are you in here for?"

The second kid says, "I'm getting my tonsils out. I'm a little nervous."

The first kid says, "You've got nothing to worry about. I had that done when I was four. They put you to sleep and when you wake up, they give you lots of jello and ice cream. It's a breeze."

The second kid then asked, "What are you in here for?"

The first kids says, "a circumcision."

The second kid replies, "Whoa, good luck buddy. I had that done when I was born and I couldn't walk for a year."



**April 2018
Religious Services**

April 6

Family Shabbat Service 7:30 pm

April 13

Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 pm

April 20

Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 pm

April 27

GRTY led Shabbat Service 7:30 pm

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