

# 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.

## Spring Activities Begin

### "Seriously Huge Rummage Sale"



Rummage Sale

Important Dates:

FIRST SET UP DAY: SUN, April 3,  
9a.m.-1 p.m.

The more hands we have, the less time we need. Extra Set-up days: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Choose your times.

April 4-8

April 11-13

### SERIOUSLY HUGE RUMMAGE SALE

open for business:

**Thursday, April 14: 8 a.m.-6 p.m.**

**Friday, April 15: 8 a.m.-4 p.m.**

**Sunday, April 17: 10 a.m.-1 p.m.**

**PACK IT UP:**

**SUNDAY, April 17: 1-4 P.M.**

*The more hands we have, the less time we need*

Chaverim,

This month, I want to share a couple of different items with you.

The first item is about Passover. Just as last year, the 1<sup>st</sup> night of Pesach is a Friday evening. Last year, in my March article

(Passover was much earlier), I explained how while many Jewish

observances take place in the synagogue, some, like Shabbat dinner and the Passover seder, were meant to take place in our homes, which our tradition also holds as a sacred space. In fact, the Rabbis considered the home as the main location for expressing our Jewishness. No holiday emphasizes this more than Pesach. For some people, their most meaningful Jewish memories are of Passover seders in their family homes.

This year, as last year, because **1st Seder falls on a Friday night, we will not be having Shabbat services here at Temple.**

Again, we would like to try to match up people who want to attend a seder with people who are hosting. If you would like to attend a 1<sup>st</sup> night seder, please contact me at the Temple or by email at [binahw@earthlink.net](mailto:binahw@earthlink.net). Likewise, if you are having a seder and would be willing to welcome a few more people to your table, please let me know that as well.



*From Rabbi Binah Wing*

**...encourage everyone to attend the annual Greater Rockford Temple Youth (GRTY) Shabbat Service on Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. The kids are so amazing and it is our great joy as a congregation to support them.**

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As a side note, if you have a yahrzeit that would be read at services on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, please call the office to have the name of your loved one moved to a nearby date. If we don't hear from you, we will read the name on April 29<sup>th</sup>. "Congregational" seders are relatively new to the Jewish scene. They originated because some Jews, after celebrating with their own families in their homes, wanted to also celebrate with their Temple family. Our congregation's seder is a very special night for us to be together. Our Congregational Seder will take place on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will be welcoming some of our friends from our Partners for Faith congregations who will be joining us this year! By joining with us, they will learn more about Judaism and our holiday. I look forward to welcoming some of the pastors as well. I hope to have them lead a reading or two!

The second, but no less important subject for this article is to encourage everyone to attend the annual Greater Rockford Temple Youth (GRTY) Shabbat Service on Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. 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 chosen social justice project for the year. It is sure to be a wonderful evening, and I know you will want to be there!

Shalom,  
Rabbi Wing

P.S. On an unrelated note, I was excited to help out with an activity at my kids' school, Brookview Elementary. Based on an idea that I got from a friend, we had Wear-A-Pair, Share-A-Pair Pajama Day. Thanks to the generosity of the families, we collected 226 pairs of pajamas!! These were donated to the RPS 205 Students in Transition (formerly the homeless student program) and a local shelter. And because I'm a rabbi, Temple Beth-El got a nod in the school's weekly newsletter!

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



The Temple board met on March 9th. Jim Gesmer based his D'Var Torah on the Aleinu prayer. He said it is thought to have become part of our daily prayers after 51 Jews were burned at the stake because they refused to denounce their faith. They sang the Aleinu before they died. He told us that the Aleinu is made of two different paragraphs that convey different messages. The first paragraph says that it is our duty to praise G-d and accept that G-D is the sole creator of everything. The second paragraph denounces idolatry and talks about the hope that all nations will recognize that G-D is king.

Jay Sklar gave an update on the security system and showed us what the cameras could see. He also said the nominating committee has come up with a slate of officers and has finished its job. After a discussion of one more issue with the Constitution, it is ready for approval at the Temple annual meeting.

Rabbi said that everyone enjoyed bowling on Shabbat. She has attended a Transform Rockford meeting and said it is good for our community. They have come up with a Values Affirmation that they wanted the board to approve.

Rob reported that the total in our checking account is getting low, but hopefully our upcoming fundraisers will take care of that. Sharon reported that the Foundation had a better month with an increase of .04%.

The Passover Seder will be Saturday April 23<sup>rd</sup> and the Purim Carnival and Service will be Wednesday March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5:30-7:30. There will be no Shabbat services on April 22<sup>nd</sup> since it is the first night of Passover.

The kitchen will be getting a new refrigerator/freezer, and Jordan has replaced some more of the old tables that the Temple had.

Religious school students have participated in a singing session, and Sandy Simon has started a new art program called Jewish Artist Study. Roni Golan was the first artist to speak to the students and then they researched a Jewish artist. She hopes to present one artist a school year. There is no religious school on March 27<sup>th</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup> or April 3<sup>rd</sup>. GRTY's performance at Wesley Willows was successful. They watched the movie Inside Out and then had a discussion with Jason Soriano. They have made over 700 Hamantaschen. Next, they will be planning for the GRTY led Shabbat service on April 29<sup>th</sup>.

Karen reported that the school drive was a success and that they dropped off many bags at Spring Creek School. The next social event will be on June 11<sup>th</sup> at the home of Wendy and John Huss.

Mary reported that the rummage sale is going well, and a sign-up sheet for helpers will be sent out in an e-mail. A Food-A-Rama meeting is scheduled for March 30<sup>th</sup>. There has been some discussion about a newer version of an art auction for next year.

The Federation Campaign has collected \$26,000. The lox box fundraiser made a profit of \$1672.99. Ohave Shalom will celebrate Purim on March 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> with Rabbi Fertig reading the Megillah. Goldie Pekarsky and Evie Schaap have been giving Holocaust talks at some schools. The two book talks will be on the books Day After Night and Winning a Debate with a Jewish Hater. Potato Pancakes for Parkinson's brought in \$497. Allocations from the last Federation Campaign are \$5,000 to Neve Michael, \$2,000 to Hadassah Hospital and \$500 each to the Jewish Agency for Israel and the Joint Distribution Fund. Rockford Country Club made an adjustment for the kick-off dinner since the dessert was inadequate. The Holocaust Memorial Service will be on May 1<sup>st</sup> at 3:00 at the University Illinois College of Medicine, and the joint Shabbat Service will be on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00.

## Brina's Bits

April and May are going to be very busy months at Temple Beth-El. The first Sunday morning in April includes setting up for the Rummage Sale. The

afternoon is the first of many Blintz Sessions for Food-A-Rama.

Wendy Huss has set up a new way to sign up for helping with the Rummage Sale: set up, working during the sale and cleaning up after the sale to sign up for using the internet. If you received an email from SignUpGenius.com, you can respond online or if you aren't sure how it works, you can call Wendy.

There will be more opportunities to help out as we get ready for Food-A-Rama which will take place on May 18, 2016.

Every one of my articles encourages volunteering at Temple. A friend shared a post with me from Facebook about volunteering. The author is unknown, but the words are very true.

### "WHOSE JOB IS IT?"

"This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was a job to be done, and Everybody was asked to do it. Everybody was sure Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done."

What the above little story doesn't include is how much Everybody really enjoyed themselves when they got involved. Thank you for being part of our Everybody working together to make our very important fundraisers successful again this year. Somebody had to write this article to Everybody and I did.

See you soon,  
Brina

## Temple Beth-El Religious School presents: Chocolate Seder 2016



Sunday, April 17  
10:00 am at Temple Beth-El  
Families with young children  
are welcome  
There is no charge to attend!

# JACK

SHARE OUR JOY AS OUR SON JACK TYLER  
IS CALLED TO THE TORAH AS A BAR MITZVAH  
SATURDAY, MAY SEVENTH, TWENTY SIXTEEN  
AT TEN IN THE MORNING | TEMPLE BETH-EL  
1203 COMANCHE DR, ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS

MARISSA AND BEN HOLMSTROM



# SCHOOL DAZE

200 Words or Less...

By Goldie & Adrian



March was about all things Purim. Students sang Purim songs with Barbara Simon and Mitch Kopnick, saw a Queen Esther movie, created art with Sandy Simon and baked hamantaschen with Ronit Golan.

On March 23, we celebrated Purim. About 40 people attended the service. We waited to see Rabbi's costume, and we were not disappointed when we saw Rabbi, the CAVE WOMAN. The service was lots of fun and was followed by a pizza, salad and hamantaschen dinner. Then the games began. We played Win it in a Minute games. Kids and adults stacked pennies with one hand, moved M&Ms from one plate to another using a straw and restacked plastic cups. Everyone chose prizes and had a great time.

All this was possible because of our great volunteers – the youth group, David Sklar, Rabbi Wing, Sandy Simon, Jordan and Amy Towne and Max Tatman. The Purim party was



sponsored by the Jewish Federation and Temple Beth-El Religious School.

We are now on spring break. School will resume Wednesday, April 6 and Sunday, April 10. Don't forget to send peanut butter, toothbrushes, toothpaste and other small toiletries for Good Deeds Day on April 10.

Think spring,  
Goldie and Adrian

## Letters to the Editor...

The Soriano and Goldman Families would like to extend a deep and sincere thank you for all of the help, support and love given to us during the recent passing of our beloved Mom, Grandma and Great Grandma, Judy Goldman. We are grateful and blessed to have all of you in our lives!

## On behalf of the Social Action Committee,

thanks to everyone who contributed to our school supply collection for Spring Creek School. On February 22, Karen Zussman and Faye Marcus brought a car load of all kinds of school supplies, including pencils, pens, glue, folders, crayons, markers, notebooks, etc. The school secretary accepted all of this telling us how appreciative she was.

Schools are given lots of school supplies at the beginning of the year. Come the second semester and children have lost or used up the supplies. Some families are unable to replenish their child's supplies, so it's great when neighbors can help. Again you -TBE - members - performed a mitzvah!



## SAVE THE DATE!!

Please join us for our next  
Temple Beth-El Social Get Together

An enjoyable adult  
evening

**June 11, 2016**

**7-10pm**



at the home of

**Wendy and John Huss**  
**12430 Breezefield Circle**  
**Roscoe**

## April Oneg Committee

April 1

Wendy and John Huss  
Amy and Jordan Towne

The Temple  
Beth-El

April 8

Ellen and Fred Dietz  
Jan and Ted Liebovich

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 15

Luba Peysakhovich  
Lyudmila Levina  
Victoria and Greg Rozman

April 22

First Seder-No Services

April 29

GRTY Shabbat Service

## April Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Adults

John Rosenbloom	4/3	Pria Hosmane	4/28
Katherine Rosenbloom	4/3	Andrea Bear	4/29
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		
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		



### Children

Joshua Zussman	4/3/03
Briana Lawson	4/4/03
Brandon Lawson	4/26/06

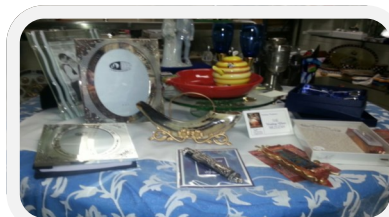


*Warm up your  
rummage shopping  
chops and support one  
of our Partners for  
Faith congregation's  
sales!*

*Attic Treasures Sale  
April 7-April 9  
Thursday & Friday  
8 am to 6 pm  
Saturday 8 am to 3 pm*

*St. Anskar Episcopal Church  
4801 Spring Creek Road  
Rockford, IL 61114*

## 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) or Pam Reum (979-9497)

### **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 1**

Harry Rosenzweig  
Solomon Rosenfeld  
Saul Helfand  
Benjamin Stone  
David S. Sher  
Joel Huss  
Adolph Wiener  
Charlotte Marcus  
Rose Goldman  
Sara Ellman

#### **Read April 8**

Felicia Sachs-Levy  
Bertha Rossin  
Dr. Julian Greenberg  
Dr. Herman Blustein  
Margaret Slavin  
Thelma Spear  
Robert Garten  
Herman Salomon

#### **Read April 15**

Stetler Young  
Morris Hertz  
Samuel Dryer  
Patricia Bork  
Agnes Blumenthal  
Hannah Saal  
Clara Landy  
Ida Lans  
Evelyn Goldman  
Florence Holmstrom  
Jack Milsk  
Rose Kobrin  
Sylvia Sachs

#### **April 22-NO SERVICES**

Goldie Collier  
Karen Stern  
Leona Light  
Norman Share  
William Feder  
Emma Laser  
Edna Froelich  
Mildred Shanhouse Frank  
Rose Rusnak Messinger  
Esther Druker

Aaron Brenner  
Gussie Bagus

#### **Read April 29**

Dr. David Light  
Robert Hinton  
Anne Blumberg  
Stewart Freifeld  
Mary Corpuel  
Esther Stone  
Frances Johnson  
Eli Stern  
S. Marvin Mansfield  
Joseph Rosenthal  
David Schaider  
Ida Shanhouse  
Ragnar Emmanuel Klint  
Ida Hochwert



### **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**

Speedy recovery to Sharon Goldsand  
In memory of Sylvia Melamed  
In honor of Kathy Rettig receiving the 2015 Frank Ware Award of Excellence from the United Way  
Congratulations to Connie and Jerry Paris on their grandson's Bar Mitzvah  
-Faye Marcus

#### **Landscaping Fund**

In honor of Kathy Rettig receiving the 2015 Frank Ware Award of Excellence from the United Way  
Mazel Tov to Barbara and Jack Simon on the birth of grandsons, Max and Ezra

In honor of Connie and Jerry Paris receiving the Distinguished Achievement Award from the Jewish Federation  
In memory of Sylvia Melamed  
In honor of Josh Zussman's Bar Mitzvah  
-Nanci and Marc Soriano and family

Speedy recovery to Sharon Goldsand  
In memory of Phyllis Morris  
In memory of Sylvia Melamed  
In memory of Judy Goldman  
-Milly Kaplan

#### **Rabbi's Discretionary Fund Sheldon Liebovich Fund**

In memory of Kristin Bresnan  
-John and Katherine Rosenbloom and Gracie

In memory of Barbara Greenberg Bailie  
-Rosie and Chuck Hyman

#### **Unrestricted Donations**

In memory of Dr. Solomon Gersten  
-Michael and Vicki Gersten

In memory of Sylvia Melamed  
-Linda Levey

#### **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.

# PASSOVER SEDER

## Saturday, April 23, At 5:30 PM

Come celebrate with the Temple family!

Adults - \$20.00, Children 3-12 \$10.00, Children under 3 free  
or \$50 per family

**Chicken, matzo ball soup, potato and vegetables will be served.**

Each family is asked to bring a Kosher for Passover dessert.

A portion of the money will go to MAZON to help feed the hungry.

Your check is your reservation.

**Deadline for reservations is Monday, April 18th, 2016.**

Please send coupon with check to:

Temple Beth-El, 1203 Comanche Dr., Rockford, IL 61107  
Or call the office to place your reservation on your Visa or  
MasterCard.



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ seats for the Temple Seder. # of adults \_\_\_\_\_ # of children over 3 \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is a check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner includes **gefilte fish or fruit** for each person.

Please indicate how many fish \_\_\_\_\_ fruit \_\_\_\_\_

We are contributing an additional \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to defray the cost for those who could not otherwise attend.

We cannot attend, but please accept a gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to help defray the Seder costs.



### 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

One of the favorite GRTY events, the lock-in, took place on March 4<sup>th</sup>. After a potluck dinner, Jamie Zussman, our Religious/Spiritual VP, led us in a Shabbat service, and then it was

time for games! Nanci's basement was filled with card games, ping pong tournaments, Family Feud, lots of laughs and good friends! All were tired the next morning after a very, very late night.

Kicking off the Purim season, GRTY baked our biggest order of hamantaschen. Our annual fundraiser was a success! Making poppy seed, chocolate chip, cherry, apricot, and chocolate chip cream cheese cookies, it was a busy kitchen. A huge thank you goes out to our parent volunteers—Mary and Brian Shore, Mitch Kopnick, Karen Zussman, Steve Brenner and Ronit Golan.

Save the date for the annual GRTY Shabbat

service—April 29<sup>th</sup>. On March 20<sup>th</sup>, GRTY members began the process of creating this personalized service by picking out readings and choosing topics about which they would like to write. We also had a great presentation about our service project of the year, Backpack Buddies! GRTY learned that this program, which aims to lessen the consequence of chronic hunger in the Rockford Public Elementary Schools, is in need of peanut butter and small toiletries like hotel shampoos, small tubes of toothpaste, etc. If you would like to help, there is a basket in the Temple lobby for

donations. We will be giving you a lot more information about Backpack Buddies at our service!

A big thank you to all of our volunteers for the Purim Carnival on March 23<sup>rd</sup> and the Soup Kitchen on Easter Sunday. Your help during those



events was much appreciated.

Upcoming events include Rummage Sale setup on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Chicago trip on the 9<sup>th</sup> and our second service planning session on the 10<sup>th</sup>. See you all there!







## **TEMPLE BETH-EL MINUTE WITH A MEMBER**

*Dear TBE Friends:  
Our next "Minute with  
a Member" will fea-*

*ture Jay and Susan Kamin . 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  
little better!*

### **Tell a little about yourself and family: A LITTLE ABOUT OURSELVES:**

Jay was born in Brooklyn, N.Y. to Polish Holocaust survivors. Upon graduation from Cornell University with a business degree, he was recruited to move to the Midwest to set up Aldi grocery stores. Susan was born and raised in Rockford, and after graduating from SIU with an elementary teaching degree, she came back to Rockford to teach in the Harlem School District. We met in Rockford 36 years ago. We were married at Temple Beth-El. Shortly after, Jay opened up his own business called The Money Tree.

After many years, Jay relocated his business to East State and Mulford and changed the name to J Kamin Jewelers to represent the type of business it had grown into.

We have two beautiful daughters and two adorable granddaughters. Ilana lives in Austin, Texas with her husband, Moran, and two daughters, Ella (almost 4) and Maya (almost a year and a half). Our other daughter, Laura, lives and works in Manhattan. She is an actor and a Maitre d' at ABC Kitchen.

### **SOMETHING PEOPLE WOULD BE SURPRISED TO LEARN ABOUT US:**

Our oldest daughter, Ilana, was married in Israel in 2010. We all traveled to Israel for this life event and toured the country for 2 weeks. Since our son-in-law is Israeli our 2 grandchildren have dual citizenship. Ella who is almost 4 speaks and understands both English and Hebrew. At this point, Maya just smiles a lot!

### **MEMORABLE MOMENTS AT TEMPLE BETH-EL:**



We were married in the Temple in 1980 by Rabbi Orkand.

Our 2 daughters had their Bat Mitzvah in the Temple.

The funeral of Susan's father, Benjamin Schaider, was held in the Temple.

Definitely many of our important life events have occurred at Temple Beth-El.

### **FAVORITE JUDAIC HOLIDAY:**

Jay and Susan both agree that Pesach is their favorite holiday. We love the symbolic foods as well as the story of the Exodus. It is such a joyous Festival!

### **WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST JOB?**

Jay's first job was delivering groceries on a banana bike from his father's grocery store in Brooklyn, N.Y. Susan's first job was working at Osco Drug Store when it was located where the current Chuck E Cheese is today.

### **YOUR MOTTO IN LIFE:**

Everything happens for a reason! We may not understand it at the time and often hope that the reason hurries up and makes itself known!



This year for Good Deeds Day religious school students are joining the youth group in collecting peanut butter for Backpack Buddies. Bring your peanut

butter donation to the Temple foyer. Your participation would be greatly appreciated.

Backpack Buddies is a program that was started by the Junior League of Rockford, Inc. in 2014 in partnership with the Rockford Public School District #205 and the Rock River Valley Pantry. The goal of the program is to lessen the consequences of childhood hunger for low-income elementary school children.

The program began with a pilot program in January 2014 with 25 students at McIntosh Elementary School and has expanded to serve 125-135 students at McIntosh, Beyer, Ellis, Lewis Lemon and King Elementary Schools. Backpack Buddies provides bags of nutritious, easy-to-prepare food every Friday during the school year for children in food-insecure homes in the Rockford area to bridge the gap between Friday and Monday when food and/or nutrition options are not available. Students chosen for the program are identified by school staff as chronically hungry (through a Chronic Hunger Assessment) and are living in or near poverty level.

Most of the food can be purchased through the Food Pantry at a steep discount; however, it is very difficult to obtain peanut butter. Peanut Butter is a healthy staple for kids, providing them healthy protein, iron and fat, and they are not always able to obtain it. Kids are sent home with the individual cups of peanut butter (like Jiff to Go) each week because they are small and light, but we also can send regular sized jars home. We found out that toothbrushes, small sized toothpaste and small sized shampoos are also needed by the students.

The deadline for religious school families to bring in peanut butter is **April 10** which is Good Deeds Day. We have set a goal of 50 jars of peanut butter. If we meet our goal, we will celebrate with ice cream sundaes. The deadline for youth group and congregants is May 6.

## Yom Hashoah Memorial Observance

Please join us for our annual  
Community Holocaust Commemoration  
Program

Sunday, May 1 at 3:00 pm  
U of I College of Medicine  
1601 Parkview Ave., Rockford, IL 61107

Candle lighting and memorial ceremony  
Student essay, poetry and art contest  
Excellent educators of the Holocaust  
awards

Middle and High School students are encouraged  
to attend

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

## Featured Speaker Agnes Schwartz



Agnes is from Budapest, Hungary. Upon occupation by Nazi forces in 1944, she was forced to move into a ghetto. When Agnes was 10 years old, the family maid (Julia Balazs) took her in as her "niece" who was fleeing from the Russian army. During Allied bombings, Agnes was sent underground to hide for months. Agnes' father was saved by Raoul Wallenberg and hid in one of his safe houses. Her grandmother, grandfather and aunt were drowned in the Danube. Her mother was deported and perished at Bergen-Belsen.

For more information, contact Goldie at  
the Jewish Federation  
815-399-5497

[rockfordfederation@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rockfordfederation@sbcglobal.net)

This event is free and open to the public

Save these pages for future reference

The Official Food-A-Rama Primer for Temple Members

### **54th ANNUAL FOOD-A-RAMA—Wednesday, May 18th, 2016**

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.

### **New This Year**

We are adding 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. We tested it on the buffet last year, and they went like hot cakes. 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 a generous quarter pound 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.

### **FOOD-A-RAMA WORKERS WANTED**

In the next few weeks you will receive an email from Wendy Huss asking you 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 Wendy Huss. 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 answer your email or call Wendy and be a part of Temple's largest fundraiser. Just say YES!

### **PREORDERS FOR TEMPLE MEMBERS**

#### **Pick-up after 1:00 pm, Tues., May 17<sup>th</sup>, 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. 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.

### **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 17th, 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!*

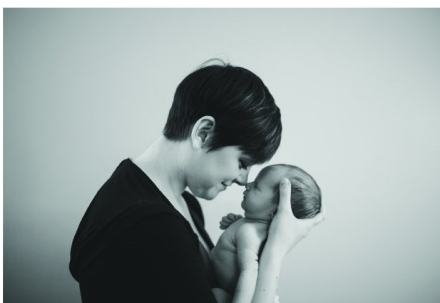
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# Coming Attractions

## May 2016

Sun. 1st Holocaust Remembrance Day  
Sat. 7th Jack Holmstrom Bar Mitzvah  
Wed 18th Food-A-Rama

## June 2016

Sun. 5th Temple Annual Meeting  
Sat. 11th Social Gathering at Huss home

## July 2016

## August 2016

Sun. 28th Ethnic Parade and Festival

## September 2016

Sat. 17th Noa Levy Bat Mitzvah

## October 2016

Mon. 3rd Rosh Hashanah  
Wed. 12th Yom Kippur

## November 2016

## December 2016

## January 2017

## February 2017

## March 2017

## April 2017

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 2015-2016 Calendar**

**Apr. 1** Exec Board letters of intent to run for office due today!  
**Apr. 3** \*Set up Rummage Sale:9-12  
**Apr. 9** Chicago Trip!!!!!!  
**Apr. 10** Service Planning Session #2: noon-2:00 p.m. at Temple BRING LUNCH  
**Apr. 14-17** NFTY Spring Kallah  
**Apr. 17** \*Take Down Rummage Sale: 1:00-4:00 p.m.  
**Apr. 24** Final Service Run-through: noon-2:00 p.m. at Temple BRING LUNCH Exec. Board Interviews- 2-4:00 p.m.  
**Apr. 29** GRTY SHABBAT SERVICE: 7:30 p.m. at Temple. Be at Temple at 7:00 p.m. Dress up!!!  
\*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 (2<sup>nd</sup> child \$20)  
9-12 graders: \$40 (2<sup>nd</sup> child \$25)  
**NFTY** on line Registration:  
[www.nfty.org/no](http://www.nfty.org/no)

## **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 [cggordon50@hotmail.com](mailto:cggordon50@hotmail.com).

## **Membership**

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## The Tree of Life

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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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## The Yiddish Corner

### Farpatsket

*Far-POTCH-k't*

Sloppy, messed up

Look at your desk with all the notes and papers everyone. You call it organized chaos, I call it **farpatsket**.

## 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?"

A nice Jewish girl brings home her fiance to meet her parents. After dinner, her mother tells her father to find out about the young man. He invites the fiance to his study for schnapps.

"So what are your plans?" the father asks the fiance.

"I am a Torah scholar," he replies.

"A Torah scholar," the father says. "Admirable, but what will you do to provide a nice house for my daughter to live in, as she's accustomed to?" "I will study," the young man replies, "and God will provide for us."

"And how will you buy her a beautiful engagement ring, such as she deserves?" asks the father.

"I will concentrate on my studies," the young man replies, "God will provide for us."

"And children?" asks the father. "How will you support children?"

"Don't worry, sir, God will provide," replies the fiance.

The conversation proceeds like this, and each time the father questions, the fiance insists that God will provide.

Later, the mother asks "so nu? How did it go?"

The father answers, "He has no job and no plans, but the good news is he thinks I'm God."



## April 2016 Religious Services

April 1  
Family Shabbat Service 7:30 pm

April 8  
Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 pm

April 15  
Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 pm

April 22  
1st Night Seder-No Services

April 29  
Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 pm

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