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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.

# **Temple Landscape Needs Your Help**

The Temple is very fortunate to have the beautiful landscaping that it does.

Thanks to Barbara Simon and her crew, the corner of Guilford and Comanche is a beautiful variety of trees, shrubs, flowers and arrangements. As any homeowner is

aware, landscaping is time consuming and expensive. The landscaping fund is

We are in need of tree trimming, tree removal and other work that can't easily be done by our own people. ing fund is looking for donations for this work. The fund has received some donations and is looking for additional help.

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work. The fund has received some donations and is looking for additional help. If you can offer gardening help, that too would be greatly appreciated. It is hoped that you will remember this fund and donate so that we can continue to have the landscaping we all enjoy.

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Chaverim,

Shalom from a very special place – Olin Sang Ruby Union Institute – better known as OSRUI! This is the camp of the Reform movement that is part of our region. I have been spending the last two weeks here, serving as faculty. Together with other rabbis, cantors and educators, we work with different parts of camp



From Rabbi Binah Wing

(*eidot*) helping to teach about Judaism and Hebrew and leading tefillot which are held each morning and evening.

I have been in an eidah called Kibbutz HaTzofim. They live in large tents instead of cabins (think M\*A\*S\*H style tents with bunk beds), they eat outside, learn outside and pray outside. In fact, they try to do as much outside as possible! They also have a garden and a small *refet* with sheep, goats and chickens that they care for. It is at a far end of camp and is about a 15 minute walk from where I was staying. Because the road to it goes downhill, it is sometimes called "downstairs."

My typical day begins around 7:15am with a walk downstairs to lead morning tefillot which start around 7:40am. Then we head back upstairs for either free time or planning for the upcoming programs. Then back downstairs for lunch. Then back upstairs until 3:30pm. Then back downstairs for Hebrew. Then back upstairs. Then back downstairs for service planning with the campers (they lead in the evening), dinner and tefillot. Then back upstairs. Then back downstairs for a staff meeting with the counselors and the unit head at 9:30pm. It is a lot of walking! I am getting 16,000-20,000 steps on my tracker every day! Once I return to my living area (called The Lodge) each night around 10:15, the faculty usually gather for conversation and socializing. My day often ends between 11:30pm-12:30am! As you might imagine, I'm not getting too

much sleep!

So, you also might be wondering, if the days are so long and exhausting, what is it about camp that I love? Well, here are just a few things:

**Judaism is everywhere.** I love being in such a thriving Jewish environment. We say the motzi and the birkat hamazon at every meal. We pray two times a day. Our day is filled with Jewish learning in fun and creative ways. In addition, we use a lot of Hebrew to refer to everything – the people, the buildings, the activities. We sing Jewish songs every day. Everyone is immersed in Jewish living and Jewish values.

The emphasis on nature. While my eidah, Tzofim, spends the most time outdoors, most of the rest of the camp does as well. It feels great to be out in nature so much of the day. Even when it's been hot and humid, it feels very in tune with nature to be in it. I especially love the prayer spaces (beit ha-tefilah) which, in Tzofim, is surrounded by trees and deep woods.

The ruach (this is the Hebrew word for spirit or energy). Seeing so many Jewish kids loving, living and celebrating Judaism is quite amazing and inspiring. Together with the counselors, there is so much fun energy. It is inspiring to watch and be a part of. In addition, I learn new melodies for prayers and new songs, too. I find myself renewed after being here.

Shabbat. There is nothing quite like Shabbat at camp! It begins with each eidah (unit) having their own Erev Shabbat services which are filled with joyful song and usually a story. Then we all go up to the chadar ochel (dining hall) and I get to have dinner with about 700 of my closest friends! It's great! All the song leaders play songs while the campers enter and everyone sings and sings! We all greet each other with hugs and "Shabbat Shalom." After dinner, everyone gathers for Shabbat Shira. This is guite the experience. All the campers and counselors sit in a big group with about 7-8 song leaders in the middle. And everyone sings at the top of their lungs. There are hand motions that some of the campers have added on to the songs. It is quite an amazing sight. If you ever had worries about the future of Judaism, singing at Shabbat would give you hope for the Jewish future.

Well, there is so much more I could tell you but suffice it to say that I've had a really wonderful time. I also look forward to returning home and seeing all of you again as we begin to prepare for another year together.

Shalom, Rabbi Wing

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

The Temple Board met on July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Jim Gesmer took over as president. He thanked both Brina and the Rabbi for helping him make the transition. The first



item Jim brought up was the D'Var Torah. He said he would like to continue with this, and the board agreed. Larry Pearlman approached Jim about making a strategic plan for our Temple. The board will be discussing this idea at a later meeting. Also, Wendy Huss will be helping us update our Temple media-- our web site, facebook, and twitter.

Rabbi has been busy leading a vigil for the Orlando victims, planning the Dairy Fair Shabbat service, and preparing for OSRUI. She is working with a couple who is getting married and with the families whose children are becoming Bar and Bat Mitzvah. She is also meeting with the Sunday School principals and getting ready for the High Holy Days. Rabbi shared some information about Shop with a Cop. The board decided to donate to this cause, and the Temple name will be in the information about their fundraiser as one of the contributors.

Sharon reported that the year end budget was not as bad as presented. The board decided that the refrigerator/ freezer could be paid for by one of the Temple funds instead of out of the building and grounds line item. We still are negative for the year however.

Brina reported that some Temple members increased their dues pledges for this year, and, so far, we have 42 pledges. Eighteen of these are paid in full.

The Foundation ended the month of June on a slightly positive note with an increase of .45%.

Andrea Levey reported that the High Holy Days are well underway. This year Sukkot and Simchat Torah are on Sundays, so the services for the congregation will be held during Sunday School. The Hanukkah dinner would fall on December 30<sup>th</sup> this year, so the committee is discussing whether to hold it or do something in its place.

The social at the Huss home went well, and Karen is working on a social for the fall or winter. For the High Holy Days this year, we will be collecting for both the Rock River Food Pantry and the Northern Illinois Food Bank. We will be collecting plastic and brown paper bags along with small personal care items for the Rock River Pantry. Some of the plastic bags will be given to a group who weave them into sleeping mats for the homeless. We will be collecting food and donations for the Northern Illinois Food Bank as we have done in the past for High Holy Days.

The art auction will be on November 5<sup>th</sup> at a cost of \$18 per person. There will be a cheesecake dessert table *Continue please on Page 3* 

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#### TEMPLE BETH-EL BULLETIN



It seems that summer is passing by very quickly. Andrea Levey, our Vice-President of Religious Functions, has been working diligently this summer putting together the Oneg Shabbat list for the 2016-2017 year. It is

important to remember that if you are not available to serve as an Oneg host on the date assigned to you, it is not Andrea's responsibility to find a replacement or take your place. Rather, it is your responsibility to find a replacement or switch with another Temple member if you are not available to serve as an Oneg host on your assigned date.

When you receive your assigned Oneg date from Andrea, please determine as soon as possible if you will be unavailable. If so, please make arrangements for a replacement as soon as possible. Too many times, Andrea has prepared the Oneg herself when she has been told that one or both of the assigned hosts is not available. Please do not ask Andrea to either find a replacement for you if you are not available on the assigned date or to perform this obligation herself.

The job of serving as an Oneg host is not intended to be a burdensome, time-consuming obligation. Health permitting, every Temple member is expected to perform this role once per year. The basic duties of being an Oneg host only involve purchasing items to nosh on after the Shabbat Service, setting up for the Oneg and cleaning up afterwards.

Temple members are given Oneg assignments with another member. If you determine that you are not available to serve as an Oneg host on the assigned date, please call your partner to let them know and then try to switch with another Temple member instead of burdening Andrea with that task.

Another Temple member who has been very busy this summer is Mary Roufa, our Vice-President of Ways and Means. Mary and her committee are busy planning a revival of the Temple Art Auction. For many years, the Art Auction was a big fundraising event for Temple Beth-El. Temple Beth-El last had an Art Auction approximately 8 years ago. Mary and her committee have decided to revive it in a simpler and less expensive format. The Art Auction is scheduled to take place Saturday evening November 5, 2016, at Anderson Japanese Gardens. You will be receiving more details about the Art Auction in the very near future. Please do your best to attend, as Mary and her committee think that this could be a very successful fundraiser for our congregation. -Jim

# Come Join Us! Shabbat in the Park Friday, August 5th



Red Oak Picnic Area-Rock Cut State Park Gathering and dinner 4:30 - 6:30 pm Service will begin at 6:30 pm

Hot dogs, buns, plates, cups, condiments, pop and plasticware will be provided. Each family or group should provide their own sides.

# Temple Board Installation

As part of our Erev Shabbat Service August 19th

Show your support for the newly Elected board members.

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#### and cash bar. Mary and her committee are working on From the Temple Board.... By Secretary Ellen Salley

dates for the Rummage Sale and FAR.

Jay Sklar reported that the transition to the new security system is going well. He handed out key fobs to the Board members and explained how they are used. The locks on the doors will be changed soon.

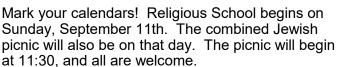
Dates to remember:

August 5th - Shabbat in the Park August 12th - Pet Shabbat - 6:00 service

(graduating seniors will be honored)

September 11th - Community Picnic - First day of Religious School- Temple Beth-El

September 23 - S'More Shabbat - 6:00 service



Hard to believe that, as we write this, August is upon us! Later in August, you will be receiving the second set of important school information. Please send in your registration forms that were sent out in July. We appreciate your promptness so we know our number of students and classes. Thanks!

Once again we would like to thank those who participate in the E-Scrip rebate program through Schnucks grocery and encourage new folks to participate as well. We receive monthly checks averaging about \$50 and that really helps us!

Enjoy the rest of your summer and till next time, Shalom!

High School Graduates Night at Temple Beth-El

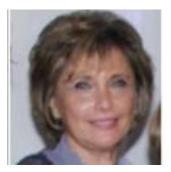


Come to services atTemple Beth-El August 12 to help send off our high school seniors. Rabbi Wing will offer a special Blessing, and the Jewish Federation of Greater Rockford will present a backpack to each student filled with supplies and information on Hillel, Israel and Birthright Israel.

# StandWithUs

CHICAGO





# Mid-west Director

Topic: BDS: The New Anti-Semitism

Sunday, August 7, 2016 Temple Beth-El 10:00 Breakfast 10:30 Presentation

Sponsored by Temple Beth-El Adult Education

Please RSVP to Joyce at 815-398-5020

Everyone is welcome to this free event!

# **August Oneg Committee**

August 5 Vicky and David Sklar Jay Sklar

August 12 Hosts for helping to Lauren and Mark Lamont Cheryl and Tim Schoeller

portunity for us all August 19 to mingle and Fred Young Nancy and Geoffrey Feinstein

August 26 No oneg



The Temple

Beth-El

Family greatly appreciates and thanks our Oneg

make our Services

more meaningful and offering an op-

socialize.

# 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)

## **August Birthdays & Anniversaries**

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#### Adults

Addits	
Sonya Peysakhovic	h 8/1
Roni Golan	8/1
Arnold Rosen	8/2
Zachary DeWitz	8/3
Max Rettig	8/3
Ted Liebovich	8/3
Natalie Deutsch	8/5
Luba Peysakhovich	8/6
Jared Weiss	8/7
Sara Deutsch	8/13
Jake Schneider	8/13
Paula Lash	8/13
Emily Hartman	8/14
Jeffrey Steinback	8/16
Enid Busch	8/17
Brina Grigg	8/18
Samantha Glassman	า
	8/19
<b>Barbara Holmstrom</b>	8/19
Michael Gordon	8/21
Louise Gesmer	8/22
Aaron Salley	8/26
Herb Deutsch	8/27
Ryan Master	8/29
Emily Bear	8/30
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### Children

Max Tatman 8/1/06 Ariah Lauren Quimby 8/14/08 Lilly Ruth Wing 8/22/05

Anniversaries
Barbara & John
Holmstrom 8/7/71
Nanci & Marc Soriano
8/7/77
Adrian & Jerry Grubb
8/8/70
Nancy & Geoffrey
Feinstein 8/9/70
Judy & Chuck Picus
8/10/52
Barbara & Jack Simon
8/10/69
Jackie & Len Bernstein
8/12/76
Patty & Howard
Kaufman 8/12/90
Emily & John Hartman
8/19/78
Molly & Daniel Libman
8/19/95
••
Patti & Jeffrey Steinback
8/23/80
Lauren & Mark Lamont
8/23/86
Roni & Ronit Golan
8/25/85



# 10 Minutes of Torah

UNION FOR REFORM JUDAISM'S DEPARTMENT OF LIFELONG JEWISH LEARNING

The Union will send you a one page e-mail each day on a topic of Jewish Interest. All you need to do is find 10 minutes a day to "do Torah."

> Sign up by logging on to WWW.urj.org/Torah/Ten

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### 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 Aug 5

Robert Gross Sol Levy Jack Donzis Herman Toback Anita Harris Jack M. Shafton

### Read Aug 12

Louise Rosenzweig Yetta Miller Israel Simon Samuel Schoenberg Bertha Feinstein Pauline Iskowich

### Read Aug 19

Bere Furen Ida Drell Mutchnik Charles Herman Iskowich John T. Holmstrom Sr. Joel Garten Lillian Berney George J. Collier Julian I. Corpuel Vivien Miller Ross

### Read Aug 28

N. Grace Cohen Karen Kaplan Rose Epstein Miriam Halle William "Red" Rubin Virginia Rosenbloom David Mansfield Sam Leopold



### 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**

**Dermer Fund** In memory of Jerold Dermer -Brenda Dermer Andrea Dermer-Baird and Brian McCray

In memory of Gerald Grubb's brother, Gordan -Faye Marcus

#### Garten Fund

In honor of Mary Roufa's retirement -Faye Marcus

### Landscaping Fund

In honor of Mary Roufa's retirement In loving memory of Gerald Grubb's brother, Gordan -Milly Kaplan

**Security Fund** In memory of Elie Wiesel -John and Kathy Rosenbloom

# **CONDOLENCES TO:**

Gerald and Adrian Grubb on the loss of Gerald's brother, Gordan

#### 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 items for the Temple or to help those in need, at her discretion.

**Cy Sachs Fund** provides funds to be used for community-wide projects.

Hannah & Herbert Saal Fund provides funds for the betterment of Temple Beth-El.



# Ethnic Festival and Parade

Sunday, August 28, Noon-6:00pm

# 7th Street and 4th Ave.

The Jewish Federation is one of the core group organizers for this community wide event. People who participated last year had a great time. We were filled with pride as we walked in the parade with our complimentary Israel

t-shirts. It was nice to have the Jewish community represented. This year the festival and parade will be bigger with more ethnic groups participating.

# The Jewish Federation has volunteer opportunities for you:

• People to walk in the parade

• People to drive participants back to their cars after the parade

Please volunteer. We need you and it is great fun!! Let me know if you need a T-shirt or if you have one from last year.

Call Goldie at 815-399-5497 or email rockfordfederation@sbcglobal.net

Memorial and Tribute Donation Form				
From:       Name:	To: Send the acknowledging card : □□ Same as from, or:Name:			
Address:	Address:			
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<b>For:</b> (check one and fill in names as appropriate)	Donation:	Fund:		
In Memory of:	□Triple chai (\$54)	□ Garten □ Powell □		
Speedy Recovery to:	□Double chai(\$36)	Lazarus □ Dermer □ Building □ Woodruff □ Rabbi's Discretionary		
Congratulations to:	□Chai (\$18) □ \$10	□ Pap □ Kupperman □ Landscaping □ Gifts&Flowers		
In Honor of:	□ \$4 (Min.)			
□ Other:	□ Other:	□ Sachs □ Liebovich Fund □Other		

# TEMPLE BETH-EL SOCIAL ACTION ON THE GO:

## \*\*\*\*FALL COLLECTION DRIVE\*\*\*\* Help us as we help two local groups within our community

<u>#1</u> A group of local individuals whose goal is to bring comfort to the homeless population within our community create SLEEPING MATS,

pillows, and personal care "ditty" bags. They meet about once a week at the local VFW Post to make the items.

# HOW IT WORKS:

Plastic bags are spun into plastic yarn called "Plarn". This waterproof yarn is used to make sleeping mats. The group also crochets sleeping rolls that are used on top of the mats. Recycled fabric items such as t-shirts are used to make pillowcases. Additionally, personal

care "ditty" bags, (made from the plastic bags) are made, and these are then filled with personal care items.

<u>#2</u> The Rock River Food Pantry is currently in great need of plastic bags and brown paper

bags to distribute food and items directly to local people in need. In addition, they are seeking donations of personal care items that are also given directly to individuals.

# **TEMPLE BETH-EL COLLECTION ITEMS:**

Plastic Shopping Bags (thin ones from the grocery stores) Brown Paper Bags Yarn T-Shirts (gently used or new) Clear Duct Tape Personal Care Items such as: toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, deodorant, bath soap, shampoo, hair combs)

(Monetary Donations made out to Temple Beth El are always welcome as well)

\*\*There will be bins in the foyer through September\*\*

# LET'S SEE HOW QUICKLY WE CAN FILL THE BINS!!!!







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

Dear TBE Friends: Our next "Minute with a Member" will feature

the Levy 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 little better!.

### -Tell a little about yourself and family:

A nice Jewish boy from Oklahoma (Rob) travels to Utah to meet a nice Jamaican girl (Lisa), and they get married in Washington. Along the way a beautiful baby boy from Minnesota (Benjamin) and an amazing baby girl from Oklahoma (Noa) join us on our journey to Beloit, Wisconsin...and I'm not moving anymore! see the conversion of the social hall into a giant garage and a massive deli counter, and then return to a space that's just waiting to change into something else again.

### -A memorable moment at TBE:

Technically not at TBE, but through TBE this past year we volunteered for the Senior Prom with GRTY. OK, we just handed out some of Ronit's wonderful food as appetizers. And although we were a little uncomfortably close in age to some of the 'seniors,' or maybe because of that, it was great to see so many older people decked out and getting ready to dance the night away.

### -Favorite Judaic holiday or food:

Shabbat – Challah. We're definitely a breadist family.

# -What do you do for fun? (Hobbies, special interests, etc.)

Lisa sleeps when she can, I bake when I can;

and we pry the devices out of our kids' hands when we can. We're active supporters of our kids' activities – more like a second job than a hobby but it's almost always fun. And that's a hobby, right?

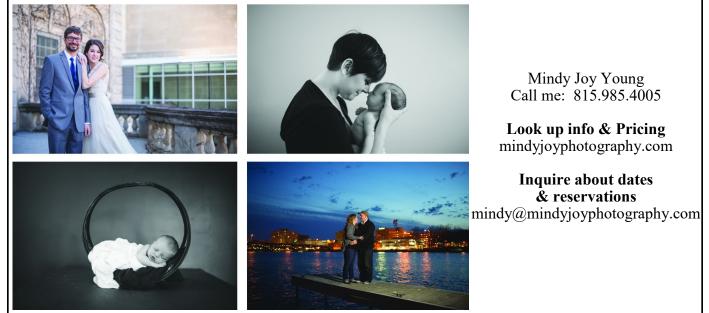
-Your favorite Temple activities: Shabbat services. Also, helping for the set-up and take-downs for the rummage sale and Food-A-Rama. It's always amazing to





# PORTRAITURE EVENT COMMERCIAL

Providing photographic coverage in Rockford and the surrounding areas.



Friends of Temple Beth-El

# It's a....

# **Car Mitzvah**



Our car mitzvah donation program has earned over \$40,000 in the last 8 years. This comes about

Our car mitzvah donation program has earned over **\$40,000.** in the last 8 years. through the incredible generosity of our congregants. Jerry Paris has sold his Midas Auto Repair facility on North Main St. after being in business for 38 years. It is now owned by Butitta Bros, and the manager's name is Neil. The new organization has agreed to continue the car donation program under the same arrangement as before.

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.

Thank you for your support.

3012 North Main Street Rockford, IL 61103 815-962-7914



# Coming Attractions

# Sat. 17th Noa Levy Bat Mitzvah

October 2016

Mon. 3rd Rosh Hashanah Wed. 12th Yom Kippur Sun. 30th Adult Ed; Laura Frankel

**November 2016** Sat. 5th Art Auction at Anderson Gardens Sun. 13th Adult Ed: Jewop Acapela Sat. 19th Joe Gesmer Bar Mitzvah

> <u>December 2016</u> <u>January 2017</u> <u>February 2017</u> <u>March 2017</u> <u>April 2017</u> May 2017

Sat. 27th Madeline Towne Bat Mitzvah

<u>June 2017</u> <u>July 2017</u> August 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-EI. Please understand that some dates and times might be tentative and will be updated each month as dates get closer.

### GRTY 2015-2016 Calendar

# \*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

### 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.



# Torah Study Group Saturday Morning 10:00 AM

### The Tree of Life

Remember a loved one or celebrate a wonderful 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.

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

## **Membership**

Do you know of any unaffiliated Jews looking for a congregation? If so, contact Elisa Whitman, membership chairperson at 815-988-2134 Visit the Temple Beth-El New Web Site Address...

http://templebethel-rockford.org/.

Check it out!

TEMPLE BETH-EL BULLETIN

The Yiddish Corner

VUDEN
Vu-den or vaw-den

What then?

If you take that treatment your hair will fall out. *Vuden?* 

# On the Lighter Side...

## **Tank Commander**

A young Israeli soldier is tired of the war with Egypt and asks his commander for a two weeks leave. "The Egyptians with their tanks are on the other side of see those hills", says the commander, "bring me an Egyptian tank within one hour, and you'll get your leave." The soldier goes away with his tank and comes back ten minutes later with an Egyptian tank. "Amazing", says the commander, "how did you do that?!" The soldier: "I asked one of those Egyptian guys whether he too wanted a two weeks' leave, and he said yes, and then we exchanged the tanks."

### **New Wealth**

A Jewish couple won twenty-million dollars in the lottery. They immediately set out to begin a life of luxury. They bought a magnificent mansion estate in Southampton and surrounded themselves with all the material wealth imaginable. They then decided to have a butler, and, wanting the best, they traveled to London to hire one. They found the perfect butler through an agency and brought him back to their estate. The day after his arrival, they instructed him to set up the dining room table for four, that they were inviting the Cohens to brunch. The couple then left the house to do some shopping. When they returned, they found the table set for eight. They asked the butler why eight, when they had specifically instructed him to set the table for four. The butler replied, "The Cohens telephoned and said they were bringing the Bagels and the Knishes."



# August 2016 Religious Services

August 5 Shabbat in the Park Gathering Service	around	4:30 pm 6:30 pm
August 12 Pet Shabbat Service		6:00 pm
August 19 Erev Shabbat Servic With Board Installation	-	7:30 pm
August 26 Kabalat Shabbat Sei	rvice	6:00 pm

Temple Beth–El Leadership		
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