

TEMPLE BETH-EL

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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.

A Busy August Scheduled

Come Join Us!

**Shabbat in the Park
Friday, August 4th**

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.



Chaverim,

It seems that the arrival of certain months cause us to reflect of the passage of time, whether slow or fast. For instance, in March, when we're sick and tired of winter and anxiously awaiting a break from the cold, March can feel like it moves very slowly. The opposite effect happens, at least for me, in August. The arrival of August often surprises me. I think, "How could summer be almost over already?" Like many, I already start thinking ahead to the commitments of the fall – the school year, High Holy Day preparations, shopping for school supplies and clothes and putting away some of the summer activities. Time seems to fly by at an alarming rate and I forget to live in the moment. Does that ever happen to you?



From Rabbi Binah Wing

Fortunately, we still have at least a couple more weeks to soak up the pace that is the summer. I hope that we can all try and take a few moments to just be in the moment and enjoy where we are right now without having to jump into the fall urgencies.

There are two events this month that will help us do just that. The first is one of our favorites – Shabbat in the Park which will take place on Friday night, August 4th. Here is a refresher on the details. We will celebrate, as usual, with Congregation B'nai Abraham of Beloit. I'm very happy to share that Cindy Michelassi will again join us this year to provide the music. She added so much to the service last summer! We will again be in the Red Oak picnic area in Rock Cut State Park. This is our preferred shelter because it is the only one with a view of the lake and a playground. If you have an Illinois fishing license, you can fish.

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Shlomo and I will plan to arrive at around 4:30pm, but history tells us that we usually get there closer to 5:00pm! From then until 6:30pm will be a time to just be together casually and have an early dinner. Hot dogs, buns, plates, cups, condiments, plasticware and dessert will be provided. There is some pop left over from Food-A-Rama so we'll bring a cooler with some of that. If you prefer a different beverage, please bring your own, keeping in mind, please, that alcoholic beverages are forbidden on park grounds.

Each family or group should provide their own sides. Feel free to bring enough to share but each person brings home what they brought out there. If you'd like to bring something of your own to grill, that should be fine. There are picnic tables under the shelter, but there is also plenty of grassy lawn for anyone wanting to set up a picnic blanket and chairs. Our Shabbat worship service will start at 6:30pm. We will notify you by email or phone tree if we need to make any changes due to weather concerns. Hopefully though, the weather will be beautiful. This is one of the most enjoyable services of the year so I hope you'll make the effort to attend.

Then, on August 18th, we'll have another of our favorites – Pet Shabbat! On Pet Shabbat everyone brings their pets to Temple and we have a very short and casual service on the back lawn. The service starts at 6pm instead of the usual 7:30pm. We'll also take some time to honor our one high school graduate, Aaron Barenbaum, as he heads off to college. This service too is dependent on weather so stay tuned if it looks iffy. No matter the weather, we'll still honor Aaron but we may ask you to leave your pets at home!

Enjoy the moments left in the summer and don't let the last few days slip away without enjoying their sweetness.

Shalom,
Rabbi Wing

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



The Temple Board met on July 12th, 2017. Jim gave the D'Var Torah. His portion was Pinchas. In this portion Moses' tenure is coming to an end and God chooses Joshua to be the successor. Although it is painful for Moses to relinquish his leadership, God wants him to teach Joshua the way to govern so that the Israelites will listen to him. Jim compared this to electing a new board of directors for the Temple. Hopefully there will be a smooth transition from one board to the next.

Jim reported that the strategic planning committee hopes to have a definitive cost for the sanctuary renovation by the end of summer. He brought up the possibility of renting our facilities. The board discussed concerns, and it was decided to relay our concerns to the renters before a decision would be made.

Rabbi has come back from OSRUI and is enjoying her vacation. She has started planning for the High Holy Days.

Sharon presented the final treasurer's report for the Temple fiscal year. We ended the year in the black. This was in part because of the Foundation and the Federation renting space at the Temple. She said our funds are in good shape as well.

Brina reported that we have pledges of \$130,260 for 2016-17 and \$78,772 pledged for 2017-18. Joyce has sent out statements to the members.

Sharon reminded us that the Foundation year runs from January to December. In June, we had a gain of .05% and a year to date gain of 6.81%.

The Religious Functions committee has started planning for the High Holy Days. Stuart Bard will be our cantor again and Connie Paris has agreed to do the Rosh Hashanah dinner.

David reported that he repaired a breast plate chain. The kitchen still needs a part for the dishwasher and there was a discussion about seal coating the parking lot.

Andrea said since Religious School and GRTY are on summer vacation there wasn't anything to report. The first day of Sunday School will be September 10, 2017. GRTY will also have their kick-off that day.



I am always touched by the generosity of our Temple members. Recently, Kathy and Arthur Rettig donated a television to Temple Beth-El. Having taught in our Religious School for a number of years, I can report

that we are in great need of a new television, as we often show Jewish-themed videos to our students.

In addition, a few months ago, Dr. Howard Weiss contacted Jerry Paris about donating an automobile to our Car Mitzvah Program. Through Jerry's efforts, the car was sold and Temple received a sizable contribution. I know that there are other people who donate their time and goods and services to Temple Beth-El, some of whom wish to remain anonymous. It goes without saying that Temple Beth-El cannot survive without the generosity of our members.

In the meantime, things continue to be busy at Temple. Our Vice-President of Communications, Karen Zussman, has done a tremendous job this summer reaching out to potential new members. Believe it or not, preparations are well under way for the upcoming High Holidays with our choir starting rehearsals and the Religious Functions Committee organizing members to serve as ushers and to participate in services. Please respond if you are asked to participate.

Just a reminder that the annual and popular Pet Shabbat service will take place, weather permitting, on August 18. We have had great turnouts the past two years with members bringing their pets. It is a fun time for all, including our best friends. I hope to see you there.

-Jim

Mazel Tov

To Allison and Ken Braswell on the birth of their daughter, Nora born on July 6th. Congratulations to proud grandparents, Laura and Tim Sage and uncle, Michael.

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

September 17th will be the community picnic. Karen reported that the peanut butter and jelly drive was a success with the Temple collecting 84 pounds and a monetary donation of \$198. Karen reported that we have two new families that may join the Temple. She has sent them the information. The next social event will be on August 26th at the Underground Studio on State Street. Roni Golan will do a collaborative painting with those in attendance and then the painting will go in the Social Hall. There will be music and a cash bar.

Mary reported that the art auction committee met and drafted a letter that will be sent to local artists. The committee will be looking for an auctioneer. Barbara Berney and Roni Golan will be viewing the artist's work before the auction. There will be a contract for the artists. Midway Village is set along with ABC catering. There will be music during the viewing, finger food, and a cash bar. No invitations will be sent but there will be advertisements in the paper and on radio.

Jay explained that the Temple will have a legacy society which will roll out soon. A legacy brochure is being written patterned after Rosecrance. If members sign up, they will receive a little gift. The safety committee is mapping out the building so members will know where to go in certain situations. This will be looked over by the police department. A notice will be sent out with this information.

Ellen D. reported that the 2016-2017 campaign has collected \$21,000 out of the \$23,000 pledged. The second annual Rockford Plate Gala will be held at Midway Village on July 13th. Guests will visit five historic homes that represent different ethnic groups from the 1920s. The Jewish Federation will be one of these homes. The Ethnic Festival and Parade will be on Sunday August 27th from noon to six p.m. The Jewish community annual picnic will be Sunday, September 17th at 11:30 at the Temple. Ohave Shalom has a new display at Midway Village that shows the Synagogue's history and Judaism. If you want to plant a tree in Israel, you need to go to www.jnf.org and click on Plant Trees in Israel, or call 800-542-8733.

Congratulations to the Braswells and the Sages on the birth of Nora. Congratulations to Marc Zussman on the award he won from Rush Medical Center.

SCHOOL DAZE

200 Words or Less...
By Goldie & Adrian



August is upon us! It's hard to believe that September 10 will be here in a blink of an eye! Did you catch that? Yes, the first day of Religious School is only about eight weeks away! By the time you read this, you probably have received your registration materials for the 2017-18 school year. Please fill out the forms and send in your deposit (or your total tuition payment). We ask that your payment is made in full by the first day of school unless other arrangements have been made. You may call Joyce in the office to discuss credit card payments, etc.

We would love to have a parent and tot class this year but so far we have found only a couple of you! So, if you know of any parents of preschoolers, please mention this opportunity. It would be just once a month; parent(s) come along with their child and have an hour of a fun "taste" of Religious School. If you are interested, please contact the principals or Joyce in the office with your information and we will get back to you.

Please mark your calendar for August 27 and join the Temple family for the fun Ethnic Fest! Bring the family and friends, march in the parade and enjoy the festivities and food from the many ethnic groups in Rockford! Contact Goldie with any questions.

Enjoy the rest of your summer. Till next time, Shalom.

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Jewish Community Annual BBQ

2017/ 5777

Who??: *Members and Guests of
the Rockford Jewish Community*

Date: *Sunday, September 17,
2017*

Time: *11:30 a.m.*

Place: *Temple Beth-El, 1203
Comanche Dr. (rain or shine)*

Menu: *Kosher hot dogs & ham-
burgers, salads, hot/ cold veggies
& desserts!!*

Price: *Donations appreciat-
ed*

Activities: *Bingo....great time
to meet old friends and make new
ones!! Bring pictures! Welcome
New Guests to Our Community*

Sponsored by the Jewish
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August Oneg Committee

August 4
 Nancy and Geoffrey Feinstein
 The Temple Beth-El

August 11
 Howard Weiss
 Fred Young
 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.

August 18
 Pet Shabbat, no oneg

August 25
 No oneg



High School Graduates Night at Temple Beth-El



Come to services at Temple Beth-El August 18 to help send off our high school senior. Rabbi Wing will offer a special blessing and the Jewish Federation of Greater Rockford will present a backpack filled with supplies and information on Hillel, Israel, and Birthright Israel.

August Birthdays & Anniversaries

Adults		Anniversaries
Sonya Peysakhovich	8/1	Barbara & John Holmstrom 8/7/71
Roni Golan	8/1	Nanci & Marc Soriano 8/7/77
Arnold Rosen	8/2	Adrian & Jerry Grubb 8/8/70
Zachary DeWitz	8/3	Nancy & Geoffrey Feinstein 8/9/70
Max Rettig	8/3	Judy & Chuck Picus 8/10/52
Ted Liebovich	8/3	Barbara & Jack Simon 8/10/69
Natalie Deutsch	8/5	Jackie & Len Bernstein 8/12/76
Luba Peysakhovich	8/6	Patty & Howard Kaufman 8/12/90
Jared Weiss	8/7	Emily & John Hartman 8/19/78
Sara Deutsch	8/13	Molly & Daniel Libman 8/19/95
Jake Schneider	8/13	Patti & Jeffrey Steinback 8/23/80
Emily Hartman	8/14	Lauren & Mark Lamont 8/23/86
Jeffrey Steinback	8/16	Roni & Ronit Golan 8/25/85
Enid Busch	8/17	Mindy & Matthew Kopald 8/28/11
Brina Grigg	8/18	
Samantha Glassman	8/19	
Barbara Holmstrom	8/19	
Howard Morris	8/20	
Michael Gordon	8/21	
Louise Gesmer	8/22	
Aaron Salley	8/26	
Herb Deutsch	8/27	
Ryan Master	8/29	
Emily Bear	8/30	
Children		
Max Tatman	8/1/06	
Ariah Lauren Quimby	8/14/08	
Samuel Anton	8/18/11	
Lilly Ruth Wing	8/22/05	



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 August 4

Robert Gross
Jack Donzis
Anita Harris

Read Aug 11

Jack M. Shafton
Julian I. Corpuel
Louise Rosenzweig
Sam Leopold
Yetta Miller
Israel Simon
Samuel Schoenberg
Bertha Feinstein

Read Aug 18

Pauline Iskowich
Bere Furen
Ida Drell Mutchnik
Charles Herman Iskowich
John T. Holmstrom Sr.
Joel Garten
Eleanor Molton
Lillian Berney
George J. Collier
Vivien Miller Ross

Read Aug 25

N. Grace Cohen
Karen Kaplan
Rose Epstein
Miriam Halle



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

Benjamin Schaider Building Fund

In memory of Mark Kamin
-Joan Davis

In memory of Mark Kamin
-Terry and Carol Gordon

Landscaping Fund

Congratulations to Allie and Ken Brasswell and Laura and Tim Sage on the birth of baby Nora
-Faye Marcus

In appreciation to Barbara Simon for her generous service
-Rose Gulatto

Sheldon Liebovich Fund

In loving memory of Mark Kamin
In loving memory of Sheldon Liebovich
In loving memory of Mildred and Bill Friedberg
In memory of Rita Chason
-Rosie and Chuck Hyman

In memory of Mark Kamin
In memory of Sheldon Liebovich
In memory of Rita Chason
-Barb and Steven Lirtzman

In memory of Rita Chason
-Ellen Friedman

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Congratulations to Connie and Jerry Paris on the birth of their grandson, Asher
In memory of Mark Kamin
-Fred and Ellen Dietz

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.

Benjamin Schaider Bldg Fund provides funding for unexpected and major repairs or enhancements to the Temple Building.

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.

Unrestricted donations allow, at the discretion of the board, the opportunity to fund or partially fund a worthwhile project that we have not budgeted for or does not fit any of our existing 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.

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

Landscaping Fund provides funding for enhancements to our grounds.

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.

Thank you for your past support, and thank you for your continued support to Temple Beth-El.



Ethnic Festival and Parade

Sunday, August 27, Noon—6:00pm
7th Street and 4th Ave.

Celebrating nearly 50 global cultures in Rockford, the 4th annual Midtown Ethnic Parade & Festival is not to be missed! It's a big party featuring the many diverse cultures in our city, including a parade of colors & customs – dancing dragons, bagpipes, ethnic dance troupes, music and

more – at 501 7th St. Feast on delicious international cuisine, relax in the beer garden, and enjoy the entertaining performances!, Plus, visit the Ethnic Art Show (select a purchase from a wide variety of creative works), trace your family's roots at the Genealogy Room, and keep the kids happy at the children's play area, The festival begins at noon, and the parade from downtown to Midtown begins at 1 p.m. Will we see you here?

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 Rockford Jewish Community 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. Participating in the parade and festival is a wonderful way for us to connect with other ethnic groups in Rockford.

Please walk in the parade with us. We need you and it is lots of fun!!

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

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**TEMPLE
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MINUTE
WITH A
MEMBER**

Dear TBE Friends:

Our next "Minute with a Member" features

Andrea Baird and Family. We hope you will enjoy getting to know their family a bit more!

Something people would be surprised to learn about you/us: Some members may not know that I am the daughter of Jerry and Brenda Dermer. My daughter and I were both named at Temple Beth El. I was named in honor of my grandmother and my daughter was named in honor of my uncle.

Tell a little about yourself and family: Adam and I have known each other since elementary school. We lived together in Chicago after college for a few years before getting married and moving back to Belvidere. Our daughter, Regan, starts middle school this fall.

What was your first job? The summer before I started 9th grade, I had my first real job, detasseling corn, for about 3 weeks. The days were long, hot, and sometimes muddy. The mud would sink under our feet and grab hold around our shoes like firm quicksand so that walking was an enormous effort. It really wasn't terribly unpleasant most days. The air was fresh, the work was easy, the friends were the best and it paid better than babysitting.

What was your favorite job? I don't really have a favorite job, but when considering jobs over the years, some had a greater impact than others. I worked for UPS in Rockford and Chicago during my college years. Rockford's overnight shift works hard, but it is nothing compared to Chicago's Jefferson St. hub. I was sore and tired every night for the first two weeks with barely the strength to walk two blocks from the bus stop to my dorm room after work. It was tough, but UPS made me strong and confident in my physical abilities in a way no sport, gym teacher or trainer ever has. The people I labored with for a little over fifteen hours a week meant more to me than my classmates. They were my friends, my fraternity and my sorority. Good times were had and memories were made.



A rare dragonfly picture taken by Regan. An interest that is being passed down in the family

What are some of your favorite things to do around the Rockford region? There are two seasonal activities I look forward to all year: the Boone County Fair and apple orchard season. Books could and should be written about the fair. It is simply the finest county fair I've ever attended and I've been to a few.

Many people know about Edward's Apple Orchard in Poplar Grove and for very good reasons: the donuts, the cider, the apple butter, the caramel apples, the apple varieties and so much more. I also like Cherry Valley Orchard because it offers easy access to pick a wide variety of apples not found at Edward's such as the Macoun variety.

Favorite Judaic holiday or food: My favorite kosher meats unceremoniously vanished from the consumer market place when its brief corporate owner, Sara Lee, decided it no longer valued the products; nor did they seek a buyer of the recipes or trademarks of Best Kosher. Vienna Beef now occupies the former Best Kosher location at 33rd and Pershing.

Favorite movies, books, or music: An author I enjoy is Michael Lewis. I've read the Blind Side and the Big Short. On my Kindle for summer reading is his latest book the Undoing Project and it is about the beginnings of a field of study I love! The book explores a friendship between two Israelis, Daniel Kahneman and Amos Tversky who together trail blazed the field of behavioral economics. I happened to discover this field of study independently of Michael Lewis's book through Dan Ariely, an Israeli American professor at Duke, who founded the Center for Advanced Hindsight. He offered one of his courses on Coursera.org that I completed and has also published several books; all of which I recommend.

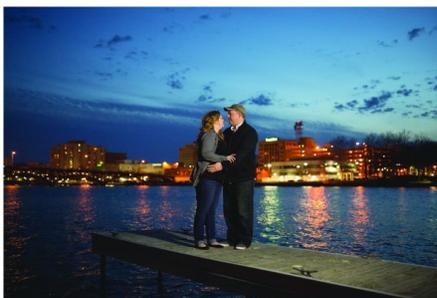
What was the last podcast that you couldn't stop listening to? I watched every season of Homeland over a couple of months. It is a Showtime program adapted from an Israeli TV series. As with most things I watch, I usually read a criticism of the show and then decide to watch it to see what I think. I like it and though I have my own criticisms, it is worth watching. Most recently, I've been listening to a podcast called Revisionist History, by Malcolm Gladwell. It's now in its second season and it's fascinating.

Favorite Jewish website: My favorite website for Jewish news and culture from a Jewish viewpoint is tabletmag.com.

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It's a.... Car Mitzvah



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

Our car mitzvah donation program has earned over \$40,000. in the last 8 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. Thank you for your support.

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September 2017

Sat. 16th Selichot
 Sun. 17th Community Picnic
 Wed. 20th Erev Rosh Hashanah
 Thur. 21st Rosh Hashanah
 Fri. 29th Kol Nidre
 Sat. 30th Yom Kippur

October 2017

Sun. 15th Adult Ed: Chef Laura Frankel
 Sat. 21st Ella Holmstrom Bat Mitzvah
 Sun. 29th Adult Ed: Ben Hecht Play

November 2017

Sat. 11th Art Auction
 Sun. 19th Federation Kick Off

December 2017

Sun. 10th OS Scholar in Residence
 Sun. 17th Federation Chanukah Party

January 2018

February 2018

March 2018

Sun. 18th Chocolate Seder

April 2018

May 2018

June 2018

July 2018

August 2018

Sat. 18th Lilly Wing Bat Mitzvah

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.

GRTY 2016-2017 Calendar

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

Advisors: Nanci Soriano H: 654-7677
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RSVP to ALL activities quickly please even if you can't attend
Dues: 7-8 graders: \$25 (2nd child \$20)
9-12 graders: \$40 (2nd child \$25)
NFTY on line Registration:
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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.

Membership

Do you know of any unaffiliated Jews looking for a congregation?
 If so, contact Karen Zussman membership chairperson at kzussman@aol.com

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

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

Check it out!

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

**The
Yiddish
Corner**

SHALOM ALEICHEM
(SHAleM aLAYkhem)

Peace unto you (said when greet-
ing or parting)

"Shalom Aleichem, mamma." " Aleichem
Shalom, mein kint." (*my child*)

On **the Lighter Side...**

Bubbeleh

Before sending her son off for his first day at school, Rachel Cohen hugged him and said: "Good luck, my bubbeleh. Be good, bubbeleh, and work hard. And remember, bubbeleh, at lunch time eat all of your food and play nicely with the other children. Oh, bubbueleh, I'm so proud!"

That afternoon, when little Cohen returned home, his mother cried:

"Bubbeleh, my bubbeleh, give your mother a hug! So, tell me, what did you learn at school today?"
"Well," said the boy, "to start with, I learned that my name is Sammie."

Driving Permit

A teenager had just gotten his driving permit. He asked his father, who was a Rabbi, if they could discuss the use of the car. His father took him to his study and said to him, "I'll make a deal with you. You bring your grades up, study the Torah a little and get your hair cut and we'll talk about it."

After about a month the boy came back and again asked his father if they could discuss use of the car. They again went to the father's study where his father said, "Son, I've been real proud of you. You have brought your grades up, you've studied your Torah diligently, but you didn't get your hair cut!" The young man waited a moment and replied, "You know Dad, I've been thinking about that. You know, Samson had long hair, Abraham had long hair, Noah had long hair, and even Moses had long hair...."

To which the Rabbi replied.... "Yes, and they WALKED everywhere they went!"



**August 2017
Religious Services**

August 4
Shabbat in the Park
Gathering 4:30 pm-6:30 pm
Service 6:30 pm

August 11
Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 pm

August 18
Pet Shabbat Service 6:00 pm

August 25
Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 pm

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