

# 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.

## New No Effort Temple Fundraiser

We are always looking for ways to earn money to fund our programs and upkeep. We are now part of Amazon Smile. When you login to Amazon using the information mentioned here, you go to the same Amazon online site, but Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchase price to Temple Beth-El.

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Chaverim,

One of the goals of any Rabbi is to find ways to bring our members together so that we can enjoy all of the aspects of Judaism. These gatherings take many forms. First and foremost of these are worship and study. In addition to our worship services, we have an Oneg Shabbat where we share a snack and socialize. It is often the case that the Oneg lasts longer than the time of the service. This doesn't surprise me either. We like to socialize, share our thoughts and just relax in the company of one another.

We have social events such as the wonderful get together this past week at home of Roni and Ronit Golan which is part of our ongoing series of social activities. Twenty plus people came to eat, have a glass of wine and socialize. A wonderful time was had by all in attendance. We also have developed a very loyal and often large group who share Jewish Study and food monthly with our Torah on Tap at a rotating list of area restaurants.

And of course, during the summer, we have many special Shabbatot such as City Market Shabbat where we pray at Roni Golan's State of the Art Gallery and then head to the market. We have our S'more Shabbat, our Dari Fair Shabbat, and of



*From Rabbi Binah Wing*

**On February 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm, we'll have a short service at Temple and then we will head over to Don Carter Lanes for two hours of bowling and fun!**

course, Shabbat in the Park.

Last year in the committee feedback during the process of my evaluation, many of the comments included how much these different formats for service and socializing are enjoyed. The one comment was that we have quite a few special Sabbath events in the summer but we need something for the winter. A follow up committee tossed around ideas and this month we're going to try something new.

Introducing our first ever, Bowling Shabbat!! On February 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm, we'll have a short service at Temple and then we will head over to Don Carter Lanes for two hours of bowling and fun! You don't have to be good. You just have to be willing to have some fun with fellow members of Temple. I'll probably want to be in a lane with the bumpers up. Not a bowler? Come and cheer everyone on. All the details are on page 8 of this bulletin. We have a limited number of lanes reserved so please RSVP if you know you are coming. I hope you will bring the family and participate with us as we try this new event.

We're open to other ideas that you might have for soon to become memorable Shabbat/ social events. Add your ideas to the list. Call me, text me or stop by and see me at Temple. I look forward to hearing your ideas.

On another note, a few months ago, we started the Ask the Rabbi section of the newsletter. We were off to a great start and had quite a few good questions to get us going. We haven't received any new questions in a while but I know they are out there. Please send me your questions by email or if you prefer to be anonymous, send them through the office and ask not to be identified. I promise that if there is something you want to know that someone else in the congregation probably would like to know also and everybody learns something.

Shalom,  
Rabbi Wing

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



The Temple board met on January 13<sup>th</sup>. Sharon's D'Var Torah was about Tu B'Shevat which is not mentioned in the Torah. We follow this holiday, the new year for the trees, because of Hillel.

Rabbi said the Hanukkah celebration went well, and the Partners for Faith distributed books to Spring Creek School. She attended a webinar about spiritual direction and enjoyed it. There will be 6 or 7 of these. Rabbi will be out of town from January 14<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup> and January 28<sup>th</sup> to February 2. Members of our Temple will conduct services.

Rob reported that we still have a negative balance in our budget, but reminded us that we haven't had our fundraisers yet. Rob discussed the 5-year plan with the board and right now we have a projected deficit for each year. He said that we should review the plan every 6 months and not panic about the projected deficit. Sharon reported that as of now we have 89 pledges totaling \$125,308. Since the stock market has lost about 7% since January 1<sup>st</sup>, the Foundation dropped dramatically this month, but if we look at the Foundation over a multi-year period we are still doing ok.

The fifth/sixth grade retreat is coming up and there will be 3 students attending. GRTY will be participating in a lock down, a musical program at Wesley Wil-lows and leading the Shabbat service on April 29<sup>th</sup>.

The Ways and Means committee may be bringing back an art auction and introducing a boutique/ bazaar as fundraisers this year. The first Food -A - Rama meeting was held, and everything seems to be on track. FAR is on May 18<sup>th</sup>. The rummage sale will be April 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup>.

The board discussed the information Jay Sklar brought about a security system for our building, and the board unanimously passed the motions needed to purchase and install the new system.

The Federation Campaign has collected \$25,100. The lox box fundraiser will be February 7<sup>th</sup>, and the Yom Hashoah Service will be on May 1<sup>st</sup>. The Federation will be working with the Temple on adult education programming. The Federation has a new website. It is <http://jewishrockfordil.org>.

## Brina's Bits

In a congregation like ours, and I'm sure like most congregations, the members are lucky enough to have many friends and acquaintances who we get to know and trust. Members and their teens act as baby sitters, take responsibilities of leadership and share in worship and study. We also know the people we can rely upon to take over and "get the job done" when called upon to do so.

Normally, when someone passes away in our Jewish Community, Nanci Soriano is the point person to help coordinate food for the meal after the service and Shiva. Not because she is elected to do this important function but because she steps forward and just does it. So, when we heard the sad news that Nanci's mother, Judy Goldman, had passed away, we knew we had to do things the way Nanci would have done it for others.

Rabbi Wing in Mexico for a family wedding, called upon Karen Zussman to do just that. Karen

emailed a group of people she could rely on to help with setting up tables and chairs. Karen contacted members of the congregation to help with the meal following the service. This group of people helped with getting tablecloths, wrapping silverware in napkins, brought desserts and drinks and made sure all the food was on the serving tables. After the meal, it was time to clean up and everyone stepped up. Then, many of the same people were at Nanci's house to make coffee and get ready for the Shiva service. So many stepped up and stepped forward for our fellow congregant.

All of us should be proud of our efforts both in times of need and also when helping with an Oneg, the Rummage Sale or Food-A-Rama. So, when you get a phone call or email, I hope you will step up and say yes. Even better, you could give the Temple a call and volunteer in the areas that you enjoy most. Our time is so valuable these days, and this congregation appreciates everyone who contributes a little of that time for the betterment of us all. Answer the call or give us a call. You won't be turned away, and your help will be greatly appreciated.

Brina

## And a good time was had by all...

Saturday, January 23rd, was our social night out at the Golans. Over 20 members enjoyed appetizers, desserts, wine and all manner of conversation.

This the third such social get together following events hosted by the Zussman Family and Pearlman Family.

The next social event will be during the summer. Watch for all the details.





# SCHOOL DAZE

200 Words or Less...

By Goldie & Adrian



School resumed in January after winter break. The students baked mandelbrot with Ronit making the whole building smell wonderful. Barbara Simon and Mitch Kopnick conducted music classes making the building sound wonderful. Sandy Simon helped the students decorate flower pots in which to grow tree seeds for Tu B'Shevat.

We had a Pizza Sunday on January 6. Thank you Melissa Tatman and Sandy Simon for helping us with this fundraiser which benefits religious school. Thanks to all who purchased pizza.

The fifth and sixth grade students will go to a small city retreat at OSRUI on February 5-7. They have a lot of fun and meet peers from other small cities.

Lastly, thank you to all who donate money to the Dermer and Garten Funds. We are able to award camperships and we can buy what we need to enhance education.

Keep Warm,

Goldie and Adrian



**Mazel Tov to .....Barbara and Jack Simon on the birth of their twin grandsons, Ezra and Max.**



## Justice Kathryn Zenoff-Rettig receives Frank Ware Award

Illinois Appellate Judge Kathryn Zenoff-Rettig received the 2015 Frank Ware Award of Excellence from United Way of Rock River Valley. The award recognizes a person who exemplifies a high level of excellence in service to others, human service advocacy and an unwavering commitment to the community. It honors the spirit of the late Frank Ware, long-time president and CEO of Janet Wattles Center, which merged with Rosecrance in 2011. Zenoff worked with Frank Ware to design, create and open a mental health court—called the Therapeutic Intervention Program (TIP) Court—in February 2005. She is the fifth recipient of the Frank Ware award since its inception in 2011. The selection process was led by a volunteer committee of community leaders.

Does anyone know what time it is?

## RUMMAGE TIME

(Sale dates April 14th, 15th and 17th)

We are now accepting  
rummage  
through April



Drop off your clothing,  
furniture, household items,  
etc. **NOW!**

We cannot accept Old TVs or computer monitors.

## February Oneg Committee

### February 5

Patty and Howard Kaufman  
Andrea and Mitch Busch

### February 12

Victoria and Greg Rozman  
Jon Rozman

### February 19

Barbara and Jack Simon  
Kathleen Kelly and  
Arnold Rosen

### February 26

No oneg

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



## TBE SOCIAL ACTION ON THE MOVE...

### SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE



Second semester of the school year is right around the corner! Students have already used up a good deal of school supplies from the start of the year.

The Social Action Committee of Temple Beth El would like to help Spring Creek Elementary School replenish these supplies.

Please consider donating some new school supplies to this worthy cause. There will be a box set up in the library for collections until mid-February. Some items that are always needed are: pencils, pens, spiral notebooks, notebook paper, solid colored folders, crayons, markers, etc. Monetary donations are always welcome (please leave in the office, with checks made out to Temple Beth-El).

Let's help our children in the community have a successful learning experience by being able to use some new school supplies this winter!

Any questions, please contact Faye Marcus:  
[fe.marcus@att.net](mailto:fe.marcus@att.net) or 815-877-4285.

## February Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Adults

Harvey Share 2/2  
Marissa Holmstrom 2/7  
Sherry Brownstein 2/10  
AJ Huss 2/11  
Ben Holmstrom 2/13  
Halle Rubin 2/13  
Amy Towne 2/13  
Josh Tatman 2/14  
Ellen Salley 2/15  
Michael Kaufman 2/17  
Michael Belinson 2/18  
Benjamin Levy 2/23  
Milly Kaplan 2/28

### Anniversaries

Kim & Harvey Einhorn  
2/15/86



### Children

Joshua Reid 2/9/07  
Dana Neva Wing 2/24/10

## 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 February 5**

Martin Hernandez  
Sam Hellman  
J.J. Harris  
Frank Bologna  
Jerome Morris  
Saul Weiss  
Patrick Weedman  
Isaac Goldman  
Herman Wolfson  
Donald Busch  
Jeffrey Mark Dryer  
Lilith Kornell  
Robert Ruthe  
Jules Cohen

## **Read February 12**

Vera Evans  
Robert Silverman  
Bernard Jacob Erinstein  
Isaac Grossman  
Alexander Lewin  
Louis Zenoff  
Alice Shaw  
Samuel Futerman  
Anne Saruk

## **Read February 19**

Emily Greenapple  
Joseph Mendeloff  
Dr. Adalbert Pap  
Henry Silverstein  
Erna Salomon  
Abraham Goldman  
Sheldon Franks  
Sandor Alt  
Irving Stern  
Abraham J. Zenoff  
Kay Foss  
Eleanor Weiss  
Carolyn Kaplan Jerome

## **Read Feb 26**

Daniel Brownstein Sr.  
Mamie Rosenbloom  
Donald Messinger  
Gussie Alt  
Edward Levitz

Bruce Polcek  
May Kobrin  
Leonard Shanhouse  
Dr. Joseph Roufa  
Ervin Fruchtnicht  
Eva Weiss  
Rabbi Abraham H. Feinberg  
Ellis R. Gardner  
Harold Stern  
Sam Simon



# **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**

### **Schaider Building Fund**

In memory of Samuel Levey  
In memory of Lori Kullens  
-Brina Grigg

In memory of Judy Goldman  
-Gerry Schaider

Deepest condolences to the entire Soriano/Goldman family on the loss of their mother and grandma  
Susan and Jay Kamin

### **Dermer Fund**

In memory of Samuel Levey  
Mazel tov to Barbara and Jack Simon on the birth of twin grandsons, Ezra and Max  
-Adrian and Jerry Grubb

In memory of Samuel Levey  
-Rose Gulatto

In memory of Judy Goldman  
-Harvey and Natalie Share

### **Garten Fund**

In memory of Samuel Levey  
In memory of Judy Goldman  
-Mary and Jim Gesmer

In memory of Samuel Levey  
Congratulations to Connie and Jerry Paris and Jean and Steve Geller on receiving the Distinguished Achievement Award from the Jewish Federation

In honor of the birth of Landon George Soriano

In memory of Lori Kullens  
-Fred and Ellen Dietz

In memory of Samuel Levey  
In memory of Judy Goldman  
Condolences to Laura Sage on the passing of her mother  
Congratulations to Alex Bagne on becoming a Bar Mitzvah  
-Faye Marcus

## **Landscaping Fund**

In memory of Samuel Levey  
In memory of Laura Sage's mother  
In honor of the birth of Jack and Barbara Simon's grandsons, Ezra and Max  
-Milly Kaplan

Congratulations to Barbara and Jack Simon on the birth of twin grandsons, Ezra and Max  
-Faye Marcus

## **Rabbi's Discretionary Fund Temple Youth Group**

In memory of Judy Goldman  
-Joan and Louis Soriano  
-Kathy and Arthur Rettig  
-Rose Gullato  
-Steven and Joy Schneider  
-Jackie and Len Bernstein  
-Barbara and John Holmstron

## **Sheldon Liebovich Fund**

In memory of Ray Abramson  
-Rosie and Chuck Hyman

## **CONDOLENCES TO:**

**Nanci and Marc Soriano and family on the loss of mother and grandmother, Judy Goldman**



# GRTY NEWS

Submitted by:  
Co-Presidents  
Jacob Kopnick and  
Emily Shore

Even though there haven't been many GRTY events lately, the executive board has been busy! Ben Kopnick, Health Awareness VP, continues to collect healthy recipes, quick exercises, and research to bring to the upcoming events. Our Media/Communications VP, Aaron Barenbaum, is excited to expand GRTY's social media presence. Co-Presidents Jacob Kopnick and Emily Shore took on the task of designing the GRTY clothing for the year and coordinating the service project. To connect our social/volunteer events to a religious point of view, Jamie Zussman, the Religious and Spiritual VP, has been working to write short readings about the Jewish faith. Last but not least, Adam Gesmer and Michael Kaufman, Membership VPs, have been making sure all of our new members feel comfortable.

On February 21<sup>st</sup> from 1-2:00 p.m., GRTY will be presenting a musical performance at Wesley Willows Senior Living Facility. To prepare for this event, we held a rehearsal on January 24<sup>th</sup> with Mitch Kopnick who has done two very special arrangements for us!!! Expect great pieces from Ben Kopnick on the cello, Jacob Kopnick on the violin, Noa Levy on the bass, Adam Gesmer on the French horn, Lauren Bear on the harp and Emily Bear on the piano. Jenna Glassman will be singing selections from Broadway musicals and the rest of GRTY will be adding their voices for some very special Jewish music. A special thank you goes out to Mary Shore and Mitch Kopnick who will be accompanying us on many of the

numbers.

Upcoming events include rehearsals on January 31<sup>st</sup> and February 14<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you there!



## Memorial and Tribute Donation Form



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☐ 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: \_\_\_\_\_

# Bowling Shabbat Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>



We will have a short service at Temple at 6:00pm  
followed by bowling  
at Don Carter Lanes 7:00 pm-9:00 pm  
(shoes and bowling included)

Food available for purchase

**SPACE IS LIMITED**

\*\*\*Call the Temple office (815-398-5020) or Rabbi Wing's cell to RSVP\*\*\*





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

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

*ture Ellen and Fred Dietz. 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!*

### **A LITTLE ABOUT OURSELVES:**

We met on a blind date when Fred (from the south side of Chicago) was a senior at the University of Chicago and Ellen (from Skokie) was a sophomore at Northern Illinois University. We dated for three years and married in June 1971. We came to Rockford in August 1978 with our two children, David and Andrea. Fred, a rheumatologist, began working at the Rockford Clinic, where he still works, while Ellen stayed home to raise the children. Later, Ellen returned to school for a Master of Science in Education and became a reading specialist, retiring in May 2014. Our son David is a Commander in the U.S. Navy (DC) and works as the Director of the Southwest Division in the Bureau of Primary Health Care in HRSA. He is married to Aniko, who is a director in the International Finance Corporation, an arm of the World Bank. They have two daughters, Lili and Annabella. Our daughter Andrea is a family nurse practitioner in pre-operative evaluation at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago. Her husband Jason is the head football coach at Maine West High School in Des Plaines. They have a daughter Ruby and a son Jaxon.

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

The most memorable moments would be David's Bar Mitzvah and Andrea's Bat Mitzvah, wonderful celebrations with family and friends from across the U.S. and Israel. Another very special event was the baby-naming of our granddaughter Ruby. We also shared a Jewish foreign exchange student from Sochi, Russia with Harvey and Natalie Share. Lena was confirmed the year she was staying with us. This was memorable and meaningful because her family could not practice Judaism.

### **FAVORITE JEWISH FOODS:**

Ellen's favorite Jewish food is mish mosh soup, a delicious combination of matzo ball, kreplach, kasha, noodles, and rice in chicken broth. Fred likes a combination corned beef and pastrami sandwich on rye. Both can be found and enjoyed at the Bagel in Skokie or Chicago.



### **OUR FIRST JOBS:**

Ellen was a junior camp counselor for the Skokie Park District during summer break from high school. Fred sold women's shoes at Maling Brothers while in high school.

### **SOME FAVORITE JEWISH/TEMPLE ACTIVITIES:**

For eleven summers, Fred was a camp doctor at OSRUI, a Reform Jewish camp in Oconomowoc, WI. Our children enjoyed being campers, and we enjoyed meeting educators and Rabbis from across the Midwest. Shabbat at camp was especially meaningful. At Temple, Fred chaired Adult Ed for many years and Ellen was a religious school teacher and has served on the Board twice, in addition to having chaired FAR and served as chairperson on many FAR committees. However, being members of Chaverah Mishpocha has been our most enjoyable Temple activity.

### **WHAT DO YOU DO FOR FUN?**

We enjoy reading, movies, plays and travel. We have been able to combine the last two when we travel to Niagara-on-the-Lake for the George Bernard Shaw Festival every summer. Of course, nothing is more fun than spending time with our grandchildren. We hope to take Lili and Annabella to Disney World some time in 2016 and Ruby and Jaxon at a later date.

### **TWO WEEKS AWAY FROM ROCKFORD:**

We would like to visit Israel, go on a river cruise in northern France and visit Great Britain.

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### **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.

**Don't Forget!**

## **Lox Box 2016**

Remember to pick up your Lox Box on

Sunday, February 7th between 10:00-noon. Delectable home-made items will be available for purchase and we will have our Raffle Baskets on display.



## Mitzvah Project

### Josh Zussman's Mitzvah project

**Providing Sporting Equipment for the Boys and Girls Club of Rockford**



Next March, I will be celebrating my Bar Mitzvah. Part of this special event is doing a Bar Mitzvah Project by doing something to give back to the community, or in Hebrew, perform *Tzedakah*.

For my Bar Mitzvah Project, I am collecting gently used/new sporting goods equipment and donating it to the Boys and Girls Club of Rockford. I am lucky enough to participate in sports throughout the year, and I would like other kids to have the same opportunity. The Boys and Girls Club helps approximately 7,000 kids in the Rockford area each year, and I would like to provide them with some equipment for their teams and after-school programs.

#### **Below is a list of possible donations:**

- Soccer balls
- Baseball equipment
- Basketballs
- Footballs
- Badminton equipment
- Youth Running Shoes in good condition
- Tennis equipment
- Hockey equipment

*(Or any other gear you think will make a child happy!)*

My mom and I would be happy to pick up the items at your home, or feel free to drop them off at our home, 2922 Applewood Lane, Rockford. If you prefer, monetary donations are always welcome (made out to the Boys and Girls Club of Rockford)!

Thank you so much for helping out this good cause,

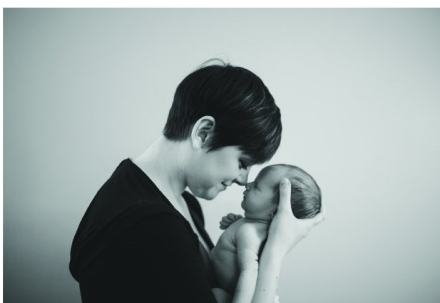
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Friends of Temple Beth-El

## It's a.... Car Mitzvah



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

Our car mitzvah donation program has earned over \$40000 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.**

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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## BRING ON THE BOOKS!

For the past eight years, the TBE Book Sale committee has been accepting your used and/or new books for listing online or for the Rummage Sale. To date **we have raised over \$18,000!**

We accept your donations throughout the year. There is a bin in the classroom hallway (to the right of the gift shop) for you to place your donations.

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# Coming Attractions

## March 2016

Sat. 12th Josh Zussman Bar Mitzvah

## April 2016

14th, 15th and 17th Rummage Sale

Sun. 17th Chocolate Seder

## 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

## July 2016

## August 2016

## September 2016

Sat. 17th Noa Levy Bat Mitzvah

## October 2016

## November 2016

## December 2016

## January 2017

## February 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

Feb. 21 Musical Performance by GRTY at Wesley Willows: noon – 2:00 p.m.

Feb. 26-28 JYG Kallah- OSRUI

Feb. 28 Movie Day: noon-2:00 p.m.  
BRING LUNCH

**\*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

Do you know of any unaffiliated Jews looking for a congregation?  
If so, contact Elisa Whitman, membership chairperson at 815-988-2134

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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.

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

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

Check it out!

## The Yiddish Corner

### Heder

*Cheder (rhymes with braider)*

Hebrew School

The parents took the first steps towards their son's Bar Mitzvah by enrolling him in the *heder* at the Synagogue.

## On the Lighter Side...

### Memories

Two very elderly Jewish ladies were enjoying the sunshine on a park bench in Miami. They had been meeting at that park every sunny day for over 12 years...chatting and enjoying each other's friendship.

One day, the younger of the two ladies turns to the other and says,...." Please don't be angry with my dear, but I am embarrassed. After all these years...what is your name? I am trying to remember, but I just can't."

The older friend stares at her, looking very distressed, says nothing for 2 full minutes and finally says....

"How soon do you have to know ?"

### Sunday School

The Sunday school teacher was carefully explaining the story of Elijah the Prophet and the false prophets of Baal. She explained how Elijah built the altar, put wood upon it, cut the steer in pieces and laid it upon the altar. And then Elijah commanded the people of God to fill four barrels of water and pour it over the altar. He had them do this four times.

"Now, said the teacher, "can anyone in the class tell me why the Lord would have Elijah pour water over the steer on the altar?"

A little girl in the back of the room raised her hand with great enthusiasm. "To make the gravy," came her enthusiastic reply.



## February 2016 Religious Services

February 5  
Family Shabbat Service 7:30 pm

February 12  
Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 pm

February 19  
Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 pm

February 26  
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 pm

### Temple Beth-El Leadership

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