

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.

Temple Adds New Position

By Jay Sklar As noted in the President's article, the Temple board in January approved the creation of a position called The Temple Facilitator. We have a very active, vibrant Temple and an active Congregation, but as many of us know, it is impossible to know everything. It is also difficult to volunteer to chair programs and committees because you aren't familiar with how they operate. We often aren't even sure how to get into the building during off hours and how to turn on or off some lights. The Facilitator is not a board position, a chairman or committee member, but an aid to all of these and more. Temple has been lucky to have a few people who, because of many years of participation, are more aware than others. The goal of this two year pilot program is to help volunteers and everyone else do their jobs more easily and with less work. We also hope that not reinventing the wheel every time we do a project, will also be more cost efficient. We will accomplish this by creating a data base of everything we do and how we do it. A very simple way to explain it is that we will create historical data on all of our events and "how to" information for basic operations to help you with your interactions with Temple.

The Facilitator will also be close by to answer questions and offer suggestions. I look forward to getting this program off the ground to the benefit of us all. I expect your calls and questions and will look forward to your feedback as we move forward. Please feel free to contact me anytime at 815.218.9106, templebethel1963@gmail.com or jayskl@aol.com.

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Chaverim,

In January, we witnessed, unfortunately, another terrorist attack against Jews, this time in Paris, France. When journalists were murdered at the Charlie Hebdo headquarters, many posted on social media "Je Suis Charlie" (I am Charlie) in solidarity. When just days later, Jews were killed at a kosher supermarket, there was hardly anyone, other than Jews, posting "Je Suis Juif" (I am Jewish). This may make us feel angry, abandoned and afraid. What, then, do we do about it? How do we react?

On Kol Nidre, I spoke on the topic of responding to Antisemitism. Here is, in part, something that I said: "If, as Jews, all we have is to hide away in darkness, then we have nothing. If our sole reason for existence is to fight off those who espouse hatred against us, then should that hatred go away, so goes our only purpose. In addition, by hiding away, we complete the Antisemite's work. We go away. Instead, we must remember the beauty and richness and holiness of this gift we have been given. Yes, friends, a gift. We must sing out loud. The voices of our tradition are strong and unyielding -- we are to be a light unto the nations. To forever let our light of truth and goodness, of ethical and moral teachings, be a guide for all of



From Rabbi Binah Wing

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humanity. We are bound by a powerful covenant which calls us to be partners with God in making this world a better place in which to live. For every single being on this wondrous planet. We can't be a light to the nations, fulfilling our destiny as a people, if the brightness never sees the light of day."

My point in that part of the sermon was simple. The way to respond to those who wish us harm is to live our Judaism even more out loud than before. The world needs the messages that we offer. We lose and the haters win when we shy away from being who we are.

Connected with that idea is the sermon that I delivered on Erev Rosh Hashanah – Be more Jewish. In that sermon, I encouraged everyone to engage more actively in their Jewish lives. One idea that I focused on was saying Kaddish.

The Jewish obligation is to recite Kaddish for your relatives yourself. Having your loved one's name read by strangers isn't enough. You must do it yourself.

And here we can then connect the two ideas. Our ancestors, distant and more recent, treasured their Jewish faith. We need to honor their memory and what they lived and died for by living more Jewishly. They said Kaddish for their relatives and we need to say Kaddish for them. It's one small way that we can continue to keep Judaism alive for the generations to come. It's a simple and easy way to allow the light of Judaism to continue to illuminate our world. I hope to see you at services soon.

Shalom,
Rabbi Wing

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From the Temple Board....

By Secretary Ellen Salley

The Temple board met on January 14th, 2015. The board listened to a phone conference presented by David Katowitz from the



URJ. The conversation was about how to interest more Temple members in leadership roles. With that idea in mind, the board voted to hire a Temple facilitator to place all the different aspects of the Temple on a computer data base. That way any member who might be interested in a position at the Temple can look up what that position includes. It would also contain information on simple things like how to turn off the Temple lights. The board hired Jay Sklar to be the facilitator.

Brina then called the meeting to order. Joel Rosenfeld will no longer be our Temple librarian. Anyone who is interested in the position may contact Brina. Joel is willing to help someone get started.

Rabbi will be attending a meeting at OSRUI for the faculty since she will be there this summer. She is also attending Midwest Association of Reform Rabbis conference in Scottsdale, Arizona. Members will be leading the Friday night services in her absence.

The Temple Passover Seder will be held on Saturday April 4th. Plans are underway for this event.

The Sunday school students enjoyed the Hanukkah party and the presentation about OSRUI given beforehand. If you haven't already done so, sign up for the Schnucks e-Scrip program by going to the service counter. The money goes directly to the Sunday School, and there is no cost to you. So far, the Sunday School receives about \$50 to \$60 a month.

GRTY celebrated Hanukkah at Shogun and had fun. The executive board received leadership training and found it informative.

We hope you enjoyed "Minute with a Member" in last months bulletin. Look for that column this month and see who is featured. Donations of school supplies or money for Spring Creek school will be collected until the end of January. Don't forget the social at the Zussman house on January 31st.

Food-a-Rama is beginning with an organizational meeting being held on January 28th. Finally, don't forget to continue to bring in your rummage for the March sale.

Brina's Bits

There may be a time when one of us might be asked to chair a committee or a fundraiser or asked to do something as simple as turning off the lights at Temple. When that person says "yes", and then realizes he/she doesn't know the first thing about the committee, the fundraiser or where the light switches might be, who can that person ask for help? At the January board meeting, the Temple Board approved a proposal for a new position. This position would be for a Temple Facilitator. The purpose of the Temple Facilitator would be to provide a "go to" person who can help members understand what they need to know about a position and to document the activities at Temple for future reference. It could be something as simple as being given instructions on turning the lights on and off. I am pleased to announce that Jay Sklar will be the Temple Facilitator. Jay has already proved to be the "go to" person for many of us. Please look for Jay's article in this edition of the bulletin. He will describe what he can do to help us to have a better understanding of how things work at Temple Beth-El.

I wanted to give a special thank you to Goldie Pekarsky and Sandy Simon for putting together a delicious Family Shabbat Dinner in early January. The service preceding the dinner was made very special by the readings from Josh Zussman and Lilly Wing. They read reports from their Religious School classmates on "What Makes Shabbat Special." Josh and Lilly's enthusiasm was especially welcome. Thank you to the many members who helped with clean up following the dinner.

See you soon,

Brina Grigg

We Need Volunteers!!



Mark your calendars!
Rummage Sale
March 26th,
27th and 29th

We are still accepting rummage through March

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

We cannot accept Old TVs or com-
puter monitors.

Thank you for your help!

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

SCHOOL DAZE

200 Words or Less...

By Goldie & Adrian



January seemed to fly by. Students created beautiful Kiddush cups and edible Torahs with Sandy Simon. They participated in music classes with Barbara Simon and Mitch Kopnick. We are very lucky to have these specialists. They enhance education and bring fun to Sunday mornings.

The Family Shabbat Dinner was January 16. Those in attendance enjoyed a delicious chicken and mostaccioli dinner. Thanks go to Andrea Levey, Sandy Simon and Karen Zussman for helping with the dinner.

We want to thank everyone who donated to the Garten Fund. We have enough funds this year to award all campership requests. We would appreciate your continued support of the Garten Fund. Providing camperships is an excellent investment in our youth and the future of our Jewish community.

Keep warm,
Goldie and Adrian

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Temple Beth-El Foundation

Planning to Update your Will? Please consider a bequest to the Temple Beth-El Foundation. The Foundation invests the funds that have been contributed to provide income for the future needs of our temple. This is a true legacy that will provide worship, education and enrichment activities in Rockford for future generations.

TEMPLE BETH-EL MINUTE WITH A MEMBER

Dear TBE Friends:

The bulletin this month will feature our first "Minute with a Member".

Please take a few moments to learn a bit more about Jim and Mary Gesmer and Family. Below are answers to a few questions. We hope you will enjoy getting to know them a little better!

TELL A LITTLE BIT ABOUT YOUR SELF:

Jim and Mary: lawyer and court reporter, met while Jim was an assistant state's attorney prosecuting a criminal who ran a chop shop (cut up stolen cars to sell parts). Mary was the court reporter for the judge during the trial. After a guilty verdict, the courtship began...now married for 22 years.

Three boys:
Aaron, 20 years old, student at UW Madison, majoring in computer science.

Adam, 15 years old, freshman at Guilford HS. Plays baseball and tennis year round.

Joe, 11 years old, 5th grader at Brookview. Plays

tennis and wants to learn how to play the violin.

Yogi, our spoiled 3-year-old cockapoo.

HOBBIES & INTERESTS: Anything sports related. We also love to travel, both domestic and international. Going to the movies and big fans of "The Walking Dead". We don't camp or fish. We also don't like clowns.

FAVORITE HOLIDAY: Passover. Matza ball soup. Looking forward to the warm weather and start of baseball season.

FAVORITE MOMENTS AT TBE: The unforgettable performance of the TBE men recreating the senior Olympic synchronized swimming, our wedding and our sons' Bar Mitzvahs. Also looking forward to Joe's Bar Mitzvah in 2016.

If we could take 2 weeks off from all responsibilities, we would travel to China, go to the ancestral villages and to the Great Wall. Jim would go to France and Israel.

LUCKY enough to have three generations all in Rockford, Jay and Louise Gesmer and Siu Ling.



February Oneg Committee

February 6

Patty and Howard Kaufman
Andrea and Mitch Busch

February 13

Connie and Jerry Paris
Michael Belinson

February 20

Barbara and Jack Simon
Kathleen Kelly and
Arnold Rosen

February 27

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.



February Birthdays & Anniversaries

Adults

Harvey Share	2/2
Marissa Holmstrom	2/7
John Thompson	2/7
Becky Schnaper	
Thompson	2/8
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

Children

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

Anniversaries

Kim & Harvey Einhorn	2/15/86
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KUGEL MAKERS NEEDED FOR FOOD-A-RAMA



Kugels are a very popular and profitable item at our Food-A-Rama fundraiser. Nanci Soriano has graciously agreed to head up a group to make kugels for this year's event. However, Nanci can't do it alone. Nanci has all the instructions and will advise how you can help prepare and then work as a team to put the kugels together in the Temple kitchen. Please call Nanci today at 815-654-7677 or e-mail her at Soriano.5@comcast.net to let her know she count on you. Food-A-Rama is our biggest fundraiser each year and requires the efforts of everyone.

The Temple Beth-El Gift Shop



GIFT SHOP HOURS

Monday—Friday, call the office

Sunday 10am - noon*

*Open Sundays when school is in session.

And 1/2 hour before 7:30 p.m. services

If you need to visit the shop at another time, please call the Temple office (398-5020), Milly Kaplan (877-5717) or Susan Rosenfeld (964-8642).

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 7

J.J. Harris
Henrietta Gesmer
Frank Bologna
Jerome Morris
Saul Weiss
Patrick Weedman
Isaac Goldman
Herman Wolfson
Jeffrey Mark Dryer
Lilith Kornell
Sarah Levy
Robert Ruthe
Fay Helfand
Margaret Schnaper Sidman
Vera Evans
Jules Cohen

Read February 14

Robert Silverman
Bernard Jacob Earnstein
Isaac Grossman
Alexander Lewin
Rhea Bork
Louis Zenoff
Alice Shaw
Samuel Futerman
Sam Hellman
Anne Saruk
Emily Greenapple
Joseph Mendeloff

Read February 21

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
Daniel Brownstein
Mamie Rosenbloom
Donald Messinger
Gussie Alt

YAHRZEITs cont.

Read Feb 28

Martin Price
Leonard Shanhouse
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

Benjamin Schaider Building Fund

Congratulations to Susan and Jay Kamin and Gerry Schaider on the birth of their granddaughter and great granddaughter, Maya
Speedy recovery to Gerry Schaider
In memory of Betsy Castellano
Congratulations to Lisa and Larry Pearlman on their marriage
-Milly Kaplan

Garten Fund

In memory of Betsy Castellano
Congratulations to Susan and Jay Kamin and Gerry Schaider on the birth of their granddaughter and great granddaughter, Maya
-Faye Marcus

Landscaping Fund

In memory of Betty Hertz
-Milly Kaplan

Jerome L. Woodruff Memorial Book Fund

In memory of Fred Marcus

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 camper-ships 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.

Opportunity to remember or honor someone special

If you would like to remember or honor someone special, please consider making a donation of \$65 to the J Woodruff Memorial Book Fund for the purchase of a Torah Commentary. The book purchased will contain a bookplate in the front of the volume commemorating your loved one for everyone who uses that volume to see. Send in your check or call the Temple office today.

GRTY NEWS

Submitted by: Co-President Emily Shore

The GRTY Exec Board started off 2015 with a very beneficial leadership meeting. On January 7th, the Exec Board met at Temple to learn all about the importance of communication and time management. For example, one of the activities was to write an everyday responsibility, such as homework, sports or chores, on a balloon. Then, we all stood in a circle and tried to keep all of the balloons in the air while bouncing them around. As you can probably guess, it was very difficult. This led us to the conclusion that balance and time management are keys to being successful. We also learned about stereotypes and how they can affect the way we view other people and ourselves.

On January 14th, the GRTY teens headed to Nanci's house for the annual Game Night/ Lock In. After a delicious potluck, the teens headed to the base-

ment for loads of fun. A ping-pong tournament was held, along with the traditional game of Family Feud



and an intense game of Scattergories. There were many laughs and memories; however, there was barely any sleep! The teens left very happy and tired. Upcoming events include Hamantaschen making on February 8th and service planning beginning on February 15th.



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: _____



McCain: Obama-Netanyahu relationship ‘worst ever’ The Arizona senator said that “no other president has had such a difficult relationship with the State of Israel since it became a country.”

Swastikas, ‘Hitler’ written on Mauthausen walls The graffiti was written with a felt pen and carved onto walls at the former concentration camp, which is now a memorial and museum.

German woman, 93, under investigation for role as SS guard Hilde Michnia, a former guard at the Bergen-Belsen and Gross-Rosen concentration camps, is accused of guarding a death march during which 1,400 of the 2,000 women died.

Teens picking fruit for needy in honor of Tu b'Shvat Youth movements throughout Israel will send teams of teens to pick excess fruit from trees in people's gardens for distribution to the needy in honor of Tu b'Shvat.

Cleveland Jewish News columnist, 98, retiring after 50 years Violet Spevack is believed to have written the longest continuously published weekly column in the country, according to the Cleveland Jewish News.

Jordan to return ambassador to Israel The envoy was withdrawn three months ago because of tensions on the Temple Mount and restrictions of Muslim worshippers.

Large Jewish cemetery in Warsaw is vandalized “Jews for slaughter” and the date 10.12.14 — the day Poland's Constitutional Tribunal ruled that the ban on ritual slaughter was unconstitutional — were spray-painted in red on the fence.

Haredi protesters arrested in Israel at demonstrations for draft dodger Hundreds protested in Ashdod, Jerusalem and elsewhere against the arrest of the yeshiva students, who did not appear at the army recruitment center as required by law.

For more information on these stories, visit the web site <http://www.jta.org/tags/breaking-new>

From the Temple Library

The following books have been added to the Temple Library....

Children Who Survived the Final Solution by Peter Tarjan, Universe, Inc. 2004 940.53/Tar
Twenty-six first person accounts collected from people residing in South Florida.

Concentration Camp Dachau 1933-1945 by Barbara Distel, International Dachau Committee, 1978 940.53/Dis
The catalog for visitors to the Dachau museum includes a timeline and documents that illustrate its history.

Ecology in the Bible by Nogah Hareuveni, Neot Kedumim Inc, 1997 956.94/Har
Passages from the Torah and commentary help illustrate the Biblical Landscape Reserve in Neot Kedumim, Israel.

The Jews in the Twentieth Century: an Illustrated History, by Martin Gilbert, Schocken, 2001 909.04924/Gil
A richly illustrated review of events of the last century — pogroms, immigration, holocaust, Israel, etc.

The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich by William Shirer, Brompton Books, 1987, 943.046/Shi
Shirer's classic history of Nazi Germany is abridged and illustrated in this reprint.

For the kids

The Harmonica by Tony Johnston Charles-bridge, 2004 E/Joh
His father's gift helps keep a Polish boy able to survive the Holocaust.

In God's Hands by Lawrence Kushner and Gary Schmidt, Jewish Lights, 2005 E/Kus
The needs of a rich man and a poor man are met together as a miracle in a story inspired by ancient midrash.

A Mezuzah on the Door by Amy Meltzer, Kar-Ben, 2007 E/Mel

CONGREGATION OHAVE SHOLOM

Board of Directors Congregation Ohave Sholom 1203 Comanche Dr. Rockford, IL 61107

Dear Friend:

This letter is being sent to you as someone whose family may have established a heartfelt and tangible link to our congregation. Congregation Ohave Sholom has relocated to a significantly smaller location. The Congregation came to the painful decision that we are no longer able to display our Memorial Boards. The Congregation is having each memorial plaque photographed and will be placing a beautiful and respectful Memorial Book in our sanctuary. We are in the process of finding relatives of the individuals that have been memorialized at Ohave Sholom. If you believe that we may have a memorial plaque for a member of your family, please contact Ohave Sholom at 815-226-4900 or Ohavesholom@aol.com.

Ohave Sholom does not have the resources to pay postage for the several hundred Memorial Plaques that we have. We are asking that you pick up the plaque, pay for postage or make other arrangements.

All Memorial Plaques which have not been requested by June 1, 2015 will, regretfully, have to be melted down.

Ohave Sholom Memorial Plaques

Abarbanel Miriam	Brenner Max	Goldberg Louis	Landau Ernst	Pinchas Yehudit Bat	Trutiner Judith
Abarbanel Abraham Morris	Brilliant Sarah	Goldenberg Julius	Lashinsky Ben	Plotkin Louis	Verson Nathan
Abram Zisu	Brilliant Sarah	Goldenberg Anna	Lashinsky Mary Rose	Raphael Tzvi Bat	Warshawsky Joseph
Abramovitz Jacob	Bruch Ernest, PhD,	Goldenberg Moses	Leber Philip	Reback David	Warshawsky Mollie
Abramovitz Mathilda	MD	Goldenberg Chana	Leber David	Rose Sam	Warshawsky Esther E
Abrams Bertha	Buch Morris	Goldenberg Abraham M.	Leber Philip	Rose Sam	Warshawsky Sidney
Bar Chaim Yehuda Yosef	Burstein Sol	Goldman Hattie	Levin Hyman	Rosenzweig Golda	Weinstein Benjamin
Bar Dov (hebrew) Avi	Busch Genevieve	Goldman David	Levin Fana	Rosenzweig Harold	Weinstein Rachel
Bar Minchas Yitzhak Mendel	Busch Marston H.	Goldman Anna	Levin Hirsch Nahum	Rothstein Mary	Weinstein Benjamin
bar	Bush Marion	Goldman Edward	Levin Morris	Rothstein Harry	Weinstein Rachel
Bashin Gussie	Bush Marion	Gordon Esther	Levin Morris	Rubin Sadie Kirschner	Weisbard Sima
Bat Avraham Yitzhak Esther	Buxaum Ruth	Gordon Harry	Levinson Rosalie Y.	Rubin Isadore	Wolfson Sam
Etta	Buxbaum Dr. Henry	Gordon Sarah	Levinson Harry L.	Rubin Goldie	Wolfson Ida
Bat Joseph Gitel	Buxbaum Rebecca	Gordon Louis	Lewis Albert	Rubin Jacob	
Becker Jean	Buxbaum Howard B	Gordon Isaac	Lewis Moly Louise	Rubin Harry S	
Becker Rachel	Cohn Eugene Selig	Gordon Judith	Liebling Marcus	Rubin Julie D.	
Becker Isaac	Cohn Loretta	Gordon Joe	Liebling Marcus	Rubin Dora	
Behr Joseph	Coren A. Harry	Gordon William Joe	Liebling Abraham	Rubin Hiram	
Bernhardt Hyman Isaac	Coren Bess	Greenberg Harry	Liebling Clara	Savelson Joseph	
Bernhardt Frances Rae	Dannen Sarah	Henkin Goldie	Liebling Max	Schreiber Samuel I.	
Bernhardt Rebecca	Dannen Max	Henkin Alexander	Liebling Leona	Schreiber Esther Sarah	
Bernhardt Hyman Isaac	Dermer Jennie	Henkin Dr. Aaron	Liebovich Joseph	Schreiber Rose	
Bernhardt Frances Rae	Dermer Pinchas	Henkin Molly	Liebovich Belle	Schreiber Max L.	
Bernhardt Rebecca	Dermer Belle B	Horewitch George	Liebovich Sheldon	Schreiber Joe E.	
Bernstein Henretta	Dermer Jack L.	Kaplan Jack Gershon	Liebovich Bessie	Schreiber Ben	
Bernstein Henrietta	Dermer Nathan	Katz Herbert C	Liebovich Louis	Schwartz Rose	
Bernstein Isaac	Donenberg Harry	Katz Ervin J.	Liebovich Harry	Seravitz Morris	
Bernstein Ethel Krupka	Ellman Jennie	Katz Molly	Linsky Sharon Gail Pekarsky	Seravitz Kate	
Bernstein Joseph	Ellman Louis P.	Kiwaiko Bernard	Losice Elke	Shugrue James	
Bernstein Fannie	Esrick Joseph	Kiwaiko Nida	Losice Nathan	Silver Muriel	
Bernstein Isadore	Ettinger Marcus	Klang Elsie	Meister Nechama	Silver Louis	
Berstein Grace	Ettinger Jeanette	Klopman Etta Helen	Meister Nechama	Silver Dorothy	
Biel Morry Israel	Flasberg Rebecca	Kobrin Morrie	Mestechkin Max	Sklar Morris W.	
Biel Esther	Fox Max	Kobrin Nathan	Mild Louis H.	Slive Harry A	
Biel Phillip	Fox Celia	Kohler Bessie	Miller Joseph	Slive Esther	
Bielawski Meyer Wolf	Franks Judah	Kominsky Morris	Miller Helen E	Sloan Lillian	
Bielawski Sarah Frieda	Franks Esther	Kominsky Ida	Miller Julius	Sperling David Saul	
Blankfield Sam H.	Franks Carl	Kominsky Irving	Mintz Marshall	Sperling David Saul	
Block Jacob	Friedberg William	Kristal Nathan L	Mintz Julius	Stern Israel Tzvi	
Block Anna	Friedberg Mildren	Kuller Rebecca	Nathan Joseph H.	Stern Abraham	
Blumenthal Bessie	Gersten Samuel	Kuller Benjamin	Nathan Ida Pritikin	Stern Fayge	
Bower Sarah	Gold Leon	Kupperman Lillian B.	Nemetz Henry	Tagrin Joseph	
Bower Otto	Goldberg Samuel	Kwass Mayer	Paley Ida	Tagrin Molly	
Boxerbaum Harry	Goldberg Lillian	Kwass Bertha	Paley Samuel	Tepper Rabbi Irving	
Boxerbaum Ida	Goldberg Eliyahu	Kwass Isadore	Pekarsky David	Tropper Dina Leah	
				Trutiner Mendel	

Rockford Diversity Film Festival

Three Sundays in March 2015
Showings at 3:00PM

\$5 Per Film

To Purchase Tickets
call 815-399-5497

THREE SUNDAYS = THREE MOVIES!



Two Who Dared: The Sharps' War (2013)

Documentary
1 hour 16 minutes

March 8, 2015

Unitarian Universalist Church
4848 Turner Street
Rockford, IL 61107

Few know about Martha and Waitstill Sharp, the two Unitarian Universalists who understood what it took to be upstanders in their own time. This is a story of moral courage, an interfaith story, a piece of seldom learned WWII history, and an iconic story of the core Unitarian Universalist values that guided Marsha and Waitstill in their first actions alongside the UU Service Committee and Varian Fry. Our vision with the film is to inspire and empower the next generation of activists in the model of Martha and Waitstill Sharp; to encourage individuals to dare to fight social injustice, knowing that it all begins with belief and conviction.

The Yankles (2009)

1 hour 55 minutes

March 15, 2015

U of I College of Medicine at Rockford
1601 Parkview Ave.
Rockford, IL 61107

The Yankles is about Charlie Jones, a professional baseball player released from the Los Angeles Spirits because of a drinking problem. Upon Charlie's parole from prison after serving time for his third drunk driving conviction, he endeavors to serve 192 hours of mandatory community service coaching baseball. To his dismay, however, he is shunned by mainstream society due to controversy surrounding his early parole and prior convictions. He soon discovers that the only people willing to give him a second chance are a group of Jewish, orthodox yeshiva students who formed the Yankles, an upstart baseball team. With his help, they strive for success on the field, while Charlie works to rebuild his reputation and make amends.

Hava Nagilah (2012)

Documentary
1 hour 13minutes

March 22, 2015

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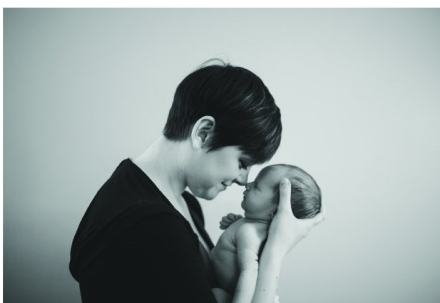
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Sun. 8th Purim Carnival at TBE
 Sun. 8th Film Festival "Two Who Dared" 3:00 at Unitarian Church
 Fri. 13th GRTY led service
 Sun. 15th Film Festival "The Yankees" 3:00 at The College of Medicine
 Sun. 15th TBE Rummage Set-Up 9-12
 Sun. 22nd Film Festival "Hava Nagila" 3:00 at The College of Medicine
 Thur. 26th- 27th, 29th Rummage Sale

April 2015

Sat.. 4th Passover Seder
 Sun. 12th Holocaust Remembrance Day
 Sat. 18th Madeleine Libman Bat Mitzvah

May 2015

Sun. 3rd Israel Day
 Wed. 20th Food-A-Rama

June 2015

July 2015

August 2015

September 2015

October 2015

November 2015

Sat. 21st Aron Tatman Bar Mitzvah

December 2015

January 2016

February 2016

GRTY 2014-2015 Calendar

Feb. 1 What to Expect the first year at College-part 2-Noon – 2:00 p.m. at Temple. (Juniors and Seniors only!)
 Feb.8 Hamantaschen Making- noon- 2:15 at Temple-Parents needed
 Feb 15 Service Planning Session #1 Noon-2:00 p.m. at Temple- Bring lunch
 Feb. 22 Service Planning Session #2—Noon – 2:00 p.m. Bring Lunch
 2/27- 3/1 JYG Kallah- OSRU—
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9-12 graders: \$40 (2nd child \$25)

NFTY on line Registration:
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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.

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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

kibitzer

KIB-ITZ-er

Someone who comments from the sidelines, offers un-asked for advice, wisecracks, distracts through irritating patter.

That man is such a kibitzer, I almost hate to be around him.

On the Lighter Side...

A sickly patient went to her doctor's office where she underwent a complete physical exam.

The doctor said, "I have some very grave news for you. You only have six months to live."

The patient asked, "Oh doctor, what should I do?"

The doctor replied, "Marry an accountant."

"Will that make me live longer?" asked the patient.

"No," said the doctor, "but it will SEEM longer."

Q: What do you call the steaks ordered by ten Jewish men?

A: Filet minyan.

Q: What kind of cheese melts on a piece of matza to make a passover pizza?

A: Matzareello

Q: Did you hear about the Jewish Mother cash machine?

A: When you take out some money, it says to you, what did you do with the last \$50 I gave you?

Q: Define: Genius

A: A "C" student with a Jewish mother.

Two Boys

A Catholic boy and an Jewish boy were talking and the Catholic boy said, "My priest knows more than your Rabbi."

The Jewish boy said, "Of course he does, you tell him everything."



February 2015 Religious Services

February 6

Family Shabbat Service 7:30 pm

February 13

Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 pm

February 20

Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 pm

February 27

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 pm

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