



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 to Work with Artist Ensemble

Temple Beth-El will be working with Richard Raether and Artists Ensemble at Rockford University on the play "Visiting Mr. Green" which will be performed in May of 2016. The play is about an elderly Jewish Man and his interaction with a much younger Jewish Man that results in discussions about being gay, Jewish dietary laws, the disowning of family members, death and grief and other thought provoking subjects. Rabbi Wing will be taking part in classes as well as a welcome to the audience. Goldie Pekarsky will coach the two Milwaukee actors in the nuances of the language they will be delivering. A program including the actors, is being considered for an adult education program here at Temple. Group tickets are also being arranged for members to see the play. Watch for more in the upcoming months.

**"Visiting
Mr. Green"
May 2016**

Chaverim,

Happy Secular New Year! With the arrival of the new year, we tend to think about new beginnings. We make resolutions, decide what we'd like to change and sometimes, we even make actual changes. Of course, we Jews have already done this at Rosh Hashanah but because we live in the secular world as well, we get the chance to do it again at this time of year. Most people tend to think of goals such as weight-loss, job changes, becoming more organized. Other goals include being more compassionate and patient towards others or even being more loving with our families.



From Rabbi Binah Wing

There is a Jewish practice that can aid us in many of these latter goals – Shabbat. Shabbat is more than coming to services on Friday night or Torah Study on Saturday morning, though these activities help to enhance our good feelings about Shabbat. Shabbat can be a time where we rest our souls for a bit. I find this to be more and more important during these tense and hectic times. Taking the rest that Shabbat offers us can help make us kinder, more compassionate and even more patient human beings. As we think about new beginnings, let us reflect also on one of the basic tenets of Judaism.

A few years ago, I spoke about how to add a little Shabbat to our lives during one of my High Holy Day sermons. In that sermon, I introduced 10 simple ideas to help us all do this. They're easy and you don't have to do all of them. But it is a good start.

1. Avoid technology – Take a break, even a few hours from the screens

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2. Connect with loved ones – While the screens are down, have a real conversation with a loved one. Or, use the screen to call someone. We often mean to call our loved ones but don't.
3. Nurture your health – Do something good for your body. Maybe it's exercise, maybe it's a nap. Maybe it's taking the time to make a meal instead of drive up to one.
4. Get outside – Get some fresh air and feel natural day light on your face.
5. Avoid commerce – Try and concentrate on that which cannot be purchased.
6. Light candles – It doesn't have to be every week. Just grab the pretty set you have sitting on your shelf and use it every now and then. Even if you blow the candles out an hour after lighting them, just light them sometimes.
7. Drink wine – Wine has always been a special part of Jewish traditions. Feel free to substitute grape, or the juice of your choosing.
8. Eat bread – Enjoy a little bit of Shabbat carbs. Gluten-free if you must.
9. Find silence – This is easiest if you follow rule #1 about technology. Find yourself some space.
10. Give back – Perhaps nothing refreshes your soul like giving freely to others. Our lives are filled with many blessings. Passing those on to others feels good.

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As we embark on this year 2016, I hope that you will take the time to add a little Shabbat into your lives. May the New Year be one of peace, health and blessing.

Shalom,
Rabbi Wing

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



The Temple board met on December 9th, and we started our meeting by lighting the Hanukkah candles. Andrea did our D'Var Torah which was based on the story of Joseph. When the famine hit and Joseph's brothers went to Egypt to find food, they didn't recognize Joseph. Andrea said that you need to accept the things that happen to you and that everything happens for a reason. She said people will be rewarded for their good actions and should always try to make the best of what happens.

Rabbi reported that, due to the weather, Aron Tatman's Bar Mitzvah needed to be moved to the afternoon. After a group effort, the Bar Mitzvah went well, and Aron did a great job. She felt that we should have a set policy for bad weather. The board decided that if there is a severe storm warning of any kind one hour before a Temple event everything will be cancelled. Rabbi explained that the Artist Ensemble is doing a play called Visiting with Mr. Green. She thought we could go as a group and could make this one of our adult education programs. Richard Raether would be willing to come to our Temple to talk about the play. Goldie is also helping the actors with their "Jewishness."

Rob reported that we still have a negative balance in our budget, but reminded us that we haven't had our fundraisers yet. The Foundation had a small gain of .12% this month. The finance committee met with the Foundation's advisor and was very pleased with the way our money is being managed and invested.

About 40 members were signed up for the Hanukkah dinner. The Religious Functions committee is still planning to go bowling after a Shabbat service in January or February. The Sunday School students will participate in a Hanukkah party and listen to Jerry Kaye talk about OSRUI. GRTY did puppy washing, had their Hanukkah party and plan on helping at the soup kitchen. They are also bringing peanut butter to donate to Backpack Buddies.

Ways and Means is still brainstorming new fundraisers. We will be participating in Amazon Smiles in late January or early February. The first Food-A-Rama meeting will be held on December 16th.

Jay Sklar had PC Tech come in and look at the computers in the lab. They should be in better working condition now. He also spoke with Spinello Locksmith about better security for our Temple. They gave us their plan. The board felt we should get another quote before a decision is made.

The Federation Campaign has already collected \$12,400 so far. The lox box fundraiser will be February 7th this year.

Our next social will be held at the Golans' house on January 23rd.

Brina's Bits

As you are reading this article in the January 2016 Temple Beth-El Bulletin, I am thinking about how fast the past two years of my term as President of our Temple

have passed. I am looking forward to the challenges and rewards in the remainder of my term. Beginning on July 1st, Jim Gesmer will be elected President and follow in the footsteps of many great prior presidents including his father, Jay Gesmer.

As we look forward to 2016 at Temple Beth-El, the calendar is filling up with exciting events. Ronit and Roni Golan are hosting a "Warm-Up Night" with TBE Friends on January 23rd from 7-10 p.m. at their home. It will be an enjoyable adult evening. Look for the information about this special night in this bulletin.

The Adult Education Committee is planning some entertaining and educational programs. On March 12, 2016, we will celebrate Josh Zussman's Bar Mitzvah, followed by the Rummage Sale the 14th, 15th and 17th of April. Jack Holmstrom's Bar Mitzvah is May 7th, and Food-A-Rama is May 18th. On September 17th, Noa Levy will become a Bat Mitzvah.

As you can tell, we have much to look forward to in the coming year. Along with our Simchas and Fund Raisers, there is something else that we need to discuss. Looking through old Temple Bulletins, I came across an article written by Barry Mendeloff dated January 2013. In his article, he talked about the tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary School. Now, we are reflecting on the occurrence in San Bernardino.

While Temple Beth-El has had no direct threats, we have discussed the security of our building and the safety of those that come, go and spend time in our building. The Temple Board has approved changes that will create more security while we are at Temple and while the building is vacant. Jay Sklar, Rabbi Wing and I met with members of the Jewish Federation and Ohave Shalom to discuss our plans. Once the changes are completed, I will present these changes to the congregation. It is always our goal to provide a warm, inviting and safe place for our members and guests.

I hope you have a happy, healthy New Year.
See you soon,
Brina

For the last two months, I've been answering a couple questions about "choreography" during prayer,

such as bending our knees, bowing, etc. Last month, we talked about bending and bowing at the beginning of the Tefilah or Amidah prayer. Let's continue with another part of that prayer – the Kedusha, which speaks of God's holiness. During the morning version of this prayer, we sing "Kadosh, kadosh, kadosh," "Holy, holy, holy." You may have seen some people rise up on their toes three times at each mention of the word, "Kadosh." This is based on a vision of the prophet Isaiah who saw a vision of God surrounded by angels. Rising on one's toes, imitates the actions of the angels as they praised God. Another interpretation is that it is a symbolic lifting of the spirit (Shulkhan Aruch).

One last bit about choreography. You may remember from last month that the Tefilah is modeled after the way in which a person would approach a king with a request in the ancient world. The king had tremendous power and one needed to approach the king with respect and humility. One would begin by taking three small steps backwards and then three small steps forward, symbolically and formally, entering the presence of the king. So too at the beginning of the Tefilah, during the words "Adonai s'fatai..." "Adonai, open up my lips..." you might see someone taking three small steps backwards and then forwards as a way to enter into God's presence in a more formal way. At the end of one's address before the king, in the ancient world, one would symbolically and formally take their leave from the king by taking three small steps back and bowing in several directions. In a traditional prayer service, the Amidah is prayed silently while standing, all the way through Oseh Shalom (which we sing after silent prayer but before the Torah service begins.) Then, just before they sit down, they take three small steps

Ask Rabbi Wing



SCHOOLE DAZE

200 Words or Less...

By Goldie & Adrian



We had a wonderful last Sunday school session before break on December 13! Jerry Kaye, director of OSRUI Jewish camp in Oconomowoc, WI, was our special guest. The students greeted him with special schmaltzy corny knock knock jokes all related to Jerry and camp. I think some of them may appear online on the OSRUI camp site!

We watched the newest camp video, and Jerry answered any questions we had about camp. Students took home camp brochures to share with parents. At some point, we hope all students get a chance to experience this magical place called OSRUI!

Please contact Goldie for any info regarding camperships from Temple Beth-El and the Jewish Federation. OSRUI also offers monetary help once local resources have been contacted.

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Our Chanukah celebration morning continued with a wonderful Jewish star craft and an edible menorah project led by Sandy Simon and Laurie Adelman. The morning ended with a terrific meal, our annual Pancakes for Parkinson's lunch in memory of past congregant Sterne Roufa. Head chef, Ronit and her helpers had us all feasting on delicious latkes, Israeli filled doughnuts, hotdogs, salad and all the trimmings while donating to a good cause!! It was terrific to see Sterne's children and grandchildren joining in our special morning to remember their Dad and Grandpa. Thanks to the Jewish Federation and Temple Beth-El for sponsoring this event.

Have a lovely winter break and enjoy the mild winter weather...so far! Hebrew school resumes on Jan. 6 and Sunday School on January 10th.

Till next time, Shalom!

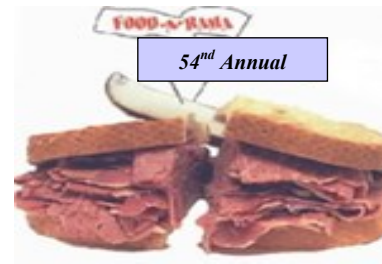
backwards, bow to the left, right and center, symbolically taking their leave. Over time, as worship styles changed, some people moved that motion to the very end of the worship service, namely the final line of the Mourner's Kaddish at the end of the service. So you may see someone taking three steps back and bowing at that place too. So, that's all for now on choreography in prayer. Hope to hear more of your questions soon!

Please email your questions to:
templebethel1963@gmail.com

The Rabbi will answer your questions and maybe use them in sermons or other discussions as well.

We will not publish the names of the people who submit the questions, but will make sure that those who submit the questions will get the answer.

Food-A-Rama Committee Meeting Wednesday, January 6th 6:30 pm



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Andrea Levey

January 8

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Marsha Barenbaum

January 15

Andrea and Brian Bear
Merle Langs
Norma Polcek

January 22

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January 29

Jana and David Ahles
Andrea Levey

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 or 815-877-4285.

January Birthdays & Anniversaries

Adults

Eric Marcus 1/3
Elisa Whitman 1/4
Diana Behr 1/9
Jordan Towne 1/10
Daniel Cohen 1/14
Jeffrey Lash 1/15
John Holmstrom 1/16
Jonathan Simon 1/17
Alex Bagne 1/18
Benjamin Bear 1/19
Laura Kamin 1/19
Madilyn Reid 1/19
Lisa Kopnick 1/20
Jonathan Rozman 1/20
Rachel Bagne 1/23
Lisa Marcus 1/26
David Deutsch 1/26
Joshua Weiss 1/27
Howard Weiss 1/30
Benjamin Ahles 1/30

Connie Paris

1/31

Children

Anniversaries
None



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)

YAHRTZEIT 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 Jan 1

David S. Gesmer
Emilia Pap
Joseph Weiner
Maurice Froelich
George Seidler
Mikel Frankel
Morris Kobrin
Barbara Pearlman

Read Jan 8

Michael Gary Raffle
David Merrill Frazin
Johanna Gustafson
Robert Adelman
Abraham Fischer
Phyllis Slobard
Abram Patlove
Frances Skora

Read Jan 15

Alex Lazarus
Elbert Bagus
Amy Susan Raskin
Bob Goldman
Albert Tobias
Gussie Slavinsky
Morton Einhorn
Leon Gross
Fred Rick
Lenore I. Shanhouse
Lillian C. Busch

Read Jan 22

Sidney Rettig
Dorothy Zenoff
William Shanhouse
Bernard Cohen
Julius Zweig
Henrietta Gesmer
Harry Feinstein
Abraham Shussin
Louis Sanders
Martin Toder
Jean Toder

Read January 29

Louis Levy
Sarah Levy
Herman Saruk
Arnold Powell
Fay Helfand
Harold Fusch
Clara Cohen Zweig
Michael A. Dermer
Betty Hertz
Rose Share
Herman Gudema
Rhea Bork



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.



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In memory of Sherine Frazin
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In memory of Lori Kullens
-Milly Kaplan

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In memory of Walley Peters
In memory of David L. Hilman
-Marian Peters

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.

CONDOLENCES TO:

**Mike Kullens,
on the passing of his wife,
Lori Kullens,**

**Rabbi Lester Frazin,
on the passing of his wife,
Sherine**

**and to
Andrea Levey on the passing
of her father, Samuel**

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☐ Sachs ☐ Liebovich Fund
☐ Other: _____

GRTY NEWS

Submitted by:
Co-Presidents
Jacob Kopnick and
Emily Shore

GRTY had a very festive yet rewarding December! The youth group kicked off the holiday season the right way by having their annual Laser Quest and Shogun Hanukkah Party. The teens played two exhilarating games of laser tag which was followed by a hibachi dinner at Shogun. And, of course, the GRTYites exchanged gifts with their Secret Maccabees to help celebrate the festival of lights. The next event on the schedule was the infamous NFTY Winter Kallah. A few GRTY-ites travelled to OSRUI in Oconomowoc, WI where they engaged in a jam packed weekend of meeting

by Ronit Golan. It was a truly rewarding experience that helped feed lots of hungry people!

This year, the service project GRTY will be focusing on is Backpack Buddies. Around 27.2% of children living in Winnebago County are living in poverty, so Backpack Buddies' mission is to lessen the consequence of chronic childhood hunger in low-income elementary school children in the Rockford area. Throughout the year, GRTY will be learning all about this program, holding food drives and informing the congregation and the community about how they can help, too. For our Chanukah party, GRTY collected 30 jars of peanut butter to donate. Way to go, GRTY!



fellow Jewish teens and participating in exciting social action programming.

NFTY is the National Federation of Temple Youth, and its members are Jewish teens all across the United States. GRTY is part of the Northern region of NFTY where they hold four retreats or Kallah's each year. Lastly, GRTY helped give back to the community by volunteering at the Soup Kitchen, led

Upcoming events include the GRTY Lock In / Game Night / Pot Luck at the Soriano's house on January 16th and bowling at Forest Hill Lanes with teens from Healing Pathways, the cancer resource center, on January 24th.

Have a great New Year!



TEMPLE BETH-EL MINUTE WITH A MEMBER

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

*feature the Connie and Jerry Paris. 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 bit more!*

Tell a little about yourself and family: Jerry and I moved to Rockford 40 years ago from Skokie. It was truly a culture shock, but we adjusted well and found it a great place to live and raise a family. Because there are fewer Jewish people here, you kind of have to try harder to make it work. On the other hand, the community is very close knit, which we love. Our daughter Rachel was 3 years old when we moved here and Brad was born in Rockford. Nowadays, we enjoy being grandparents---Rachel has 2 boys and Brad has 3 girls. Our first grandson's bar mitzvah is this March, and we are very excited.

What do you do for fun? We enjoy golf, walking, biking and, more recently, have discovered pickle ball!!

A memorable moment at TBE: Memorable times for us at TBE were the bar and bat mitzvahs of our children plus the 100-year anniversary celebration.

Favorite movies : We love to go to the movies and pretty much see them all. Our favorite ones are about WWII or anything where good conquers evil.

Your motto in life: We both would like to leave the world a better place than we found it. That is what inspires us. If we won the lottery, we would fund those things that perpetuate our value systems and, of course, leave some to our family.

If you could take two weeks off from all your responsibilities, where would you go and what would you do? We've always wanted to visit



Israel and had a chance to do so in 1985 where Rachel also had a bat mitzvah on Masada. One of the highlights of our traveling days was the African safari with Chuck and Milly Kaplan. It was a once in a lifetime experience. I'm so glad that we did it, but I wouldn't go again during these crazy times.

What is the biggest challenge you have ever faced: One of the toughest things we've ever had to deal with was my bout with breast cancer. That's something I'd also rather not do again, but we are very grateful for the help of wonderful doctors, 2 of which are Temple members.

What was your favorite job: Connie's favorite job is what I'm doing now ---being a realtor and helping people with one of the biggest decisions of their life - buying or selling a home.

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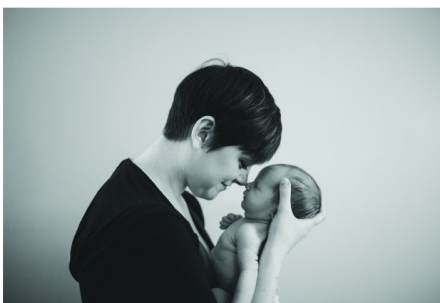
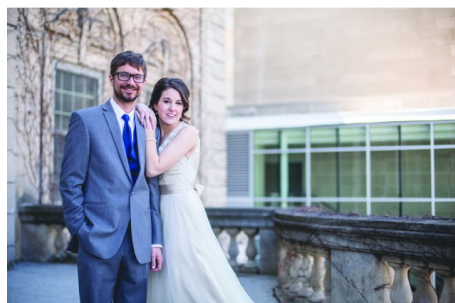
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Please contact the new manager at 815-962-7914 and he will insure that Temple is properly rewarded. If you have any questions, please call Jerry at 815-222-6016.

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February 2016

Sat. 6th Lox Box Set-up

Sun. 7th Lox Box Sunday

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

July 2016

August 2016

September 2016

Sat. 17th Noa Levy Bat Mitzvah

October 2016

November 2016

December 2016

January 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

Jan. 10 Exec. Board Meeting: noon-1:30 p.m.

Sat. Jan. 16 Lock In / Game Night/Pot Luck—6-10 p.m. 7-8 grades /H.S. teens may stay until 9:30 a.m. on Sun. at the Soriano's

Jan. 24 Bowling- Forest Hill Lanes:
7742 Forest Hills Rd., Loves Park 12-2:00 pm

*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 (2nd child \$20)
9-12 graders: \$40 (2nd child \$25)

NFTY on line Registration:
www.nfty.org/no

HELP WANTED: CARING COMMITTEE

The Caring Committee was formed to provide a meal(s) to a member in the event of a birth, death or illness. Anyone interested in being on the Caring Committee list or is interested in providing a ride to a Temple function, please contact Carol Gordon at 815-398-4214 or cggordon50@hotmail.com.

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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Commemorate happy occasions...
births, engagements, marriages,
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or memorialize a loved one.
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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

Genug Shoy'n

Gen ug shoin

Enough already, stop, say no more

For two hours you have been making the same argument. Genug Shoy'n! I'm not changing my mind.

On the Lighter Side...

Brisket Just Like Bubbe Made It

A young Jewish mother is preparing a brisket one Friday for Shabbat dinner. Her daughter watches with interest as the mother slices off the ends of the brisket before placing it in the roasting pan.

The young girl asks her mother why she did this.

The mother pauses for a moment and then says, "You know, I'm not sure. This is the way I always saw my mother make a brisket. Let's call Grandma and ask her."

So, she phones her mother and asks why they always slice the ends off the brisket before roasting.

The Grandmother thinks for a moment and then says, "You know, I'm not sure why, this is the way I always saw MY mother make a brisket."

Now the two women are very curious, so they pay a visit to the great-grandmother in the nursing home.

"You know when we make a brisket," they explain, "we always slice off the ends before roasting. Why is that?"

"I don't know why YOU do it," says the old woman, "but I never had a pan that was large enough!"



January 2016 Religious Services

January 1

Family Shabbat Service 7:30 pm

January 8

Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 pm

January 15

Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 pm

January 22

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 pm

January 29

Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 pm

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