

# TEMPLE BETH-EL



## 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 Annual Meeting Held

The congregation assembled for the annual meeting on June 11th. Over forty people attended the breakfast and meeting. Each Board member reported on the past year's activities. Two members leaving the board were recognized for their service and contributions to Temple. Jordan Towne ended his term as buildings and grounds vice president and Lauren Lamont as chair of education. We welcomed Brian Shore as head of religious functions and David Quimby for buildings and grounds. The board passed the budget for the new year and were given a presentation by Larry Pearlman on our Strategic plan and its progress.

Come Join Us!

S'more Shabbat

Friday, July 28th

Services begin at 6:00 pm



Followed by a hot dog dinner and of course those tasty s'mores.

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Dear Reader,  
Rabbi Wing is away at the URJ camp Olin Sang Ruby in Oconomowoc, Wi. Rabbi is serving on staff for two weeks and while she does not send regular post cards home, we wanted to share these glimpses of her time at camp.



*From Rabbi Binah Wing*



**Rabbi, Ben Kopnick, Lilly and Dana on the camp grounds.**





Ben Kopnick as a member of "Avodah" spends some of his time cleaning up in one of the many common use buildings on the property.



One of the many camp paths allowing you to get from here to there. The wonderful huge trees offer shade when the weather is very hot.



Above as Rabbi describes it.. "This was a program we did in my unit where we learned Torah stories and all the campers contributed to our own Torah scroll."

If you want more information about Olin Sang Ruby go to the following web link.  
<https://osrui.org/about/directions-to-camp/>

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



The Temple Board met on June 14th, 2017. Due to the fact that we just had the annual meeting this past Sunday, there were no reports given by the members.

Jim thanked Brian and David for becoming board members and thanked Lauren and Jordan for their service on the board. He asked if the board had any response to the annual meeting. Discussion followed.

Brian updated the board on the sanctuary committee and said they would bring a proposal to the board before the end of the summer.

Karen reported that we have a new Temple member, Leah Stern from Byron. She reminded us of the next social which will be held at Roni Golan's studio on August 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00. We will have Havdalah, music, and an open bar. The participants will be painting a picture to hang in our social hall.

Mary reminded us that the art auction will be on November 11<sup>th</sup> at Midway Village.

Ellen reminded us that the book talk on Once We Were Brothers will be on July 9<sup>th</sup>. The talk will take place at 2:00 at the Temple.



GRTY Co-Presidents, Jamie Zussman and Adam Gesmer giving a wrap-up presentation of the activities of the youth group. They made their presentation at the Annual Meeting on June 11th.



I hope that this article finds everybody enjoying their summer activities. Please rest assured that things are still very busy at Temple Beth-El during the summer months. I hope that Temple members will attend some of

our upcoming annual special Shabbat Services. S'More Shabbat will take place on July 28 and my favorite, Pet Shabbat, will take place on August 18.

We had a great turnout at our City Market Shabbat on June 23 at Roni Golan's Underground Art Gallery. I want to thank Roni for allowing us to utilize his beautiful gallery for our service. I also want to thank "Rabbis" Marc Soriano and David Sklar for leading the service on June 23.

In addition, please note that Temple members will be notified during the summer months about hosting an Oneg Shabbat during the 2017-18 fiscal year. Please contact Brian Shore, our new Vice-President of Religious Functions, if you have a preferred Friday night to host the Oneg Shabbat or if you would be willing to host more than one time during the year. There were several times during the past year when Andrea Levey was gracious enough to host the Oneg Shabbat due to a shortage of volunteers.

This summer will also include work by committees and board members on our strategic planning for the future of Temple Beth-El. Thanks to all of you for your ideas and support. If you would like to be involved more fully, please let me know and we will find a place for you to be a part of this exciting planning of our future.

Finally, please remember to return your dues pledge forms to Temple Beth-El during the coming weeks. It goes without saying that Temple Beth-El cannot survive without your financial support.

-Jim

## Come Join Us! Shabbat in the Park Friday, August 4th



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

Service will begin at 6:30 pm

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

## Social Action on the Go...

**Dear TBE members,**

We did it again! Our Social Action has been successful. We collected 84 lbs. of peanut butter and jelly for the Rock River Valley Pantry. Theoretically this equals about 1344 ounces (84x16=1344- 16 oz to a lb.). If we figure on 1 oz of pbj per sandwich, that comes to 1344 children being served!

We also gave them a check for \$198.

Thanks again for your support of our social action projects.

-Faye Marcus and Karen Zussman

## Temple Landscaping Fund

Temple members may have noticed that some areas at the north end of the parking lot are beginning to look brown. This area is going to be renovated because of hundreds of thistles among the sumac plants. We will also be removing the sumac as it needs trimming every summer.

The pin oak overhead is also being treated. We will spray for thistles three times, remove the sumac and other invasives and mulch the garden this year. We have time to think about having grass there or replanting with better plants.

Donations to the Landscaping Fund are paying for this process. Future donations will help with replanting.

Many thanks go to my helper this year, Terry Gordon. Jack Simon also manages with the sprinkling system.

We could really use some more help with garden maintenance. Please let me know if you would be willing to work with us, usually about twice a month in the summer.

We all appreciate how nice our building and landscaping looks. Thanks for your donations to the Landscaping Fund.

Barbara Simon

# SCHOOLE DAZE

200 Words or Less...

By Goldie & Adrian



Summer has officially started even though some of us have been in the mode for a while now! We hope you are making the most of this more casual??? time of the year. We hope that our Jewish campers will be having a blast and making memories forever! We will want to hear about your adventures come fall.

Summer is also a time when your principals ask for your help in identifying potential new students for Religious School. If you know of any new families in the area or parents who may now be ready to consider a religious school experience for their children please share that information with us. We appreciate any new contacts that we can make!

You will be receiving your early bird registration materials at the end of July and you know what they say about early birds!

We would like to thank those who continue to enrich our Religious School and Jewish opportunities for our children by donating to the Garten and Dermer Funds and participating in the eScrip program at the Schnuck grocery stores. Thank you! Thank you!

Till next month, Shalom.

## 10 Minutes of Torah

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*SAVE THE DATE!!*

Please join us for our next  
Temple Beth-El Social  
Get Together

An enjoyable adult evening

**August 26, 2017**

**7-10pm**

at Roni Golan's

**THE UNDERGROUND ART  
GALLERY**

Havdallah, socializing and create a collaborative  
painting for our Temple!

**A GREAT NIGHT OUT NOT TO BE  
MISSED!!!**

**Mazel Tov**

To Connie and Jerry Paris on the birth  
of their grandson, Asher



## July Oneg Committee

July 7

Norma Polcek  
TL Sievers

The Temple  
Beth-El

Family greatly  
appreciates and  
thanks our Oneg  
Hosts for helping  
to make our  
Services  
more meaningful  
and offering an  
opportunity for us  
all to mingle and  
socialize.

July 14

Cheryl and Tim Schoeller  
Sandy Simon

July 21

Michael Belinson  
Connie and Jerry Paris

July 28

S'more Shabbat



## High School Graduates Night at Temple Beth-El



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

## July Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Adults

Michael Sage 7/1  
Andrea Dietz 7/2  
Lisa Pearlman 7/2  
Linda Barenbaum 7/3  
Kimberly Raphael 7/7  
Jared Weiss 7/8  
Devon Busch 7/9  
Ben Grigg 7/10  
Victoria Rozman 7/10  
Susan Weiss 7/11  
Zachary Hergert 7/11  
Lillian Osran 7/14  
Ilena Kamin 7/15  
Jay Kamin 7/15  
Nate Soriano 7/16  
Lauren Deutsch 7/17  
Tim Schoeller 7/20  
Jerry Barenbaum 7/22  
Kathleen Kelly 7/23  
Kent Raphael 7/24  
Camille Simon 7/25  
Melissa Gordon 7/26  
Jacob Robinson 7/26  
Michael Rubin 7/29  
Kathryn Rettig 7/30

Children  
Amira Ahles 7/8/05

### ANNIVERSARIES

Victoria & Gregory Rozman 7/4/70  
Amy & Jordan Towne 7/8/00  
Amy & Oscar Anton 7/14/07  
Jan & Ted Liebovich 7/16/72  
Carol & Terry Gordon 7/23/72  
Kathryn & Arthur Rettig 7/30/72



## The Temple Beth-El Gift Shop



### GIFT SHOP HOURS

Monday—Friday, call the office  
Sunday 10am - noon\*

\*Open Sundays when school is in session.

If you need to visit the shop at another time, please call the Temple office (398-5020)

### Yahrzeit List

If you are interested in having your loved one's name on the Yahrzeit list, please call Joyce in the Temple Office, 398-5020

#### **Read July 7**

Fruma Backman  
Jennie Z. Taylor  
Lena Swerdlik  
Eugene Pavay  
Sheldon Glassman  
Goldine K. Nusbaum  
Rose Cohen  
Monroe Singer  
L.D. Wiener  
Gerda Bamberg Lazarus  
Sarah Esther Shussin  
Henry Shussin  
Sadie Dryer  
Michael Skora  
Richard Lee Zweig  
Philip Behr

#### **Read July 14**

Herbert Saal  
Irene Heidersbach  
Boruch Behr Turcott  
Rosemarie Grout-Marx  
Harold Grout-Marx  
Dr. Samuel Okrent

#### **Read July 21**

Joseph Karakoz  
Tobey Stein  
Sol Levy  
John Holmstrom Jr.  
Hyman Bornstein  
Cyril Sachs  
Sarah Horwitz  
Irving Cassman  
Sara Newman

#### **Read July 28**

Oscar William Miller  
Charlotte Shapiro  
Israel Mandel Levin  
Evelyn Joelson Young



### 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**

#### **Landscaping Fund**

In honor of the birth of Connie and Jerry Paris' new grandson, Asher

#### **Sheldon Liebovich Fund**

In loving memory of Alan Zemol  
In loving memory of Mildred and Bill Friedberg  
-Rosie Liebovich Hyman

### **CONDOLENCES TO:**

Jay and Susan Kamin  
and family  
on the passing  
of Jay's father,  
Mark Kamin

The Temple has been the recipient of donations from the Temple Family in the name of many funds in order to supply much needed money for worthwhile programs and projects. We would like to spotlight a couple of these funds.

#### **Benjamin Schaider Bldg Fund**

provides funding for unexpected and major repairs or enhancements to the Temple Building.

#### **Sheldon Liebovich Fund for**

**Families in Crisis** provides funds for Temple families who are in need, at the discretion of Temple leadership.

**Rabbi's Discretionary Fund** provides for the Rabbi to purchase necessary items for the Temple or to help those in need, at her discretion.

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

**The Robert and Joel Garten Youth and Scholarship Fund** is to provide camperships for religious school students. This fund is administered by the Education Committee and the Rabbi.

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

**Landscaping Fund** provides funding for enhancements to our grounds.

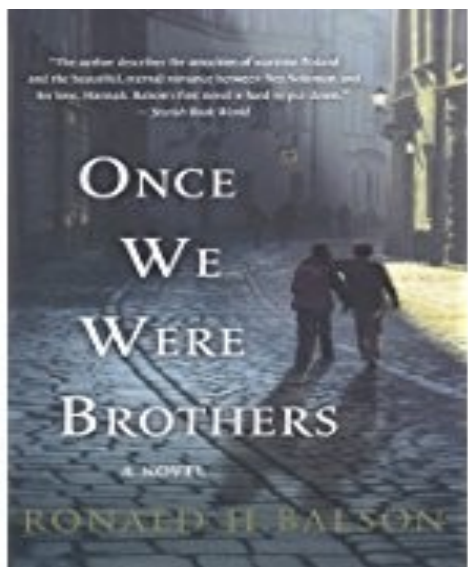
**The Michael Dermer Religious School Fund** was established for the purpose of raising money to support religious school activities. This fund is used to provide enrichment programs, scholarships and youth activities.

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

# Jewish Federation Book Discussion

## July 9, 2017, 2:00 at Temple

Two lives, two worlds, and sixty years converge in an explosive race to redemption that makes for a moving powerful tale of survival, and ultimately the human spirit.



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### Study Questions:

- Was Ben's quest after all these years, in spite of Rosenzweig's contributions, justified?
- Describe your feelings about the personalities of the main characters.
- How does this story resonate with your personal and family experiences?
- Where did people find the courage to survive?
- How is what is happening in the world today affected by the Holocaust?

Please RSVP: email  
rockfordfederation@sbcglobal.net or call 815-997-0286

### Memorial and Tribute Donation Form



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or: Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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#### **Donation:**

☐ Triple chai (\$54)

☐ Double chai (\$36)

☐ Chai (\$18) ☐ \$10

☐ \$4 (Min.)

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Fund:**

☐ Garten ☐ Powell ☐

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Woodruff ☐ Rabbi's Discretionary

☐ Pap ☐ Kupperman ☐

Landscaping ☐ Gifts&Flowers

☐ Sachs ☐ Liebovich Fund

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

The Jewish Federation is one of the ethnic groups showcased in this event.  
It's going to be great fun!

## MIDWAY VILLAGE THE ROCKFORD PLATE

**"The Rockford Plate"**  
*at Midway Village Museum*

**Thursday, July 13, 2017 5:30 pm to 9 pm**

The 2nd Annual Rockford Plate Gala will transport guests to Rockford during the roaring 1920s! Guests will give the secret password to enter the Speak Easy and into the historic village neighborhood who have opened their doors for this special night. In each of the five homes, a different Rockford ethnic group will feature fabulous food, music, traditional clothing, educational displays, decorations, photo ops, and much more! Guests are then invited to enter the glitzy 1920s Club for the glamorous Main Street Celebration where all guests will gather for live Dixieland music, dancing, dessert, and more! \$55 per person Register online by following the ticket



link at Midway Village website. You may also register by calling 815-397-9112, ext. 109.

### **Participating Ethnic Groups:**

Rockford GreekFest

Lao-American Association

### **Jewish Federation of Greater Rockford**

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Greater Rockford Italian American Association, Rockford Sister City Alliance

**For more information about the gala & plans for the evening, please  
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<http://www.midwayvillage.com>**





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

*Dear TBE Friends:*

*Our next "Minute with a Member" features Andrea Levey. We hope you will enjoy getting to know her a bit more!*

**Tell a little about yourself and family.**

I was born in Boston, lived there about 2 years, and then lived in Montclair, NJ until I was 10. Then my family moved to Iowa City, Iowa where my dad got a job teaching at The University of Iowa. I got my B.A. in Elementary Education and an M.A. in Special Education from The University of Iowa and a M.S.Ed. in Literacy Education from NIU. I briefly taught in Jacksonville, FL, then moved to Rockford in 1998. I taught Elementary Special Education in Kirkland for 14 years, and have also taught in RPS. I have a twin brother who is a pediatrician. He works at the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore and is married with 2 children and 2 stepchildren. My sister, Sara, works at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago and is married with 3 children. I have a sweet miniature poodle, Max, who is 15.

**What do you do for fun?**

I like to play the piano for fun. I took lessons when I was in school growing up. My favorite composers to play are probably Mozart and Bach. I also like to read.

**Something people would be surprised to learn about you.**

I was the Iowa City Junior High girls bowling champion when I was in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. (Must have been lucky that day.)

**Your favorite Temple activities.**

All of them. I enjoy teaching Hebrew and enjoy being on the Board. I was the Vice-President of Religious Functions for 4 years and am now the Vice-President of Education. Attending Friday

evening Shabbat services every week is always meaningful. I participate in essentially all Temple activities. I love the summer events, such as City Market Shabbat, S'more Shabbat and Shabbat in the Park.



**Favorite Judaic holiday food.**

Matzo ball soup, Latkes, and Hamentaschen.

**What is the biggest challenge you have ever faced.**

That would be hard to choose. I suppose health and career issues. I had two heart infections that damaged my heart and was put on medicine for the infections that permanently damaged my hearing. I had open heart surgery and now have a pacemaker and have developed A-Fib. My career has also been derailed over the past five years or so. I hope I get the opportunity to teach again.

**Favorite books, movies, or music.**

I enjoy reading John Grisham books. I also just started a book by J.K. Rowling, outside the Harry Potter series. As a teacher, I also enjoy reading non-fiction about educational topics and subscribe to educational journals. I like most kinds of movies. One of my favorites is Lean on Me with Morgan Freeman. I enjoy listening to most kinds of music.

**What inspires you to do what you do?**

I enjoy working with kids, and I enjoy learning so going into the teaching field seemed natural. Working with students with special needs can be a challenge, but it is very rewarding.

This summer, the Grippo Stage Company is producing a revival of Jim Sherman's play,

## THE GOD OF ISAAC at the Piven Theatre in Evanston.

**Nanci and Marc Soriano have bought out all 70 seats for the Saturday, August 19 matinee performance (3:00-5:00 pm), and they are inviting the entire Jewish community to be their guests**

You can drive yourself and make your own dinner reservation

or

You can carpool and go to dinner as a group

or

Since the GRTY teens/parents have already reserved a 40 seat bus for the entire day and only need half of the seats, there are still 20 seats available (on a first come basis) for any congregants who would like to take advantage of this easy method of transportation! Although GRTY will spend their day at the Lincoln Park Zoo, the play and then dinner, the bus can make additional stops /pick ups as needed i.e. Michigan Ave, a museum, etc. The bus will leave at 9:00 am and return to Temple later than 10 pm

Please let Goldie know if you plan to see the play, want to take advantage of the bus, need a carpool ride and/or want to join the dinner group

**It should be great fun!**

See this production which tells the story of Isaac Adams, a second generation American Jew, who learns of plans for a neo Nazi group to stage a demonstration in Skokie, Illinois; he wonders what, if anything, his involvement should be. Determined to find the truth, Isaac ultimately comes to terms with his heritage, his mother, and himself. This show is directed by Dennis Zacek who directed the original at Victory Gardens in 1985.

James Sherman was a company member of The Second City theatre, and his play has a revue-style format with actors playing multiple roles. Appropriate for all ages, THE GOD OF ISAAC has been described as "a charming, humorous, and thought-provoking exploration of the best way to reconnect with your roots." After the show, playwright, Jim Sherman, will provide a post show discussion.

When Jim Sherman wrote the play 30 years ago, he never imagined that, in 2017, the topics of anti-Semitism and Jewish identity still would carry so much power in today's political climate.

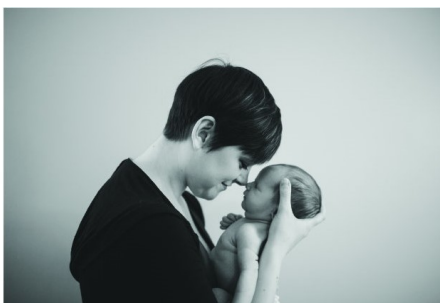
The Piven Theater is in downtown Evanston at the edge of the Northwestern campus. There are a myriad of wonderful restaurant choices available nearby.



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

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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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# Coming Attractions

## August 2017

Fri. 4th Shabbat in the Park  
 Fri. 18th Pet Shabbat  
 Sat. 19 God of Isaac play  
 Sat. 26th Social gathering  
 Sun. 27th Ethnic Festival and Parade

## September 2017

Wed. 20th Erev Rosh Hashanah  
 Thur. 21st Rosh Hashanah  
 Fri. 29th Kol Nidre  
 Sat. 30th Yom Kippur

## October 2017

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

## November 2017

Sat. 11th Art Auction  
 Sun. 12th Federation Kick Off

## December 2017

## January 2018

## February 2018

## March 2018

## April 2018

## May 2018

## June 2018

## July 2018

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

## GRTY 2016-2017 Calendar

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

**Advisors:** Nanci Soriano H: 654-7677  
 cell: 222-9626 Lauren Lamont: cell: 988-3727

**RSVP to ALL activities quickly** please even if you can't attend  
**Dues: 7-8 graders: \$25** (2<sup>nd</sup> child \$20)  
**9-12 graders: \$40** (2<sup>nd</sup> child \$25)  
**NFTY** on line Registration:  
[www.nfty.org/no](http://www.nfty.org/no)

month as dates get closer.

## 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).

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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!

## Membership

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

Have a Date to add?  
 Well!  
[Jayskl@aol.com](mailto:Jayskl@aol.com)

## The Yiddish Corner

### STEIGER (SHTElger)

Way of Being, disposition

He's not exactly a go-getter. His *steiger* is one of moderation.

## On the Lighter Side...

### If their mothers were Jewish.....

**PAUL REVERE'S MOTHER:** "I don't care where you think you have to go, young man, midnight is past your curfew."

**MONA LISA'S MOTHER:** "After all that money your father and I spent on braces, that's the biggest smile you can give us?"

**COLUMBUS' MOTHER:** "I don't care what you've discovered, you still could have written!"

**MICHELANGELO'S MOTHER:** "Can't you paint on walls like other children? Do you have any idea how hard it is to get that stuff off the ceiling?"

**NAPOLEON'S MOTHER:** "All right, if you aren't hiding your report card inside your jacket, take your hand out of there and show me."

**ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S MOTHER:** "Again with the stovepipe hat? Can't you just wear a baseball cap like the other kids?"

**MARY'S MOTHER:** "I'm not upset that your lamb followed you to school, but I would like to know how he got a better grade than you."

**ALBERT EINSTEIN'S MOTHER:** "But it's your senior picture. Can't you do something about your hair? Styling gel, mousse, something . . .?"

**GEORGE WASHINGTON'S MOTHER:** "The next time I catch you throwing money across the Potomac, you can kiss your allowance good-bye!"

**JONAH'S MOTHER:** "That's a nice story. Now tell me where you've really been for the last three days."

**THOMAS EDISON'S MOTHER:** "Of course I'm proud that you invented the electric light bulb. Now turn it off and get to bed!"



## July 2017 Religious Services

July 7  
Family Shabbat Service 7:30 pm

July 14  
Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 pm

July 21  
Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 pm

July 28  
S'more Shabbat 6:00 pm

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