

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 Fiscal Year Begins

The congregation met for its annual business meeting on Sunday, June 7th. The meeting was preceded by a light breakfast.

Over 40 family units were represented, this along with proxy votes provided a quorum so that the business of the Temple could be conducted. Business included the approval of the budget for the 2015-2016 fiscal year, a vote on the slate of officers for the new year and the reports of the President, Board members, principals and representatives of our youth group, GRTY.

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Much of the presentation of the President Brina Grigg is noted in the President's article on page 3 of this bulletin. The Temple thanks everyone who took time to take part in the decisions of Temple Beth-El.

Chaverim,

As I write this article, I am preparing to leave for two weeks at Olin-Sang-Ruby-Union-Institute (OSRUI), one of the Jewish summer camps sponsored by the Reform movement. Camp is a pretty amazing place where summer fun and Judaism get mixed together in a unique and powerful way. I will be working as a member of the faculty along with many other rabbis, cantors and educators. The unit that I will be in is called Tiferet and is a unit that focuses on fine arts of all kinds. The Jewish learning is interwoven into the studio time in a way that is unique to all of camp. The days are long beginning with tefilah early in the morning and ending with staff meetings late at night. But even with the long days, it's still great to be working outdoors as a rabbi in a t-shirt and shorts! I am really excited to be heading back. It has been over 10 years since I have worked at OSRUI, and this will be my first time in the Tiferet unit. It will be a new experience for our kids as well. Lilly will be an overnight camper for the first time, and Dana will be in a day camp program. I hope to tell you more about my experiences when I return. I'll be coming back to Rockford on July 12th and getting back into the office



From Rabbi Binah Wing

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Wednesday, July 15th. I'll be able to communicate by email while at camp, but with the long days, it might not be as quick as usual. I'll also have my phone if you need to reach me. Cell phone service in Oconomowoc can be a bit spotty, so if you get my voicemail, leave a message, and I'll get back to you as soon as possible. I hope you have a great first two weeks in July!

Now to turn to one of the events happening at the end of July – Pet Shabbat! On July 24th at 6pm, we're going to welcome pets of all kinds to our Shabbat services. We will have a VERY unstructured service (we can't really expect our pets to sit through much of a regular service!). We will sing a few songs, and we will definitely recite the Kaddish for those commemorating a yahrzeit. We will also take that time to remember beloved pets that have died. Each pet will get a special blessing. If there are any dogs who are over 13, we can celebrate their "Bark-Mitzvah"! Because we do not want to bring the pets into the synagogue building, please note that if there is bad weather, we will not be having this event. You will be notified by email if we need to cancel. It should be a very fun evening! I look forward to seeing you and your furry friends then.

Shalom,
Rabbi Wing



Snacking and schmoozing was held June 27th at the home of Lisa and Larry Pearlman. A great night was had by all chatting and enjoying great food and drinks!

Thank you to the Pearlman's for hosting!

From the Temple Board....

By Secretary Ellen Salley



The Temple board met on June 10th, 2015. Brina opened with a D'Var Torah. This is something she learned from the Scheidt conference that she went to. She picked the Priestly Benediction to talk about as having a special meaning for her. As a child she was afraid of the blessing that she heard in her conservative congregation. Since she now hears it from Rabbi Wing she finds it very comforting and asked the minister that was with her mother if he could give it to her before she passed away.

Brina then called to order the meeting which was short due to the annual meeting that had just been held. For those that couldn't attend the annual meeting, we are preparing links that will allow members to review these reports on the Temple website.

Rabbi held Torah on Tap at Sinnissippi, where the participants listened to the Phantom Regiment. She is helping Allison Sage get ready for her wedding. Rabbi officiated at one funeral and two unveilings and will be at OSRUI from June 28th until July 12th.

Sharon reported for Rob in his absence. The fundraising money may not all be in before the June report. She didn't think we would make our projected fundraising goal of \$41,000. She reminded us that, since some pledges are turned in late, some of the dues are not collected in the same fiscal year. She urged us to remember to turn our dues pledges in on time so dues can be collected on time. The Foundation is still up .6% for the year so far even though the market has not been good.

The Religious Functions committee has begun planning High Holy Day services and finished planning the summer special Friday evening services.

Sunday school will begin next year on September 20th. GRTY finished their year with a potluck and bonfire. They installed the new officers and said good bye to the seniors. The new board will begin planning events in about six weeks.

Some events coming up are:

July 24 th	Pet Shabbat
Aug. 7 th	Shabbat in the park
Aug. 25 th	Blood Drive
Aug. 28 th	S'More Shabbat

Brina's Bits

I would like to share with all of you my thoughts on the state of our Temple that I gave at the Annual Meeting. While many of you were there, I think it is worth repeating for

all.

I would like to welcome everyone to the..... 102nd Annual Meeting of the congregation of Temple Beth-El.

I am honored to be standing here before you today as president. This past year we have celebrated Shabbat, holidays and bar and bat mitzvahs. We worked together on the Rummage Sale and Food-A-Rama. Together we said goodbye to long time members who have moved away and grieved for Temple members who have passed away. The important thing, is that we did it all, as a Jewish community. Together, that is what we are, a community. Our Mission Statement says it all, and it can be found on the header of this bulletin.

This congregation is very fortunate that you, our members, and the members before you, and I am sure, the members after us will nurture our foundation, insuring Temple Beth El's permanent place in the Jewish landscape of Northern Illinois. As President, I am very lucky to work with an exceptional group of people who help to make our Mission Statement an ongoing reality. I would like to thank Rabbi Wing, who has signed a new contract and, as a result, will become the longest tenured Rabbi we have ever had. I thank Religious School Co-Principals Goldie Pekarsky and Adrian Grubb, our Religious School and Hebrew Teachers, the Temple Board of Directors, Jay Sklar our Facilitator and Joyce Hulstedt, our Administrative Assistant for all they do to give this building life.

One way we come together is when we participate in events that are mentioned in the Temple Bulletin. I hope you take the time to read the Bulletin. We have quite a summer ahead. City Market Shabbat, Dari Fair Shabbat, Pet Shabbat and Shabbat in the Park are just a few of the Shabbats planned for you. Our High Holy Day preparations are in the works, and we continue our relationship with Ohave Shalom, giving the Conservative branch of Judaism a home. This too makes the Jewish Community of Rockford better and stronger.

So, we all ask the question, how is Temple Beth-El doing?

With your continued support of our fair share dues program, your continued support of our fundraisers and your participation in our services and social events, I can say Temple Beth-El is doing very well.

I thank everyone for taking part in the business and spiritual life of our Temple.

Thank you.

Brina

Temple Pledge Information Should be in Your Mailbox

Membership information for the new fiscal year has been mailed out. Again this year Temple, Beth-El has adopted the fair share program. Please read the materials for a full explanation of this type of dues structure.

As always, no one is checking W2's or tax records. We only ask that you give what you feel is right and what you can afford to give. We are a congregation of wonderful members, and we each count on our collective support. The more support we get from your donation, the less we have to rely on from the foundation. Thank you again for your support.

Since there is privilege with membership, we do ask that you take a moment to fill out your pledge form as soon as possible. Your pledge form allows us to better determine our cash flow and validate our budget. Remember, whatever your pledge, you will be considered a member in good standing.

Only members in good standing will receive Religious school information and an invitation to school. Only members in good standing will receive tickets for our High Holy Day services. Again, we know you will make the best pledge that you can, and Temple appreciates your support.

Thank You.

Temple Beth-El Finance Committee

10 Minutes of Torah

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SCHOOL DAZE

200 Words or Less...

By Goldie & Adrian



Happy July coming up! Hope your summer got off to a great start. Time flies by and our work continues. We are putting together our calendar for 2015-16. We will be starting our school year a little later this coming September because of the timing of the holidays. Our start date is Sunday, September 20. There will be no Hebrew classes on the first day of school. That is a bit of a change as well. Our last day of Sunday school is May 1st. Now you can get those two dates on your calendar!

We will be sending out our registration materials in late July, a little later than usual, so everything is just pushed up a bit. Therefore, we won't be bugging you about getting your paperwork done and turned in so soon!

Our wonderful group of teachers and staff will return in the fall: Carol Gordon, David Sklar, Jim Gesmer, Andrea Levey, Sandy Simon, Barbara Simon, Mitch Kopnick, Ronit Golan and, of course, Rabbi Wing who will have a Confirmation class this year!

We can't say enough about the dedication of these teachers to the children of Temple Beth-El year in and year out. Please give them a shout out and thank them when you see them!

Have a delightful summer and we will talk to you again next month. Till next time, Shalom.

Mazel Tov toEllen and Fred Dietz on the birth of their grandson, Jaxon Kradman.

Ethnic Festival and Parade

Sunday, August 30, Noon—6:00pm

7th Street and 4th Ave.



The Jewish Federation is one of the core group organizers for this community wide event. People who participated last year had a great time. We were filled

with pride as we walked in the parade with our complimentary Israel t-shirts. It was nice to have the Jewish community represented. This year the festival and parade will be bigger with more ethnic groups participating.

The Jewish Federation has volunteer opportunities for you:

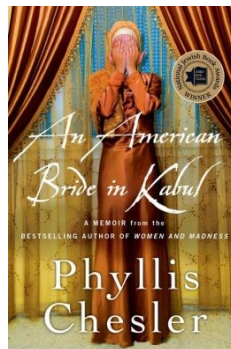
- People to walk in the parade
- People to drive participants back to their cars after the parade
- People to decorate our float (Sherry's convertible)

Please volunteer. We need you and it is great fun!!

Hadassah/Jewish Federation Book Discussion August 9th at 1:30

at the home of Adrian and Gerald Grubb
128 Callaway Cove, Loves Park, IL 61111

Few westerners will ever be able to understand Muslim or Afghan society unless they are part of a Muslim family. Twenty years old and in love, Phyllis Chesler, a Jewish-American girl from Brooklyn, embarked on an adventure that has lasted for more than a half-century. In 1961, when she arrived in Kabul with her Afghan bridegroom, authorities took away her American passport. Chesler was now the property of her husband's family and had no rights of citizenship. Back in Afghanistan, her husband, a



An American Bride in Kabul: A Memoir

By Phyllis Chesler.

ISBN:9871137279408

(More info in the August Bulletin)

July Oneg Committee

July 3

Emily and John Hartman
Andrea Levey

July 10

Milly Kaplan
Sherry Brownstein

July 17

Mary Roufa
Rachel and Alex Bagne

July 24

No oneg

July 31

Various Temple members

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 Blood Drive

**Tuesday,
August 25th
3-7 p.m.**

We are again teaming with the Rock River Valley Blood Bank to sponsor a blood drive to benefit not only the Jewish community, but the general population.

The Blood Bank's blood mobile will be parked in our front parking lot. If you are a regular blood donor, please consider giving blood at that time. This might also be a good time for new donors to begin that process.

To be eligible to donate, your last blood donation has to be on or before Tuesday, June 30.

Any questions, please call Blood Bank, 815-961-2342.

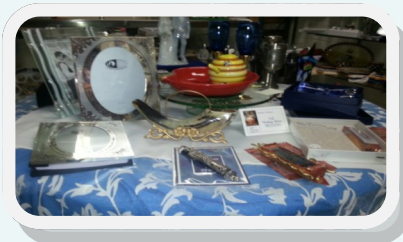
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July Birthdays & Anniversaries

Adults		Kathleen Kelly	7/23
Michael Sage	7/1	Camille Simon	7/25
Andrea Dietz	7/2	Melissa Gordon	7/26
Alan Foss	7/2	Jacob Robinson	7/26
Lisa Hergert	7/2	Michael Rubin	7/29
Linda Barenbaum	7/3	Kathryn Rettig	7/30
Judith Picus	7/5	Children	
Jared Weiss	7/8	Amira Ahles	7/8/05
Devon Busch	7/9	ANNIVERSARIES	
Ben Grigg	7/10	Victoria & Gregory	
Victoria Rozman	7/10	Rozman	7/4/70
Susan Weiss	7/11	Amy & Jordan Towne	7/8/00
Zachary Hergert	7/11	Jan & Ted Liebovich	7/16/72
Lillian Osran	7/14	Carol & Terry Gordon	7/23/72
Ilena Kamin	7/15	Kathryn & Arthur Rettig	7/30/72
Jay Kamin	7/15		
Nate Soriano	7/16		
Ben Lash	7/16		
Lauren Deutsch	7/17		
Tim Schoeller	7/20		
Jerry Barenbaum	7/22		

*Mazel Tov to
John Rosenbloom and Katherine Hulick
On the occasion Of their marriage
June 14, 2015*

The Temple Beth-El Gift Shop



GIFT SHOP HOURS

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Sunday 10am - noon*

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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 3

Esther Toback
Yankel Levin
Jacob Block
Morris Rosenson
Jennie Z. Taylor
Lena Swerdlik
Eugene Pavey
Sheldon Glassman
Goldine K. Nusbaum
Fruma Backman

Read July 10

Rose Cohen
Monroe Singer
L.D. Wiener
Gerda Bamberg Lazarus
Sarah Esther Shussin
Henry Shussin
Dr. Samuel Okrent
Sadie Dryer
Michael Skora
Richard Lee Zweig
Philip Behr
Herbert Saal

Read July 17

Irene Heidersbach
Sol Levy
Boruch Behr Turcott
Rosemarie Grout-Marx
Harold Grout-Marx
Lillian Adler
Joseph Karakoz

Read July 24

Bernard Zellick
Tobey Stein
John Holmstrom Jr.
Hyman Bornstein
Cyril Sachs
Sarah Horwitz
Irving Cassman
Sara Newman
Oscar William Miller

YAHRZEITs cont.

Read July 31

Israel Mandel Levin
Evelyn Joelson Young
Julian I. Corpuel
Robert Gross



MEMORIAL BOARD

Honor the memory of your loved ones by placing their names on the board in our memorial alcove. Please supply the Temple office with the name, date of birth and date of death. The minimum donation is \$200. The light alongside each name is lit every year to mark the anniversary of the death, and the name appears in the annual memorial book.



CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR FUNDS

Benjamin Schaider Building Fund

In memory of Roby Levy's sister, Michelle
In memory of Steven Berney
In memory of Dina Oppenheimer
In memory of Geri Katz
-Brina Grigg

Dermer Fund

In honor of our marriage
-John and Katherine Rosenbloom

Garten Fund

In memory of Steven Berney
Congratulations to Ellen and Fred Dietz on the birth of their new grandson
Congratulations to Ginny and Sheldon Weiss on the birth of their new granddaughter
-Faye Marcus

Jan Lazarus Sanctuary Fund

In memory of Inge Frank
-Sandy and Barry Keller

In memory of Inge Frank
-Janice Howe

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In memory of Sylvia Blustein
-Marian Peters

Congratulations to Ginny and Sheldon Weiss on the birth of their granddaughter
-Rose Gulatto

Sheldon Liebovich Fund

In memory of Les Simmons
In memory of Dorothy Liebovich
-Michael and Jill Liebovich

Unrestricted Donation

In honor of the marriage of Kathy and John Rosenbloom

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.

CONDOLENCES TO:

-Emily and John Hartman
and family on the passing of
Emily's mother,
Dina Oppenheimer

-Rob and Lisa Levy and family on
the passing of Rob's sister,
Michelle

GRTY NEWS

Submitted by:
Past Co-President
Benji Bear

GRTY just had some of its most nostalgic weeks of the year this past month. June marks the GRTY Exec. Board's transition into the next

youth group cycle. And what a better way to celebrate our seniors leaving and installation of the new Exec. Board then with a culminating Havdalah service, candle lighting ceremony, bonfire, games (the bag toss competition got very intense) and, you guessed it, food! There were a lot of mixed emotions as we said good bye to our seniors, Rachel Goldblum (who is moving), the outgoing Executive Board and then welcomed the new Exec. Board. We also were very honored to have so many parents in attendance at this very special event. As the GRTY year is nearing its end, GRTY held the 2015-2016 Executive Board interviews. Applicants were required to write a letter of intent and be interviewed by the youth group advi-

sors and Rabbi Wing. We are proud to present next year's GRTY 2015016 Exec. Board!

Presidents: Jacob Kopnick, Emily Shore

Religious and Spiritual VP: Jamie Zussman

Membership VP: Michael Kaufman, Adam Gesmer
Media and Technology VP: Aaron Barenbaum, Samantha Glassman
Treasurer: Ben Levy
Class Representative: Ben Kopnick
We are very excited for next year and know the new

Exec. Board will do an exceptional job. Also, we will be very sad to say goodbye to our outgoing seniors: Benji Bear, Rachel Zussman, Nathaniel Huss, and Tyler Hergert. We know they will continue to do great things in college and remember to come and give back to the Rockford community.

GRTY has had an amazing year filled with fun events but also events, to better ourselves and our community. Although we are sad to see the year end, we are even more excited for the year to come.



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Fund:

☐ Garten ☐ Powell ☐ Lazarus ☐ Dermer ☐ Building ☐ Woodruff ☐ Rabbi's Discretionary ☐ Pap ☐ Kupperman ☐ Landscaping ☐ Gifts&Flowers ☐ Sachs ☐ Liebovich Fund ☐ Other _____



TEMPLE BETH-EL MINUTE WITH A MEMBER

Dear TBE Friends:
Our next "Minute with

a Member" features the Deutsch family. We hope you will enjoy getting to know them a bit more!

-Tell a little about yourself and family:

Dave and Sara met in 1986 in Rockford when Dave was in medical school and Sara was in nursing school. We married in 1989. We moved to Columbus, OH where Dave completed his internship and residency in Pediatrics at Ohio State University. Sara worked as an oncology nurse at OSU Hospitals in the Bone Marrow Transplant Unit. We then moved to Ann Arbor, MI where Dave completed his pediatric gastroenterology fellowship at the University of Michigan and Sara worked in the outpatient oncology department at U of M. We moved back to Rockford in 1995. We have 3 daughters, Lauren age 23 (graduated Univ of Illinois 2014 and teaches English as a second language in Moscow, Russia), Jill age 21 (Senior at Mizzou's School of Journalism) and Natalie age 15 (Sophomore at Boylan HS).

-What do you do for fun? (Hobbies, special interests, etc.)

Dave likes to bike, golf and cook. Sara likes to bike, read and garden. Lauren loves to read and read and read. Jill likes to read, write and listen to live music. Natalie enjoys theater and playing tennis.



-A memorable moment at TBE:

The Bat Mitzvah services of all 3 of our daughters. Each was so special and the culmination of years of hard work. The love and pride we all felt as a family on these 3 occasions has a special place in all our hearts.

-Favorite Judaic holiday or food:

Passover seder. Sara loves the matzo ball soup, Lauren loves the parsley (yes, you read that right), Dave loves it all - even the bitter herbs!

-What is the biggest challenge you have ever faced?

Illnesses and deaths of family members. It's something you never get "used to" or "get over."

-If you could take two weeks off from all your responsibilities, where would you go to and what would you do.

To the beach in North Carolina, just relaxing, eating excellent seafood, reading books, playing in the surf. No cell phones, no tv's, no news.

-What are some of your favorite things to do around the Rockford region?

We enjoy Rockford City Market, visiting Anderson Japanese Gardens, dining at JMK Nippon, Abreo, Social, 5 Forks. Dave especially enjoys the bike paths and Rock Cut State Park.

-What was the last movie, TV show or book that you couldn't stop watching or put down?

Dave and Sara were "addicted" to Breaking Bad. Absolutely loved it.

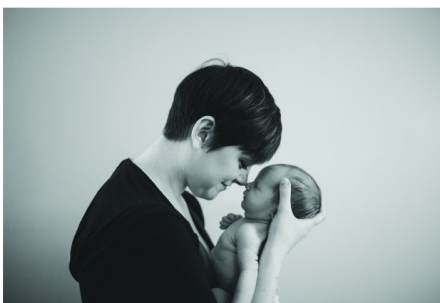
-What was your first job?

Dave = Ace Hardware, Sara = Burger King, Lauren = Wonderland Books, Jill = Nicholas Conservatory, Natalie = volunteering at Starlight Theater, not a job she gets paid for but a demanding, time-consuming job that she is learning a lot from.

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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.

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Coming Attractions

August 2015

Fri. 7th Shabbat in the Park
Tue. 25th Blood Drive
Fri. 28th S'more Shabbat
Sun. 30th Ethnic Festival and Parade

September 2015

Sun. 13th Erev Rosh Hashanah
Mon. 14th Rosh Hashanah
Tue. 22nd Kol Nidre
Wed. 23rd Yom Kippur

October 2015

November 2015

Sat. 21st Aron Tatman Bar Mitzvah

December 2015

January 2016

February 2016

March 2016

Sat. 12th Josh Zussman Bar Mitzvah

April 2016

May 2016

June 2016

July 2016

Tentative Date *
Temple Board

Meets the 2nd Wed. each month
Library 7:00 PM

We hope this page of Coming Attractions helps you plan ahead for activities at Temple Beth-El. Please understand that some dates and times might be tentative and will be updated each month as dates get closer.

GRTY 2014-2015 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 (2nd child \$20)
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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.

The Tree of Life

Remember a loved one or celebrate a wonderful occasion by noting it forever on the Temple Beth-El Tree Of Life in the foyer. Contact the Temple office for details.

The Temple Bulletin goes away to College....

If you have a student heading off to college, we would like to send him or her a copy of the Temple Bulletin. Let them have one more connection to home while they are away. All we need are name and address, and we will do the rest. Give Joyce a call in the office, and add one more piece of mail from home for your student.

Membership

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

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

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

Check it out!

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

The Yiddish Corner

Nosh

naash

German nashen: to eat on the sly.

All he does is nosh all afternoon and then he won't eat his dinner.

On the Lighter Side...

The Secret

Yeshiva University decides to create a crew team. Unfortunately, they lose race after race. Every day they practice for hours and hours but always come in dead last. Finally, they send Yankel to spy on the Harvard team.

Yankel shleps off to Cambridge and hides in the bushes off the Charles River from where he secretly watches the Harvard team practice. After two days, he returns satisfied.

"I figured out how they do it," says Yankel to his eager teammates. "They have eight fellows rowing and only one fellow screaming!"

Conversion?

A priest, a preacher and a rabbi meet regularly. All agree that preaching isn't that hard. A challenge would be to preach to a bear. So they go into the woods, find a bear, preach and attempt to convert it. Afterwards, they compare notes.

Father Flannery, arm in a sling, says, "I read to my bear from the Catechism. Well, that bear was tough. I sprinkled him with holy water and Sunday he's taking his first communion."

Reverend Jones, in a wheelchair says, "I read to the bear from God's Holy Word! But he wrestled me near a creek. I baptized him. We spent the day praising Jesus."

They both look at the rabbi in a full body cast. "Oy. Looking back, circumcision may not have been the best way to start."



July 2015 Religious Services

July 3
Family Shabbat Service 7:30 pm

July 10
Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 pm

July 17
Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 pm

July 24
Pet Shabbat Service 6:00 pm

July 31
Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 pm

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