

# 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.

## Annual Meeting Held June 5th



On June 5<sup>th</sup>, Temple Beth-El held its annual business meeting. A quorum was present by attendance and by proxy votes. The congregation approved the budget for 2016-2017 which shows a small deficit. Elected to new terms were Sharon Goldsand-Treasurer, Brina Grigg-VP of Finance and Rob Levy-President Elect. Ellen Salley-Secretary and Mary Roufa-Ways and Means will continue for their second terms. The congregation also approved changes and corrections to the Temple constitution. The constitution, not updated since 2005, received some grammatical updates and a change to gender sensitive language as recommended by the URJ. The business meeting was preceded by a lox and bagel breakfast.

Chaverim,  
I am feeling refreshed and rejuvenated after our family vacation to Colorado at the end of June! For those who are interested, we rented a small RV (called a Wolf Pup – you can google it) which we pulled with our Jeep. It was pretty small but was big enough for us. It had one queen size bed, bunk beds for the girls, a small table, a small kitchen, and yes, a small bathroom as well. We spent two long days of driving with one overnight at a KOA in West Omaha, NE. We arrived at another KOA in Strasburg, CO (just east of Denver) for three nights. While in Denver, we visited with my brother, Dan, and my two nieces and nephew, as well as their significant others. My nephew Thomas is about to head off to basic training in the Army. Then, we traveled up to Estes Park, CO in the Rocky Mountains by way of a beautiful road called the Peak to Peak Scenic Byway. Scenic indeed, each view around each turn was amazing! In Estes Park, we stayed at a Jellystone Campground because they had a pool. We were about 15 minutes from the entrance to the Rocky Mountain National Park. One day at the RMNP, we drove on the iconic Trail Ridge Road which takes you up into the mountains to about 12,000ft. It was breathtaking and we even got to see the snow up close! On the way back down, an elk walked right in front of our car! The next day, before leaving Colorado, we went back to the park and saw an area called Bear Lake which had a lovely trail that goes around the lake. We had a hard time leaving such a beautiful place! We took three days getting home so we could relax a little more, staying one night at a KOA in Grand Island, NE and one night in a KOA in



*From Rabbi Binah Wing*

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Newton, IA. It was a great trip with so much beauty as well as really good family time. We loved the camper and enjoyed nature. All in all, it was just a great trip! I have pictures on Facebook if you want to see more.

Now, back to work, the summer is moving so fast! For the last two weeks in July, I will be 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 Tzofim where the kids (not the faculty!) live in tents, care for some small animals and even tend a vegetable garden. They eat, cook and do almost everything outdoors. 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. I feel like being at camp makes me a better rabbi.

I'll be coming back to Rockford on July 31<sup>st</sup> and getting back into the office Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>. I'll be able to communicate by email while at camp, but with the long days, it might take a little longer. 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.

One of my favorite events is actually taking place while I'm gone – City Market Shabbat on Friday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Brian Shore will be leading a short service at Roni Golan's art gallery – State of the Art Contemporary Art Gallery (218 E. State St.) at 6:00pm and then we will have the rest of the evening to wander around and enjoy the many offerings of the Market. I hope that if you are a "regular" at City Market you'll take advantage of this great opportunity to celebrate Judaism and Shabbat together with the joys of summer, and that if you are a Temple "regular," you will also come and enjoy this great Rockford tradition.

I hope you continue to enjoy the summer.

Shalom,  
Rabbi Wing

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



The Temple Board met on June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Jay gave the D'Var Torah which was on Parshat Naso. He concentrated on the part that talked about the Priestly Blessing. Jay remembers on the High Holy Days the Kohanim would wash their hands, take off their shoes and cover their heads with their talit before giving the Priestly Blessing. They would spread their fingers to form the Hebrew letter shin, which is the first letter of the Hebrew word Shaddai, meaning "Almighty." The cantor would say the words to the blessing and the Kohanim would repeat them. Jay found this a very scary event when he was little. He is thankful that in reform Judaism the Priestly Blessing is not done this way. Jay said that the priest's authority became lessened after the destruction of the Temple in 70CE, which enhanced the stature of other Israelites. Now Rabbis give the Priestly Blessing at the end of Shabbat services, when children become B'nei Mitzvah or Confirmants, at weddings, and other special events. Parents can give the Priestly Blessing to their children on Shabbat, as well. Before God gave the Ten Commandments, he said to the Israelites "You shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy Nation."

Brina said that working with the board was a pleasure. This was her last official meeting for her as President.

Rabbi was very busy with her usual duties and many other activities. She held Torah on Tap at Sinissippi Park, where the participants listened to the Phantom Regiment and enjoyed a chicken dinner provided by Connie and Jerry Paris. She confirmed 7 students and organized and led the joint Shabbat service with Ohave Shalom. She thanked the board members for our D'Var Torah and said we did a good job. She has become the treasurer for the Brookview PTO and has been asked to be a chaplain for the Rockford Fire and Police Departments. She will be doing this once a month.

Rob reported that we should end the year modestly positive thanks to our fundraisers. The Foundation had a slight gain in May and is up 2.89% for the year.

Sharon said that statements would be going out for members who still owe dues and for pledges for next year.

Jordan will be overseeing the movement of the new refrigerator and the removal of the old refrigerator. He will be organizing the boiler room, replacing some old tables and painting the picnic tables.

Andrea Levey and the Religious Functions committee will be getting ready for the High Holy Days. She reported that Sunday School will begin again on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

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It is an honor to become President of Temple Beth-El. I have been a member of Temple Beth-El since my family moved to Rockford in 1970. Temple Beth-

El and its members have been an integral part of my family's life for almost half a century.

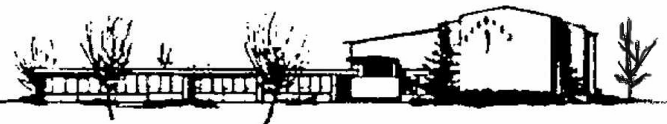
I want to thank Brina Grigg for trying to groom me to be an able successor to her 2+ plus years of being President of Temple Beth-El. Brina did a fantastic job in keeping our congregation unified and in a sound financial state. It is my fervent hope that our Temple and its Board of Directors will continue to keep our congregation strong fiscally and religiously.

With this in mind, I am urging you to make your pledges for the 2016-2017 fiscal year as soon as possible. Despite the hard work from all the members of our congregation, Temple Beth-El continues to struggle to make ends meet. Our Temple Board of Directors continues to act in a fiscally prudent way, but we need your help to ensure our financial health.

I hope to see you at Temple events this summer. Upcoming events include City Market Shabbat on July 22, 2016, Shabbat in the Park on August 7, 2016, and Pet Shabbat on August 12, 2016. In the meantime, I hope that everybody has a great summer.

Question: What meets once a week on Saturday mornings at 10 AM for 60 minutes?

Answer: Torah Study and everyone is welcome.



## Letters to the Editor...

### SECURITY SYSTEM UPDATE

We didn't want to make too many changes during the Rummage Sale and Food A Rama. We are now ready to implement the building access part of the security upgrade. Watch for more information coming soon in the mail.

The cameras and new door sensors are all in place and monitoring the building 24/7. The next phase is issuing access to the building to those that need it. We will soon be mailing out instructions and information.

Thank you to those who have already made donations to defray the costs of this \$20,000 Temple investment. We have received about \$14,000 and hope that we might be able to cover this expense through congregational donations. Thank you again for both your patience and for your support of this project. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jay at jayskl@aol.com or templebethel1963@gmail.com.

*The security Committee*

**Letters to the editor will be printed at the discretion of the editor. Submit letters to the Office or to jayskl@aol.com**

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Lauren reported that GRTY had their last bonfire/potluck and installed the new board members.

Karen reported that the next social will be at the Huss home and so far has approximately 10-15 people attending. Karen and Faye are working on a few social action activities for the summer.

Mary Roufa will be meeting with Anderson Gardens to finalize plans for an art auction.

Jay Sklar will be finalizing a plan for our new security system and the key fobs that will be used.

The Federation will be having a book talk at the home of the Golans. Ellen Dietz reported that there will be an interfaith community prayer service held at Fischer Chapel on the second Wednesday of each month to support any community that has suffered a tragedy.

Dates to remember:

- July 22nd - City Market Shabbat - 6:00 service
- August 5th - Shabbat in the Park
- August 12th - Pet Shabbat - 6:00 service
- September 11th - Community Picnic - First day of Religious School- Temple Beth-El
- September 23 - S'More Shabbat - 6:00 service



# SCHOOL DAZE

200 Words or Less...

By Goldie & Adrian



Hope your summer is going great! Just a short reminder that this month you will be receiving school registration forms for the 2016-17 school year and important information and dates to put on your calendar. Please fill out the necessary forms and return them along with your deposit fee, and you will be done until September!

As always, we ask that you let us know of any families you know who might be interested in Religious School for their children. We'd love to contact them!

To anyone who is interested, we have hundreds of handmade wooden stars of David that were donated to our school. If you would like any of them, please let us know. Thanks.

In the meantime enjoy the weather, your activities and all your family time! Till next time, Shalom.

## High School Graduates Night at Temple Beth-El



Come to services at Temple Beth-El August 12 to help send off our high school seniors. 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 and Israel to each student.

# StandWithUs

CHICAGO

## Peggy Shapiro



## Mid-west Director

Topic:

BDS: The New Anti-Semitism

Sunday, August 7,  
2016

Temple Beth-El  
10:00 Breakfast /  
10:30 Presentation

Sponsored by Temple Beth-El

Please RSVP to Joyce at  
815-398-5020

## July Oneg Committee

July 1

Sherry Brownstein  
Milly Kaplan

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.



July 8

Joy and Steven Schneider

July 15

Cheryl and Tim Schoeller  
Barb Berney

July 22

City Market Shabbat

July 29

Michael Belinson  
Ed Light

## July Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Adults

Michael Sage	7/1
Andrea Dietz	7/2
Lisa Pearlman	7/2
Linda Barenbaum	7/3
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
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
<b>ANNIVERSARIES</b>	
Victoria & Gregory Rozman	7/4/70
Amy & Jordan Towne	7/8/00
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) or Pam Reum (979-9497)

## 10 Minutes of Torah

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[WWW.urj.org/Torah/Ten](http://WWW.urj.org/Torah/Ten)

### **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 1**

Bertha Gross  
Nathan Goldsand  
Leon Rosenblatt  
Morris Soriano  
Esther Toback  
Yankel Levin  
Jacob Block  
Morris Rosenson  
Fruma Backman

#### **Read July 8**

Jennie Z. Taylor  
Lena Swerdlik  
Eugene Pavey  
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 15**

Herbert Saal  
Irene Heidersbach  
Boruch Behr Turcott  
Rosemarie Grout-Marx  
Harold Grout-Marx

#### **Read July 22**

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

#### **Read July 29**

Oscar William Miller  
Dr. Samuel Okrent  
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**

#### **Benjamin Schaider Building Fund**

In memory of Clarence Goldman  
-Gerry Schaider

#### **Landscaping Fund**

Congratulations to High School and College graduates  
Congratulations to the Confirmation Class of 2016  
Congratulations to Milly Kaplan on her grandchildren's college graduations  
In honor of the birth of Julian James Bagne  
-Faye Marcus

#### **Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**

In loving memory of Sylvia Blustein  
-Marian Peters

In memory of Ruth Cohen  
-Lisa and Larry Pearlman

#### **Unrestricted Donations**

In memory of Ida Freifeld  
-Marilyn Freifeld

### ***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:**

**Dan Cohen on the  
loss of his  
grandmother,  
Ruth Cohen**



**Save the Date**

## Ethnic Festival and Parade

Sunday, August 28, Noon—6:00pm

**Special Thank You to John and Wendy Huss** for hosting our summer congregational social outing at their home on June 11th. The Sangria and snacks were great and the company was too.

If you would consider hosting a social gathering, please contact Karen Zussman for all the details.

### 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.*



### Memorial and Tribute Donation Form



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#### **For:** (check one and fill in names as appropriate)

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☐ Speedy Recovery to: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Congratulations to: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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#### **Donation:**

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☐ 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: \_\_\_\_\_





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

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

*the Zussman family. Please take a few moments to learn a bit more about them. Below are answers to a few questions. We hope you will enjoy getting to know them a little better!*

### **Tell a little about yourself and family:**

Marc is an Orthopedic Surgeon and specializes in Trauma. He spends a great deal of time during his week with work related activities. When he isn't working, Marc loves to read, exercise at Peak and hang out with the kids (especially watching the history channel and playing table tennis). Karen is a stay at home mom who spends a lot of her time doing errands for the family and picking up or dropping off someone! She loves volunteering, especially at Motherhouse Crisis Nursery. Karen was a special education teacher, working primarily with students with physical and mental impairments. She has also worked as a Title I Reading Tutor and at Wonderland Bookstore. Rachel, 19, will be a sophomore at University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. She is majoring in Biology with a minor in Technical Writing. She is still working on figuring out her future life plans! Jamie, 16, will be a junior at Guilford High School. This fall, she will be the Student Council secretary, as well as a member of the Guilford Valkyrie synchronized swim program and GRTY Co-President. Jamie waits for the summer to go back to B'nai Brith Beber Camp. She is also going to Israel for 3 weeks with her camp program this summer. Josh, 13, is very proud of recently becoming a bar mitzvah. Josh is an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Marshall Middle School. He spends a great deal of his time outside of school playing travel soccer for the Rockford Raptors.

### **What was your first job?**

Marc's first job was helping out at a veterinarian office, and then he worked at Walgreens as a stock boy and a

pharmacy technician. Karen's first job was as a candy striper at Skokie Valley Hospital. Her first paying job was as a clerk at a Hallmark Card and Gift Store. Rachel's first job was for Springbrook Pool working as a lifeguard.

Jamie and Josh are yet to be determined!

### **-A memorable moment at TBE:**

For Karen and Marc, by far it was the b'nai mitzvahs of their three children. We loved bringing our friends and family together with our TBE family for such a wonderful day. We were so proud of each of our kids for taking on the responsibilities of their day and following through with the service with their individual styles.

Rachel: Cooking in Religious school, loved to make challah! Jamie: Confirmation class-it was such an interesting way to look at Judaism and I loved the discussions we had with the Rabbi. Josh: My Bar

Mitzvah! I loved walking into the sanctuary and seeing everyone there.

### **Favorite Judaic holiday or food:**

Marc: Brisket, the more the better! My favorite holiday is any holiday that I can eat brisket. Karen: Definitely Passover as I love the time we all sit around the table, and I love the foods associated with it, especially the matzo ball soup, which is a food we eat throughout the year. Rachel: I love lox and bagels and could eat it every-day. My favorite holiday is

Passover as I was born right after the first seder that year. Jamie: Hanukkah is the best holiday and eating potato latkes. Can't get enough! Josh: Passover is a fun holiday. I have always been the one to do the four questions. My favorite food is potato latkes.

### **-Something people would be surprised to learn about you/us:**

Marc and Karen grew up in the same suburbs of Skokie and then Wilmette. We went to the same high school (New Trier) but did not know each other during that time. We met the first week of college at University of Illinois. Rachel: Rachel loves to travel and has been lucky enough to visit many countries thus far. She knows that travel will have to be part of her future goals during adulthood. Jamie: Jamie is a wonderful pianist and actually has an uncanny ability to memorize lyrics of current songs she likes. Josh: Josh taught himself morse code recently. He has a strong interest in learning anything there is about World War II.



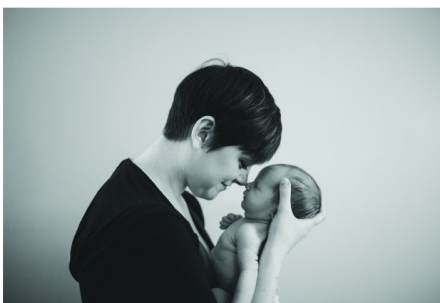


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**Our car mitzvah  
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Our car mitzvah donation program has earned over \$40,000 in the last 8 years. This comes about through the incredible generosity of our congregants. Jerry Paris has sold his 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.**

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 2016

Fri. 5th Shabbat in the Park  
Sun. 7th Adult Ed: Stand With Us  
Fri. 12th Pet Shabbat  
Sun. 28th Ethnic Parade and Festival

## September 2016

Sat. 17th Noa Levy Bat Mitzvah

## October 2016

Mon. 3rd Rosh Hashanah  
Wed. 12th Yom Kippur  
Sun. 30th Adult Ed; Laura Frankel

## November 2016

Sun. 13th Adult Ed: Jewop Acapela  
Sat. 19th Joe Gesmer Bar Mitzvah

## December 2016

## January 2017

## February 2017

## March 2017

## April 2017

## May 2017

Sat. 27th Madeline Towne Bat Mitzvah

## June 2017

## July 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.

## GRTY 2015-2016 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)

## HELP WANTED: CARING COMMITTEE

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

## Membership

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

**PLANT A TREE IN ISRAEL**  
Commemorate happy occasions...  
births, engagements, marriages,  
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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!

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



## The Yiddish Corner

### MAVEN

*Rhymes with "haven" meyvyn*

An expert. A connoisseur

All these so called political *mavens* do polls and surveys and then come up with completely different results.

## On the Lighter Side...

### Keeping Informed

The President turned to one of his advisors, who happened to be Jewish, and asked, "How come Jews are always so well informed?"

Advisor: "What do you mean sir?"

The President: "It just seems that Jews are always up on the latest news. How do they do it?"

Advisor: "An interesting observation. It could be because when Jews go to the synagogue to daven (pray), they always turn to the person sitting next to them and say "Nu?" (What's up?)."

The President: "What? Is it that simple?"

Advisor: "I think so sir."

President: "Well, let's put it to the test. Take me to the nearest Synagogue."

The two board a limousine and are driven to the nearest Synagogue. Once inside, the President sits down among the congregation next to an elderly Jewish man. He looks around, then turns to the man and says softly, "Nu?"

The elderly man leans toward him and replies, "You know, I hear the President is going to daven with us today."



## July 2016 Religious Services

July 1  
Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 pm

July 8  
Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 pm

July 15  
Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 pm

July 22  
City Market Shabbat 6:00 pm

July 29  
Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 pm

### Temple Beth-El Leadership

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