

# 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.

## Annual Meeting June 7th

The annual meeting of the Congregation of Temple Beth-El will be held on Sunday morning, June 7th. The 10:30 AM meeting will be preceded by a light breakfast beginning at 10:00 AM.

The annual meeting will include election of officers for the upcoming year, approval of the 2015-2016 budget and the reports of the Vice-Presidents with regard to their areas. President Brina Grigg will outline the past year and look ahead to next year.

The congregation is being asked to attend this meeting but if that is not possible to please fill out the proxy ballot that was mailed and return it to the Temple before the meeting on the 7th. A quorum of the membership is required in order to do business at this meeting. "I hope people will come out and support the board and hear what is going on in our congregation," says President Grigg.

ANNUAL MEETING  
SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2015  
10:00 Breakfast  
10:30 Annual Meeting

Chaverim,  
Welcome back summer!  
Well, not quite but with the school year coming to an end and graduations galore, it certainly feels that way. Summer brings many great events at Temple as well. I want to tell you about a few happening in June and give you the dates for a few of the Temple summer favorites so you can mark your calendars now. Here they are in order by date:



*From Rabbi Binah Wing*

**Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> – Torah on Tap at the Sinnissippi Band Shell** – In lieu of our regular meeting at a restaurant, we will be going to hear the Phantom Regiment for the first of the summer concerts at the Band Shell at Sinnissippi Park. The concert begins at 7pm. For those who are interested, we have received a gift certificate to KFC from the Paris's towards a picnic dinner. We'll meet at the park between 5:30 and 6:00 (we need to get there early as it's a VERY popular night). I'll bring the chicken and sides from KFC. You can bring your own drinks. RSVP as soon as possible so we know if we'll have enough food!

**Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual City Market Shabbat** – Come join us again for this popular event. We'll meet at 6:00pm for a short 30 minute (or less!) Shabbat service at Roni Golan's art gallery, State of the Art State of the Art Contemporary Art Gallery

Also, please note that for the first time in many years, I'll be serving as faculty at OSRUI. I'll be working there from June 28<sup>th</sup> – July 12<sup>th</sup>.

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(218 E. State St.). We'll then have the rest of the evening to wander around and enjoy the many offerings of the City Market. This will be a great way to mark the arrival of Shabbat and have a leisurely summer evening downtown at the same time. I hope that, if you are a "regular" at City Market that 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" that you will also come and enjoy this great Rockford tradition. Please pay attention to your email inbox if the weather is questionable. We may still have the service at the gallery or we may need to relocate back at Temple Beth-El.

## On Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual City Market Shabbat. Come join us again for this popular event.

**Friday, June 26 – Dari Fair Shabbat** – Join us for this always popular annual event!! After our 6pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service, we'll caravan to Dari Fair (my favorite summer ice cream place) for a delicious dessert - My treat! If you don't believe in having dessert before dinner, you should eat before services or plan on having food at Dari Fair. The dessert is on me. If you are planning on ordering other food, remember to bring cash – they now take credit cards but there's a small fee.

Also, save the dates for these other fun summer events:

July 24<sup>th</sup> – Weather permitting, we'll have a new event – Pet Shabbat. More about that next month!  
 August 7<sup>th</sup> – Shabbat in the Park  
 August 28<sup>th</sup> – S'more Shabbat

Also, please note that for the first time in many years, I'll be serving as faculty at OSRUI. I'll be working there from June 28<sup>th</sup> – July 12<sup>th</sup>. I will have access to email and phone but I'll be pretty busy while there. I'll answer your messages as quickly as possible but please be patient.

I hope that the summer brings you warmth, relaxation and joy.

Shalom,  
 Rabbi Wing

## From the Temple Board....

### By Secretary Ellen Salley

The Temple board met on May 13th, 2015. Rabbi opened with a passage from Respectful Reflections which was about how we are always rushing.



Brina then called the meeting to order. Brina thanked the board for sending her to the Scheidt Seminar. She learned a lot and hopes to put some of what she learned into practice.

Rabbi recorded a video about Judaism for Rock Valley College. She is also going to put Hebrew on a peace pole that will be placed in front of the Temple.

Rob Levy presented the board with the proposed budget for next year. The board has approved the proposal and it will be presented to the congregation at the annual meeting.

The Religious Functions committee discussed starting all summer services at 6:00 since many special Friday night services this summer occur at 6:00. High Holy Day services will be led by Cantor Stuart Bard and the choir will be directed by Jean Anderson.

The picnic tables will be painted, Roni Golan's artwork will be hung in the Temple foyer, and a new water fountain will be installed.

The Sunday school students finished their year with an awards ceremony and falafel made by Ronit in honor of Israel's birthday. GRTY enjoyed a trip to Chicago. They helped at the Holocaust Memorial service, the soup kitchen, the senior prom, and Food-A-Rama. They also listened to a presentation on how to apply to college. New officers have been installed.

Jay Sklar presented the board with the nominations for the new Temple officers and reported on what he has accomplished in the three and one half months he has been working as the Temple facilitator.

Some events coming up are:

June 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Temple Meeting  
 June 12<sup>th</sup> City Market Shabbat  
 June 26<sup>th</sup> Dari Fair Shabbat  
 June 27<sup>th</sup> Schmoozing and Snacks at the Pearlman's  
 July 24<sup>th</sup> Pet Shabbat  
 Aug. 7<sup>th</sup> Shabbat in the park  
 Aug. 25<sup>th</sup> Blood Drive  
 Aug. 28<sup>th</sup> S'More Shabbat

## Brina's Bits

"The synagogue is where Jews are made, where the individual soul and the community are joined. It is the place where modernity and eternity cross-fertilize,

where seeds of Jewish identity are sown. All other institutions in Jewish life are created by Jews. Only the synagogue creates Jews, child by child by child, family by family..." These were Rabbi Alexander Schindler's words expressed at the Baltimore URJ Biennial in 1991.

As I read these words, I am reminded that without YOU, our building would be an empty shell. Rabbi, Religious School co-presidents, Hebrew and Religious School teachers at Temple Beth-El are the cornerstones of our Temple, but YOU make it a place to study, learn, cook, laugh, cry and socialize. Whether you volunteer your time for a fund raiser or bake and set up for an Oneg on Friday evening, what YOU do is noticed and appreciated.

As the Annual Meeting approaches, I am grateful to everyone who volunteers their time at Temple. Our accomplishments throughout the year make the Annual Meeting possible. YOU are invited to attend the brunch before the Annual Meeting, see old friends and introduce yourselves to our newer members of Temple. Then, you will hear from the leaders of your congregation. The budget will be brought up for a vote, along with the nominated officers. There will be committee reports, which might interest you enough to become a member of the Finance Committee, Religious Functions, Way and Means or the Foundation Board. I know I wrote those words last year, but there are still open positions within these committees.

If YOU are not able to attend the Annual Meeting, I want you to remember you are still very much a part of our congregational family and are important to it. Please be certain that you send your proxy to the Temple or bring it to the Temple. You and your vote are very important to the future of our Temple. See you soon,  
Brina

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## Membership

Do you have a friend, colleague or acquaintance who you know to be Jewish but unaffiliated? If you feel comfortable talking to them about membership in Temple Beth-El that would be wonderful. A personal invitation from a friend or colleague is a wonderful way to make someone consider membership in our congregational family. We have an informational brochure available that can provide specific information about our Temple. If you do not feel comfortable talking to them yourself, we hope that you will provide their contact information to our membership chairperson, Elisa Whitman (815-988-2134). The source of the contact information will remain confidential.



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## NEWS UPDATE

NBC News' Chuck Todd to Host 2016 Presidential Candidates at URJ Biennial 2015, The Largest Jewish-American Event.

Enabling Next \$10 Million Phase of Construction.

URJ Responds to Vatican Recognition of Palestinian Statehood

URJ Camp Newman Receives \$4 Million Gift from Koret Foundation

More at

[www.URJ.org](http://www.URJ.org)

## 10 Minutes of Torah

UNION FOR REFORM JUDAISM'S  
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The Union will send you a one page e-mail each day on a topic of Jewish Interest. All you need to do is find 10 minutes a day to "do Torah."

Sign up by logging on to  
[WWW.urj.org/Torah/Ten](http://WWW.urj.org/Torah/Ten)

# SCHOOL DAZE

## 200 Words or Less...

By Goldie & Adrian



We closed the Religious School year with a great day on Sunday, May 3. We honored our wonderful teachers and staff and our students with best attendance!

Sandy Simon worked with the students on their art entries for the annual Chicago calendar contest. They are sent to Chicago to be judged and we sure hope we get more Temple Beth-El student winners!

To celebrate Israeli Day students created the Kotel on large sheets of poster paper that were hung on the walls of the social hall. Rabbi Wing discussed the Kotel with the children. They then wrote personal messages and taped them onto the bricks to simulate what visitors do at the site.

Our morning culminated with a delicious falafel lunch prepared by Ronit. She is always ready, willing and able (with great enthusiasm) to help out Religious School. We thank her so much!!

Have a wonderful spring and summer! Students, those of you attending Jewish camps this summer, have a blast! Parents, if you ever have questions or comments regarding Religious School please let us know. Give us a call or drop an email. Till next time, Shalom.

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**Mazel Tov to .....** Ginny and Sheldon Weiss on the birth of their granddaughter, Eleanor Alice Graesser.

## Letters to the Editor...

To our valued congregation,

Once again another Food-A-Rama came and went. We prepare for it, for what seems like an eternity, and then in a blink of an eye it's over. This, the largest of our fundraisers, couldn't happen without the effort that is put in by our membership. While we count on the money to help our budgetary needs, its real value is in the fellowship created by the teams that pack pickles, bag mandel brot, make sandwiches, stuff bags and so much more.

# Food-A-Rama

Again this year, while the numbers aren't all in at this time and in spite of the rain (which hasn't happened in many many years) we know it will be successful. We can't thank everyone enough for posting flyers, buying tickets, baking delicious treats, lending a helping hand and buying leftovers at the end.

While it is impossible to thank each person individually, we must stand tall and tip our hats to the youth and the young adults of our congregation. They schlepped boxes, set up bags, moved tables and chairs, staffed and operated our drive thru as well as so much more. We thank them and they all have earned our admiration and respect.

As we put the 53rd Annual Food-A-Rama in the books, it is time to begin the preparation for number 54. We thank you for all you have done, and for all you will do next year. Our wrap up meeting will be Monday, June 8th, in the Temple library at 7:00 pm. Your reports and thoughts will go a long way in the continued success of this great event. Please let us know if you can make this meeting and again thank you all, for your support.

Ronit Golan & Jay Sklar - Chairs

Letters to the editor will be printed at the discretion of the editor. Submit letters to the Office or to [jayskl@aol.com](mailto:jayskl@aol.com)



## June Oneg Committee

**June 5**

Ginny and Sheldon Weiss  
Susan and Steve Weiss

**June 12**

City Market Shabbat

**June 19**

Lisa and Larry Pearlman  
Jill Shacter

**June 26**

Dari Fair Shabbat

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.



### TBE Blood Drive

Now will be  
**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.

## June Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Adults

Gillian Weiss 6/4  
Stephen Weiss 6/4  
Jason Gesmer 6/5  
Andrea Levey 6/5  
Terry Gordon 6/6  
Steven Schneider 6/6  
Shlomo Wing 6/6  
Andrea Olson 6/10  
Tony Toback 6/10  
Jay Sklar 6/10  
Carol Gordon 6/12  
Rebecca Allen 6/13  
Yelena Slobard 6/13  
Lauren Bear 6/14  
Joel Rosenfeld 6/16  
Jacob Pekarsky 6/17  
Nathaniel Huss 6/18  
Pat Wiener 6/20  
Eric Lamont 6/21  
James Slobard 6/23  
Gerry Schaider 6/25  
Melissa Tatman 6/27  
Marc Zussman 6/27  
Ed Light 6/28  
Rebecca Rettig 6/30

### Children

Madeline Towne 6/26/04

### Anniversaries

Sara & David Deutsch 6/3/89  
Pat & Bud Wiener 6/4/60  
Wendy & Fred Young 6/6/81  
Karen & Marc Zussman 6/6/93  
Becky & John Thompson 6/10/90  
Leda & Jordan Nevler 6/12/66  
Julie & Greg Sparks 6/12/82  
Lesley & David Goldblum 6/14/92  
Louise & Jason Gesmer 6/15/54  
Lisa & Robert Levy 6/17/95  
Susan & Joel Rosenfeld 6/23/63  
Joy & Steven Schneider 6/24/82  
Ellen & Fred Dietz 6/27/71  
Lisa & Mitchell Kopnick 6/29/96  
Natalie & Harvey Share 6/29/53

## The Temple Beth-El Gift Shop



### GIFT SHOP HOURS

Monday—Friday, call the office

Sunday 10am - noon\*

\*Open Sundays when school is in session.

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

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

### 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 June 5**

Shauna Adelman  
Leo Blumenthal  
Morton Steinback  
Celia Behr  
Judy Gail Behr  
Ida Freifeld  
Louis Hoffman  
Joseph Behr  
Marilyn Toback

#### **Read June 12**

Jackie Halickman  
Arthur Kadison  
Augusta Kaufer  
Harry Beiman  
Ethel Mendeloff  
William Friedberg  
James Linsky  
James H. Weissenberg  
Walter Swanson  
Philip Edelheit  
Bertha Gross  
Harry Kastenbaum

#### **Read June 19**

Henry S. Rosenberg  
David W. Goldman  
Eli Pavey  
Henry Ruthe  
Lester Miller  
Rose Wish

#### **Read June 26**

Kathryn J. Druker  
Joseph Tobias  
Isidore Selig Kharasch  
Sylvia Blustein  
Ruth S. Taitelman  
Mary Desnick  
Arthur L. Goldberg  
Nathan Goldsand  
Leon Rosenblatt  
Morris Soriano



### 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 me-



### **CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR FUNDS**

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

In memory of Dorothy Liebovich  
-Gerry Schaider

In memory of Dorothy Liebovich  
-Brina Grigg

#### **Garten Fund**

Congratulations to the 2015 Graduates and their families:  
Nathaniel Huss and Tyler Hergert  
-Hononegah High School  
Benji Bear, Rachel Zussman and Michael Whitman-Auburn High School  
Rachel Kammerer-Harlem High School  
Jake Schneider-College of William and Mary  
Aaron Einhorn, Michaela Fisch, Savannah Sparks and Jacob Kornacker-University of Illinois  
Samantha Schneider-Albert Einstein College of Medicine  
Arielle Einhorn-DePaul University Law School

Congratulations and thank you to Ronit Golan and Jay Sklar and all the hardworking volunteers who helped to make Food-A-Rama a huge success

Thank you to the 2014-15 GRTY Executive Board for doing such an outstanding job this past year: Emily Shore, Nathaniel Huss, Benji Bear, Jacob Kopnick, Michael Kaufman, Samantha

Glassman, Aaron Barenbaum and Adam Gesmer

Thank you to Goldie and Adrian for completing another successful year as our TBE Religious School Principals Mazel Tov to Allie Sage and Laura and Tim Sage on Allie's engagement  
-Nanci and Marc Soriano

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

In memory of Dorothy Liebovich  
-Rose Gulatto

#### **Sheldon Liebovich Fund**

In memory of Les Simmons  
In memory of Dorothy Liebovich  
-Rosie and Chuck Hyman

#### **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:**

-Cheryl and Tim Schoeller  
and family on the passing of  
Cheryl's mother,  
Geri Katz

-Barbara Berney, on the passing of  
her brother, Steve Berney



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

Dear TBE Friends:  
Our next "Minute with a Member" features the Sage family. We hope you will enjoy getting to know them a bit more!

### **About the Family:**

Tim grew up in Loves Park, Laura was an Iowa girl. After getting married in 1988, Roscoe became home. Tim, a pharmacist at Swedish American and Laura, HR Business Partner at Ecolab, have two children. Allison is a foster care caseworker for Lutheran Social Services and is engaged to a great guy who is an electrical controls engineer. We're all looking forward to their wedding in 2016. Michael graduated from Drake University and is working at Metro Medical as an EMT with his eyes on a career in the medical field.

### **Family Interests/Hobbies:**

Among many other interests our family has, several years ago we became beekeepers...well, Tim became the beekeeper, Laura the skeptic. Three years and a few stings later, Tim is the expert and the family is his minions.

### **Something people would be surprised to learn about:**

Laura's first job out of college was working for the Iowa governor's office and the Department of Cor-

rections... traveling to jails and prisons, collecting data by interviewing some of the state's most violent criminals. **Loved it!**

### **Favorite shows:**

The one show we all agree is exceptional is M\*A\*S\*H...a comedy-drama with an outstanding collaboration of cast members. By the way, Laura can recite just about every episode word for word.


### **Things we've always wanted to do:**

Michael – take a Mystery Flight vacation  
Allie – hike the Pacific Crest Trail  
Tim – rafting in the Grand Canyon  
Laura – work in live theater

### **Favorite things to do in the area:**

Theater – Coronado, Starlite and, of course, the Chicago theaters  
Walks/runs with Wrigley and Addie, our two border collies  
Cubs and Blackhawks games  
Michael's soccer games



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## GRTY NEWS

Submitted by:  
Co-President  
Emily Shore

On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, four GRTY teens went to the YMCA to volunteer at the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Senior Citizen Prom. There,

Ronit Golan's delicious food was being served, so the teens walked around with hors d'oeuvres and helped clean up after it was over. By the end of the night, we also had a little time to get out on the dance floor!



The next day, GRTY teens and parents learned all about how to begin the search for college and how to apply. Our guest speaker, Emily (Rosen) Schubert, the college advisor for Boylan High School, shared her insight and tips for this difficult process. It proved to be a very worthwhile session! Thank you to Emily and everyone who came.

Every year, the advisors choose a new executive board after a writing and interview process. Congratulations to our 2015-16 board!  
Co-Presidents- Jacob Kopnick and Emily Shore  
Co-Communications/Social Media VP- Aaron Barenbaum and Samantha Glassman  
Co-Membership VP- Adam Gesmer and Michael Kaufman  
Religious/Spiritual VP- Jamie Zussman  
Class Rep/Health Awareness- Ben Kopnick  
Treasurer- Ben Levy

GRTY also played a huge role in the set-up of Food-A-Rama. Thank you to all of the teens and parents who helped set up and then take down the tables, boxes and bags!



The last event of the year is the installation of new board members/ bonfire/ potluck on May 30<sup>th</sup> at Nanci's.

All parents / congregants are invited at 6:00 pm for the installation and beautiful candle lighting ceremony; however, only the teens will be staying for the pot luck, bonfire and games.





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

An enjoyable  
adult evening



## ***SNACKS AND SCHMOOZING UNDER THE STARS...***

**Saturday, JUNE 27, 2015  
7:00-10:00 p.m.**

**The Home of  
LISA AND LARRY PEARLMAN**

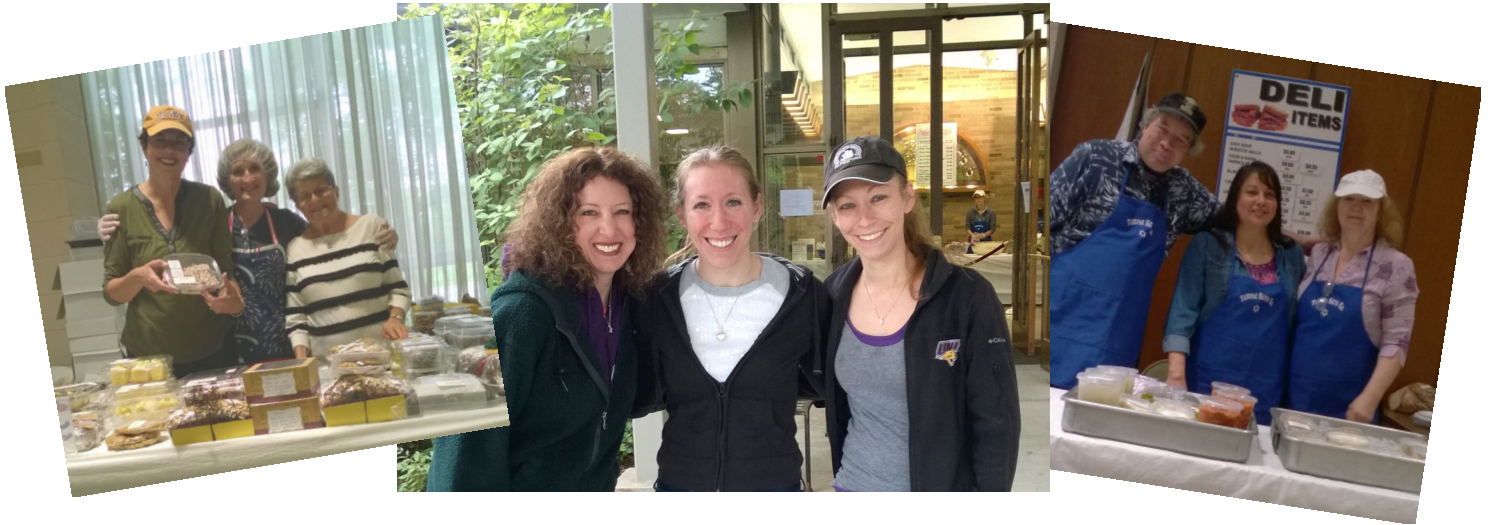
**9278 FOREST RIDGE DRIVE  
ROSCOE**

Join us for a night sitting under the stars with conversation  
and great snacks to nosh on!

Wine and soft drinks will be served as well.

**NO CHARGE** other than your company and bringing either your favorite appetizer or  
dessert to pass.

PLEASE RSVP to **LISA PEARLMAN** by JUNE 20, 2015, at **ljh0702@gmail.com**  
or call/text her at **815-977-1796** (please state your name in the text),  
or call the Temple Beth-EL Office at 815-398-5020



# Temple Beth-El 53rd Annual Food-A-Rama

Just a few of the people that made it all possible

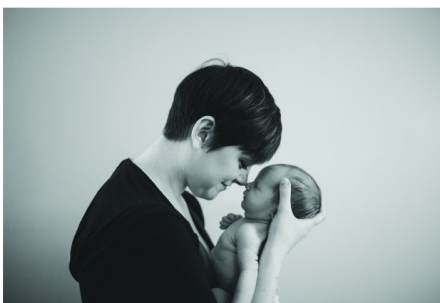




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Mindy Joy Young  
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Friends of Temple Beth-El

## It's a.... Car Mitzvah



**Our car mitzvah  
donation program  
has earned over  
\$40,000.  
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.

Thank you for your support.

3012 North Main Street Rockford, IL 61103

815-962-7914



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# Coming Attractions

**July 2015**

**August 2015**

**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 2015**

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

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**RSVP to ALL activities quickly** please even if you can't attend

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## 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.

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## The Yiddish Corner

### Bobkes

*Bub kiss*

*Literal Yiddish: goat droppings.*

*Of small or minimal value*

I did so much work. Mowing, trimming, schlepping and he paid me *bobkes*.

## On the Lighter Side...

Isaac and Sarah got married and left on their honeymoon. When they got back, Sarah immediately telephoned her mother Leah.

"Well," said Leah, "how was the honeymoon, darling?"

"Oh mum," Sarah replied, "the honeymoon was fantastic. It was so romantic, and ..and..."

Then Sarah started to cry. "Oh mum, as soon as we got back, Isaac started using terrible language. He said things I'd never hoped to hear, all those 4-letter words. Please mum, get into your car now and come and take me home."

"Calm down, darling," said Leah, "tell your mother what could be that awful. Don't be shy, tell me what 4-letter words Isaac used."

"Please mum, I'm too embarrassed to tell you, they're terrible words. Just come and take me away," said Sarah.

"But bubeleh, you must tell me, you must tell me what the 4-letter words were."

Still crying, Sarah replies, "Oh mum, he used words like WASH, COOK, IRON, DUST, ..."

Moshe was talking to his psychiatrist. "I had a weird dream recently," he says. "I saw my mother but then I noticed she had your face. I found this so worrying that I immediately awoke and couldn't get back to sleep. I just stayed there thinking about it until 7am. I got up, made myself a slice of toast and some coffee and came straight here. Can you please help me explain the meaning of my dream?"

The psychiatrist kept silent for some time, then said, "One slice of toast and coffee? Do you call that a breakfast?"



## June 2015 Religious Services

June 5  
Family Shabbat Service 7:30 pm

June 12  
City Market Shabbat 6:00 pm

June 19  
Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 pm

June 26  
Dari Fair Shabbat Service 6:00 pm

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