

# TEMPLE BETH-EL



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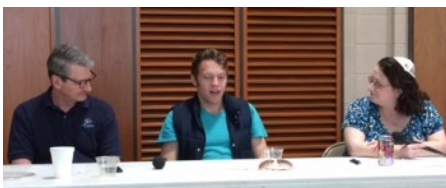
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**Mission Statement:** Temple Beth-El is a congregation of Jews and their families building a community committed to participation in all aspects of Jewish life. By community, we mean a group of diverse people who share a strong connection fostered 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.

## Visiting Mr. Green at Temple

Temple Beth-El welcomed the director and cast member of the play "Visiting Mr. Green" to our social hall on Sunday morning, May 22nd for a discussion of the play that was performed at the Cheek Theatre at Rockford University to sold out audiences. The play about two Jewish men, one younger and one older, and their relationship to Judaism and their personal life perspectives made for a wonderful audience experience and a lively discussion. Director Richard Raether and actor Josh Krause discussed the many aspects of the play. An enthusiastic crowd extended the talk time much longer than anticipated. It was noted that the author of the play happened to be in the area and asked to come see the play. It was a unique opportunity to get the author's feelings about aspects of the production.



Chaverim,

Welcome back summer! In some congregations, summer is a time when everything slows down or even stops. Here at Temple Beth-El, though, summer brings many great events. I want to tell you about a few happening in June, along with a couple of changes 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:

**Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> – Torah on Tap at the Sinissippi 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 Sinissippi Park. The concert begins at 7pm. For those who RSVP, we'll enjoy a picnic dinner together. 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! Please note that **this event will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month** instead of our usual 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday gathering.



*From Rabbi Binah Wing*

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**Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup> – Dari Fair Shabbat** – Join us for this always popular annual event!! A slight change this year is that we'll be having Dari Fair after a 7:30pm service. Some people did not like having ice cream before dinner so we moved this special treat to follow a later service. We'll still have a brief service and then we'll caravan to Dari Fair (my favorite summer ice cream place) for a delicious dessert - My treat!

**Other non-service related events in June include:** our Annual Meeting on Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 10am. Please come and hear what's going on at Temple and vote in our new Board members. There is also a great Adult Education program on June 12<sup>th</sup>. We'll watch a great movie about the early days of the State of Israel, called "Above and Beyond." A tasty breakfast is included in the event.

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

July 22<sup>nd</sup> – City Market Shabbat. We'll meet at Roni's art gallery for services and then head out to City Market for dinner. Services at 6:00 pm.

August 7<sup>th</sup> – Shabbat in the Park – Gathering beginning at 4:30. Services at 6:30 at the Red Oak Picnic Shelter at Rock Cut State Park

August 12<sup>th</sup> – Pet Shabbat and High School Graduation Sendoffs. Note – this will be a 6pm service even though it's not the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday.

September 23<sup>rd</sup> – S'more Shabbat – With all the events going on and with the lateness of the High Holy Days, we moved this favorite to September.

Please note that I will again be serving as faculty at OSRUI. I'll be working there from July 18<sup>th</sup> – July 31st. More on that next month.

Last but certainly not least, my family and I will be taking a long overdue vacation at the end of the month. We'll be driving out to Denver, CO to visit my brother and his family as well as doing some sight-seeing. We'll be renting a camper and camping along the way – our favorite way to travel! We'll be gone just over a week. We'll leave on June 18<sup>th</sup> and return June 26<sup>th</sup>.

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 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Ellen Dietz gave her D'Var Torah on the Book of Ecclesiastes after reading the book *When the Wind Stops* to her granddaughter. The Book of Ecclesiastes introduces Kohelet who reviews his life with both fulfillment and despair. The book has many sayings that have both a good part and a bad part. Kohelet reminds us that life is temporary and fragile.

Brina saw "Visiting Mr. Green" and enjoyed the play. She said that after Food-A-Rama, we would put up the peace pole. Other than her usual duties, the Rabbi reported that she helped lead the GRTY Friday night service, the Passover Seder, the Religious School Chocolate Seder, and she officiated at Jack Holmstrom's Bar Mitzvah. She taught two classes, one to the Learning in Retirement Center on "Visiting Mr. Green" and one to the seniors at Keith School on world religions. Rabbi also participated in the Holocaust Memorial Service.

For the month of April our net profit is down, even though the rummage sale profits were included. We are waiting for the results of FAR to see what our net will be. The Foundation did have a slight gain at 1.43%, and our net over principle is positive but small.

The Passover Seder went well, and about 40 people attended. All the special Friday night summer services have been set. See below.

Lauren reported that the Religious school students attended a Chocolate Seder, played Israeli Trivia for Independence Day, learned songs sung in the concentration camps and listened to Goldie talk about the Holocaust. GRTY led the Shabbat service and did a great job. They have elected their officers for next year and will have their final bonfire/potluck on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Our new refrigerator arrived, and the Temple was set up for FAR. The lights that were broken in the garden will be fixed and edging will be placed around them so they will not be broken again. The picnic tables will be painted in July.

This summer our next social action project could be at either Northern Illinois Food Bank or Rock River Pantry. Both of these places support Backpack Buddies, which was GRTY's project this year. We will be having an art auction at Anderson Gardens on November 5<sup>th</sup>.

Ellen Dietz reported that the Federation campaign has brought in \$26,300. The Holocaust Memorial Service went well with over 200 people attending. The joint service with OHave Shalom will be on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Greater Chicago Jewish Festival in Morton Grove will be on June 5<sup>th</sup> and the Jewish Federation book talk will be on June 26<sup>th</sup> at the Golan home. Upcoming Temple Events:

June 3<sup>rd</sup> Temple/OHave Shalom joint service 6:00 followed by dinner

June 5<sup>th</sup> Temple Annual Meeting 10:00

June 5<sup>th</sup> Greater Chicago Jewish Festival at St Paul Woods in Morton Grove 11:00-6:00

June 12<sup>th</sup> "Above and Beyond" Adult Education Program 10:00

## Brina's Bits

Being President of Temple Beth-El for the past 2 ½ years, has been a wonderful experience. I have worked with an

exceptional group of people. Rabbi Wing, the Board of Directors, Jay Sklar as Facilitator and Joyce Hulstedt, our Temple Secretary, have all made my Presidency a joy. I cannot thank them enough for helping our Temple operate as smoothly as it does.

In each of my articles, I have expressed how important it is to volunteer and keep this congregation strong. Thank you for the strong participation in our Rummage Sale and our massive Food-A-Rama, which together raised over \$30,000 for Temple. Without your volunteer help, we wouldn't be able to do it.

We have quite a remarkable past. As I look at the photographs of past Confirmation Classes and past Presidents, I am proud of our longevity and have big hopes for our future. L'Dor V'dor, from generation to generation and from strength to strength, may we continue on.  
Brina

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June 17<sup>th</sup> Dari Fair Shabbat service at 7:30  
June 26<sup>th</sup> Book Talk at the Golans 2:00  
July 22<sup>nd</sup> City Market Shabbat  
August 5<sup>th</sup> Shabbat in the Park  
August 12<sup>th</sup> Pet Shabbat  
September 11<sup>th</sup> Community Picnic  
September 23<sup>rd</sup> S'More Shabbat 6:00

## Mazel Tov

To Rachel and Alex Bagne and to Grandmother Mary Roufa on the birth of Julian James

## Jewish Federation Sponsored Joint Shabbat Service

Please join the Jewish Federation, Congregation Ohave Sholom, and Temple Beth-El in celebrating Shabbat together.

Where: Temple Beth-El

Date: June 3, 2016

Time: 6:00 service with dinner to follow



Menu: Vegetarian Lasagna, Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert

No Charge, but Donations Appreciated

Sherry Dreyfuss and Goldie Pekarsky attended the Israeli Consulate Leadership Conference on April 13 and 14

**Come to the Joint Shabbat Service to hear our report. Topics include:**

**Interfaith and Christian Perspectives on Israel**

**Outreach to the African American and Latino Communities**

**Challenges to the partnership of Israeli and diaspora Jews**

**The middle east, BDS (boycott, divestment, and sanction) and more.**

Please RSVP to Goldie at 815-399-5497 or [rockfordfederation@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rockfordfederation@sbcglobal.net) by Thursday, June 2

Please join us for this very special service that brings together the Rockford Jewish community



# SCHOOL DAZE

200 Words or Less...

By Goldie & Adrian



Yes, Religious School has ended and our "summer" has begun. Hope you are enjoying sleeping in on Sunday mornings! We owe so much to our dedicated staff here at Temple. They so deserve a huge shout out! Here they are: Carol Gordon, Jim Gesmer, David Sklar, Rabbi Wing, Andrea Levey, Ronit Golan, Sandy Simon, Barbara Simon and Mitch Kopnick.

This year's aides were Emily Shore and Jamie Zussman. Thanks for being so conscientious! A special

thanks to Made-line Towne who did a fabulous job being song leader/guitarist on the last day of



school! We sure hope we see and hear lots more from her!

This year our top attendance awards went to Lilly Wing and Joe Gesmer.

Congratulations to you both! Continue your excellent record!

Come to the annual meeting on June 5 and hear some more school details about our year!

We'd like to congratulate Jack Holmstrom on becoming a Bar Mitzvah on May 7th. Mazel Tov to the entire family!

Special thanks to the Zussman family for making a donation to the Dermer Fund in honor of Religious School teachers, principals and Rabbi Wing. We so appreciate your thoughtfulness!

Till next time, Shalom.

## Above and Beyond



Sunday, June 12, 2016  
Temple Beth-El  
10:00 Breakfast / 10:30  
Movie

**Would you risk everything - your future,  
your citizenship, even your life –  
to help a brother in need?**

In 1948, just three years after the liberation of Nazi death camps, a group of Jewish American pilots answered a call for help. In secret, and at great personal risk, they smuggled planes out of the U.S., trained behind the Iron Curtain in Czechoslovakia and flew for Israel in its War of Independence. As members of Machal – “volunteers from abroad” – this ragtag band of brothers not only turned the tide of the war, they also embarked on personal journeys of discovery and renewed Jewish pride.

ABOVE AND BEYOND is their story.

Sponsored by Temple Beth-El

Please RSVP to Joyce at 815-398-5020

Everyone is welcome to this free event!

## June Oneg Committee


**June 3**  
Nanci and Marc Soriano  
Jackie and  
Leonard Bernstein

**June 10**  
Mary Roufa  
Rachel and Alex Bagne

**June 17**  
Dari Fair Shabbat

**June 24**  
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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.



## 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)

## June Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Adults

Gillian Weiss	6/4	Wendy & Fred Young	6/6/81
Stephen Weiss	6/4	Karen & Marc Zussman	6/6/93
Jason Gesmer	6/5	Leda & Jordan Nevler	6/12/66
Andrea Levey	6/5	Julie & Greg Sparks	6/12/82
Terry Gordon	6/6	John & Katherine	6/14/15
Steven Schneider	6/6	Rosenbloom	6/15/54
Shlomo Wing	6/6	Louise & Jason Gesmer	6/17/95
Andrea Olson	6/10	Susan & Joel Rosenfeld	6/23/63
Tony Toback	6/10	Joy & Steven Schneider	6/24/82
Jay Sklar	6/10	Ellen & Fred Dietz	6/27/71
Carol Gordon	6/12	Lisa & Mitchell Kopnick	6/29/96
Yelena Slobard	6/13	Natalie & Harvey Share	6/29/53
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



## NOTICE

Rockford Hebrew Cemetery Plots will increase in price July 1, 2016.  
To save, buy your plots now.  
For more information, please contact David Sklar, 815-218-4122.

*-Rockford Cemetery Committee*

### 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 June 3**

Tillie Davidson  
Sadie Nathan  
Shauna Adelman  
Leo Blumenthal  
Morton Steinback  
Celia Behr  
Judy Gail Behr  
Louis Hoffman

#### **Read June 10**

Joseph Behr  
Marilyn Toback  
Fajga Kleinberg  
Jackie Halickman  
Arthur Kadison  
Augusta Kaufer  
Harry Beiman  
Ethel Mendeloff  
William Friedberg  
James Linsky  
James H. Weissenberg  
Walter Swanson  
Philip Edelheit  
Geri Katz

#### **Read June 17**

Harry Kastenbaum  
Henry S. Rosenberg  
David W. Goldman  
Eli Pavey  
Henry Ruthe  
Lester Miller

#### **Read June 24**

Rose Wish  
Kathryn J. Druker  
Joseph Tobias  
Isidore Selig Kharasch  
Sylvia Blustein  
Ida Freifeld  
Ruth S. Taitelman  
Mary Desnick  
Arthur L. Goldberg



### 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**

Mazel Tov to Rachel Shore on her graduation from Bradley University  
In honor of Emily Shore's graduation from Guilford  
In honor of Jack Holmstrom becoming a Bar Mitzvah  
-Jay and Susan Kamin

#### **Landscaping Fund**

In loving memory of Chuck Kaplan and Nathan Kaplan  
In honor of Jack Holmstrom's Bar Mitzvah  
In honor of the birth of Julian James Bagne  
-Milly Kaplan

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

In honor of Rabbi Wing  
-Confirmation Class of 2016

### CONDOLENCES TO:

**Brenda Dermer  
and family  
on the loss of her  
husband,**

**Jerald**

### *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.

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


Please join us for our next Temple Beth-El  
Social Get Together!  
**SANGRIA AND SNACKS**  
**SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2016**  
at the home of  
**JOHN AND WENDY HUSS**  
**12430 BREEZEFIELD CIRCLE**  
**ROSCOE**  
**7-10PM**



Join us for a night under the stars with great conversation and snacks. Sangria and drinks will be served as well!

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

\*\*\*As soon as possible, **PLEASE RSVP** to **WENDY HUSS** by calling or texting to 815-608-8453 (please state your name in the text) or wrh0927@gmail.com\*\*\*

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## GRTY NEWS

Submitted by:  
Co-President  
Jacob Kopnick and  
Emily Shore

As the year comes to an end, GRTY has managed to pack in as many events as possible. On April 29<sup>th</sup>, GRTY held their annual Shabbat Service. As the GRTY members led the congregation in songs, prayers and readings, the

service proved to be a meaningful event for both the

teens and Temple members in attendance. Thank you to everyone who came to the service and

who continues to support the youth group. Also, thank you to all of those who contributed to our drive for our service project of the year—Backpack Buddies. We raised almost \$400, and we had a full carload of peanut butter, toiletries and non-perishable food items to deliver to this worthwhile organization.

As always, GRTY plays a huge role in helping set up and take down Food-A-Rama. Thank you to all members and parents who set up tables, organized the deliveries to be made, helped the day of FAR and cleaned up after the event. Your help is greatly appreciated by the congregation.

The GRTY Exec Board had their last meeting on May 15<sup>th</sup> and are very excited about all of the events planned for the next year. Congrats to the Exec Board of 2016-17!

Co-Presidents- Jamie Zussman and Adam Gesmer

Membership and Communications VP- Ben Levy

Religious and Spiritual VP- Ben Kopnick

Media and Technology VP - Aaron Barenbaum

Class Representative- Zachary Hergert



In their last event as an entire youth group, the assembly of bright-eyed teens gathered at advisor Nanci Soriano's house to say goodbye to our past year and hello to the new Exec. Board at a Pot Luck/Bon Fire/ Game Night on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. The night was kicked off by an installation of the new GRTY Executive Board members, which included a touching candle-lighting ceremony that came to represent the bright future that each new executive board member will have with the group. After the

ceremony, the teens enjoyed great food, yard games and a toasty campfire to carry this year into the history books. Everyone had a great time this year, and GRTY looks



forward to having an even more successful year next year. Best of luck to our graduating seniors: Jacob Kopnick, Emily Shore, Michael Kaufman and Sami Glassman. You will be missed, but remembered with love and gratitude forever!







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

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

*Nanci and Marc Soriano. 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 us about yourself and your family:**

Marc is a Neurosurgeon, who currently operates on backs and peripheral nerves (carpal tunnel), and an avid sportsman. He loves to golf, fish, skeet shoot and ski. Additionally, he loves to sing in a variety of choirs, especially the Temple's during High Holiday services. Nanci is a retired high school English, theatre and speech teacher and theatre director. Currently, I am the youth group advisor for GRTY. Our wonderful kids include Jason who is a clinical psychologist here in Rockford, Ashley who is a 6th year Spanish teacher and student council advisor at Fremd H.S. in Palatine, Nate who is a nurse anesthetist in West Des Moines, Iowa and his wife Kristin who is a first grade (about to move up to fifth grade) teacher. Last September, Nate and Kristin blessed us with our smiley, giggly, precious grandson, Landon.



### **Favorite quote:**

Nanci- "Don't judge another person until you've walked a mile in their shoes" and " People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." Maya Angelou

### **Favorite things to do around Rockford:**

Marc- Hike Rock Cut, attend the Symphony, theatre, golf,  
Nanci- Anderson Gardens, kayak at Rock Cut, Rockford City Market, Nicholas Conservatory, theatre, pilates at Peak, try out new restaurants with friends, bake and garden

### **If you could meet anyone, living or dead, who**

**would  
you want  
to meet?**

Marc -  
Abraham  
and Noah  
Nanci- My  
great,  
great  
grandfather so he  
could tell  
us what  
our real  
last name  
was. He

took on the Goldman family name after they took him in after he lost his own family.

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

Marc- Mowing lawns for \$1.00 an hour  
Nanci- Burger King and Ace Hardware cashier in the same summer (and I still LOVE hanging out in hardware stores, right Jerry Paris?!)

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

Marc- Tikkun Olam

Nanci- I am inspired through our congregational teens when I develop a relationship with them that allows me to watch them grow and connect in their Jewish identity, Jewish friendships and Tikkun Olam. When the teens WANT to write their own Shabbat service and want me to find new ways they can help other kids in the community who are less fortunate, my soul is inspired and nourished!

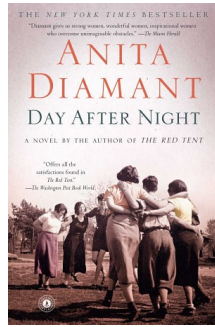
### **Role models:**

Marc- Parents, grandparents and Nanci's parents  
Nanci- My parents are my role models because I have watched them reach out to others in any way they could my entire life! In spite of their personal struggles with Leukemia (Dad) and Multiple Myeloma (Mom), they used the final years of their lives to create a support group, a newsletter and a private foundation, Goldman Philanthropic Partnerships, to fund groundbreaking medical research to help the lives of others for generations to come.

Following in the footsteps of their grandparents, my children are also my role models because they continue to reach out and provide support to others, privately and through on line support groups, who are newly diagnosed with visual challenges.



## Jewish Federation Book Talk For Women and Men Day After Night



**When: Sunday, June 26 at 2:00pm**  
**Where: The home of Roni and Ronit Golan**

An announcement for everyone who is interested in history and enjoys reading. The title for the spring book discussion is *Day After Night* by Anita Diamant. A New York Times Best seller and named a book of the year by the Washington Post. Men and women will find this book informative about one of the major events in the early days of Israel.

Based on the true story of the October 1945 rescue of more than two hundred prisoners from the Atlit Internment Camp, a prison for "illegal" immigrants run by the British Military, the book describes the life and the rescue of the prisoners.

Available from Amazon, BN.com around \$13. for paper back or audio book. 294 p. ISBN.978-4-7432-9985-5

RSVP: Goldie at 815-399-5497 or [rockfordfederation@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rockfordfederation@sbcglobal.net)

Discussion led by Barbara Brown

Study Questions:

Were you aware of these events?

What was life like for those interned?

Why were the prisoners interned?

What was the situation in the country at that time?

How did the prisoners feel after having been in Concentration Camps and being forced to become prisoners again?

How were the Kibbutz's able to accomplish this feat?

## Food-A-Rama 2016





# GRTY 2015-16



....And a wonderful  
year was had by all.

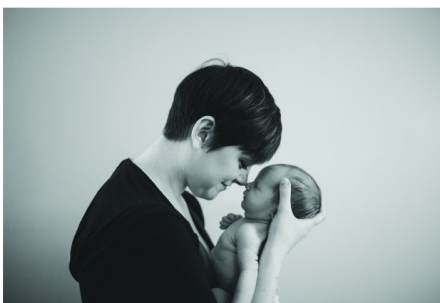




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# Coming Attractions

## July 2016

## August 2016

Sun. 7th Adult Ed: Stand With Us  
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

Tentative Date \*  
Temple Board

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

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

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

## GRTY 2015-2016 Calendar

June???\*Senior Citizen Prom-  
Loves Park YMCA 8451 Orth Rd.,  
6:00 p.m.

## \*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).

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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

### Kitbitzer

*KIB-it-z-er*

Someone who comments from the sidelines, offers unasked for advice,

I had so much work to do and all he wanted to do was **kibitz** while I worked. What a **kibitzer**.

## On **the Lighter Side...**

### Testamental Humor

Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?  
Noah. He was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.

Who was the greatest female financier in the Bible?

Pharaoh's daughter. She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.

What kind of motor vehicles are in the Bible?  
Jehovah drove Adam and Eve out of the Garden in a Fury. David's Triumph was heard throughout the land.

Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?  
Samson. He brought the house down.

What excuse did Adam give to his children as to why he no longer lived in Eden?

Your mother ate us out of house and home.

Who is the greatest baby-sitter mentioned in the Bible?

David. He rocked Goliath to a very deep sleep.

Which Bible character had no parents?

Joshua, son of Nun.



## June 2016 Religious Services

June 3  
Joint Shabbat Service and Dinner  
6:00 pm

June 10  
Erev Shabbat Service  
7:30 pm

June 17  
Dari Fair Shabbat Service  
7:30 pm

June 24  
Kabbalat Shabbat Service  
6:00 pm

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