

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.

Seriously Huge Rummage Sale



Important Dates:

Clean Rummage Drop-off Days
March 15, 16, 18, 19 & 20

Rummage Set-up
March 18 9:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

Seriously Huge Rummage Sale!
Thursday March 22 8 a.m.—6 p.m.
Friday, March 23 8 a.m.—4 p.m.
Sunday, March 25 10 a.m.—1 p.m.

Tear down, pack up
March 25 at 1:00 p.m.

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Chaverim,

The warm temperatures at the end of February have been a nice taste of spring which is right around the corner. We Midwesterners know that unfortunately more cold and maybe even more (gasp!) snow may be coming our way. But at least we can begin to enjoy a warm up. The arrival of spring also conjures up the arrival of spring in the Jewish world. We celebrated Purim at the end of February this year and that means that Passover will soon be upon us!

It's been a couple of years since this happened but this year the 1st night of Pesach is a Friday evening. While many Jewish observances take place in the synagogue, some, like Shabbat dinner and the Passover seder were meant to take place in our homes, which our tradition also holds as a sacred space. In fact, the Rabbis considered the home as the main location for expressing our Jewishness. No holiday emphasizes this more than Pesach. For some people, their most meaningful Jewish memories are of Passover seders in their family homes.

The Rabbis envisioned the Jewish family as the foundation of Jewish life, and no holiday more than Pesach enshrines this value.

The extended family including loved ones and friends gather together in the home to reenact the most important event that happened to the Jewish people: the Exodus from Egypt and the beginning of our life in cove-



From Rabbi Binah Wing

....1st Seder falls on a Friday night (March 30), we will not be having Shabbat services here at Temple.

nant with God.

These days not everyone has a seder in their home. Some people only go to the congregational seder on the second night of Passover. This is a nice tradition that allows us celebrate the holiday as a community. However, our tradition challenges us to make sure that everyone is able to celebrate Passover at home - either in their own, or the home of a family member or friend.

Since we value the role of the family so much in our tradition, we would again like to try and match up people who want to attend a seder with people who are hosting a seder. If you would like to attend a 1st night seder, please contact me at the Temple. Likewise, if you are having a seder and would be willing to welcome a few more people to your table, please let me know that as well. Don't worry if you have small children or if you don't follow the haggadah letter for letter. It's the togetherness and welcoming others that is important! In this way, Pesach can be celebrated by all who wish in a way that respects tradition and the central role of the home in our Jewish lives.

Also, because **1st Seder falls on a Friday night, we will not be having Shabbat services here at Temple.** If you have a yahrzeit that would be read at services on March 30th, please call the office to have the name of your loved one moved to a nearby date. If we don't hear from you, we will read the name on March 23rd.

I look forward to hearing from you and celebrating with you on the 2nd night of Passover, Saturday March 31st!

Shalom,
Rabbi Wing

10 Minutes of Torah

UNION FOR REFORM JUDAISM'S
DEPARTMENT OF LIFELONG JEWISH LEARNING

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

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



The Temple Board met on February 14th, 2018. Brina's Torah portion is Parashat T'rumah which contains instructions on building the Mishkan, or place of worship, while the Jews were in the desert. The instructions were exact and easy to follow including the building of the Menorah. The modern-day seal of Israel depicts the Menorah as it was 12 years after the destruction of the Temple. Yet Maimonides offered a version of what he thought the Menorah should look like and Rashi seemed to agree with him. Although they probably got it wrong, it was due to the instructions that our ancestors had in their heads which they did not fully communicate. Brina pointed out that this kind of miscommunication can happen in modern times because of e-mails, texts, and the spoken word. It is important to pay more attention to our communication and how it can be interpreted. The real lesson lies in how we handle the miscommunication. The lesson is to reserve judgement when a miscommunication happens. Instead of placing blame, we need to ask ourselves was the communication clear?

Jim gave condolences to the Rabbi on the loss of her mother on behalf of the board. He reported that the nominating committee needs 3 members for the upcoming election of new board members. The board members will be Jay Sklar, Jim Gesmer and Brina Grigg. The lay leaders are still needed.

Rabbi reported that there has been no Torah on Tap since October but that she plans on starting up again in March or April. The fifth/sixth grade retreat at OSRUI was cancelled due to the weather. Rabbi is now a member of the new committee to address antisemitism in Rockford. She attended the first two sessions of anti-racism leadership training along with Faye Marcus. She will be working at OSRUI this summer, so she attended a mid-winter meeting for the faculty. Rabbi expressed her immense gratitude for the love and care she received from the Temple family due to the loss of her mother. She will be spending some time taking care of her mother's estate.

Sharon reported our total income and our expenses. A question was asked about what we do with the money in the library fund. Jay said that the money is used to buy books. Right now, we do not have a librarian to purchase books. Jay is going to try to update the computer on the contents of our library and investigate e-books. Brina reported on our receivables and total pledges of our 85 member units. The next finance committee meeting will be on February 20th.

Rob reported on our Foundations as of January 31st. In January, we had a gain of 3.03%. Rob said that although we have had fluctuations due to the market volatility, we are still doing pretty good.

Brian reported that the committee is planning for the Passover Seder which will be March 31st. There will be no Friday night services on March 30th.

David reported that the interior doors and locks have



This month, I want to highlight the efforts of David Quimby and Jordan Towne, our current and past Vice-President of Building and Grounds, respectively. Since ending his term in June 2017, Jordan has

continued to be very active in maintaining our beautiful building, helping to organize the Food-A-Rama storage room and helping to organize for the upcoming Rummage Sale. I know that Jordan also helped David when he assumed the duties of Vice-President of Building and Grounds in June 2017.

David has done a fantastic job in the short time that he has been Vice-President of Building and Grounds. Most recently, he has spent extensive time obtaining quotes for long-needed replacement of the Temple roof and replacement of the Temple heating and air conditioning system. David has also spent considerable time working with ComEd in an effort to obtain rebates once the heating and air condition project is completed.

From my perspective, David and Jordan are probably at Temple Beth-El more often than anybody except Rabbi Wing, Jay Sklar and Joyce Hulstedt. I know that David and Jordan volunteer their time out of a desire to make our building as energy sufficient and as durable as possible. Next time you see David and Jordan, please thank them for all that they do. I hate to think what the state of Temple Beth-El would be without their hard work.

-Jim

CONDOLENCES TO:

Natalie and Harvey Share on the loss of
Natalie's sister, Lola Mae Shapiro

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Milly Kaplan on the loss of Milly's
brother, Jules Hertz

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Marc and Nanci Soriano on the loss of
Marc's father, Louis Soriano

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Larry and Lisa Pearlman on the loss of
Larry's Father, Rabbi Melvin Pearlman

From the Temple Board cont. from page 2....

been repaired. The classrooms and office will have one-way mirror film put on them for safety. David met with Nicor, and after an assessment we qualify for \$1,167 in potential rebates and \$609 in annual energy bill savings. David is working on incentive programs from Com Ed. If we qualify we could receive between \$20,000 and \$30,000 in incentives. The Temple HVAC and roofing projects could qualify for 7 different incentives and 2 bonus/discount programs. Hopefully, this project will start after Food – A – Rama. David and his family did a great job of cleaning up the boiler room. The boiler had a tune up which should be done every 3 years.

Carol's report stated that Sunday School resumed in January. The older students listened to the adult education program on humor. The students had music and decorated flower pots to plant seeds for Tu'B'Shevat. They also watched the movie, "The Lorax" to reinforce the holiday. There is money available from the Dermer and Garten Fund for Religious School students to attend OSRUI. All the students will be attending the Jewop performance on February 18th.

GRTY students spent time reflecting and providing everyday examples of how they could better uphold their Jewish values. They then watched the movie "Miracle at Midnight". This movie showed the sacrifices and danger Danish citizens faced while trying to help their Jewish neighbors.

Karen reported that the school supply drive for Rock House Kids finished. Karen and Faye dropped off about \$325 in donations and a check for \$115. The agency was very appreciative. The wine and paint night on February 15th has 11 people attending. Karen is looking for a host for a Spring social.

Mary said the committee is gearing up for the Rummage Sale. Members can bring in their rummage starting March 15th. To volunteer to help, there will be a sign-up genie. Jordan Towne cleared out the books in the classroom.

Jay reported that the 1914 legacy packet will be mailed out in the next few days.

Ellen reported that the 2017 campaign collected \$24,600 out of the \$28,000 pledged. After receiving another donation, the total sent to Hadassah Hospital for Parkinson's research was \$560. The Lox Box profit was \$1,674.24 including a \$180 donation from Meijer. Yoga brought in \$331. The Synagogue will celebrate Purim on February 28th and the Purim Carnival will be held on Sunday, March 4th. The ADL is bringing 2 speakers on March 11th to speak to the youth group and adults. Midway Village Heritage Day will be on March 17th. Thirteen immigrants were taped for their display and Goldie was one of them. The Holocaust Remembrance Service will be at the University of Illinois School of Medicine on April 8th. The next Israel at 70 event will be a dinner followed by a talk by the Golans on Saturday, April 21st.

Brian Shore brought up a way to fix and decorate the foyer with stained glass. He presented what the glass panels would look like. He volunteered to do all the stained glass and put it up. The board accepted Brian's offer after discussion.

SCHOOL DAZE

200 Words or Less...
By Goldie & Adrian



February was a very busy month. Students decorated flower pots under the direction of Sandy Simon and planted herb seeds for Tu B'Shevat. We also watched a movie about trees. Students sang with Barbara Simon and Mitch Kopnick. There was also hamantaschen baking with Ronit. Thanks goes to our parent volunteers who help with the baking.

The students and teachers practiced the new security plan. We went to the bottom of the basement steps in case there is a tornado, and we went in the boiler room in case there is an intruder. Last fall, we practiced a fire drill.

The students were included in an adult education program, Jewop, an acapella group from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. The music was

great and so was the breakfast that preceded it.



Purim was Wednesday, February 28. A fun service and a pizza dinner was planned. It is always fun to

see the Rabbi's extreme costume. Purim fun continues Sunday, March 4. We will have a Purim Carnival and a hot dog lunch. Everyone is welcome.

There will be no school on Sundays, March 25 and



April 1 and Wednesday, March 28.

Have a fun spring break,

Goldie and Adrian

Purim Fun Continues...

Sunday, March 4
10:00 am

Purim Carnival
and Prizes
Hot Dog Lunch

Costumes are
encouraged



Everyone is welcome to this
free event!

Temple Beth-El Religious School presents: Chocolate Seder 2018



Sunday, March 18
10:00 am at Temple Beth-El
Families with young
children are welcome

March Oneg Committee

March 2	The Temple Beth-El
Ronit and Roni Golan	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.
Tina Sievers	
March 9	
Patty and Howard Kaufman	
Andrea and Mitch Busch	
March 16	
Nanci and Marc Soriano	
Jackie and Len Bernstein	
March 23	
No Oneg	
March 30	
1st Seder - No Services	



56th Food-A-Rama Deli for a Day



at Temple Beth-El

Spring is just around the corner and what is the first thing that Temple members think of ----- Food-A-Rama of course, and **what would FAR be without blintzes?** I can't imagine.

Everyone loves our blintzes and

they are a BIG moneymaker for FAR. If we are to have enough blintzes to meet the demands of our customers, we need your help. We will be doing 1 week of cooking sessions, and we are scheduling them now so that you can plan ahead and mark your calendar to join us for one or several.

Sunday, April 15th, 9 am – noon headed by Alma Quimby (815-484-3294)

Tuesday, April 17th, 9 am – noon headed by Barbara Simon (815-637-6430)

Wednesday, April 18th, 9 am – noon headed by Sharon Goldsand (815-335-4050)

Sunday, April 22nd, 9 am – noon headed by Ronit Golan (815-222-4259)

We need your help!!

Thank you,
FAR Committee

March Birthdays & Anniversaries

Adults

Scott Schoeller	3/1
Jordan Nevler	3/1
Norma Polcek	3/1
Fred Glassman	3/5
Jerry Paris	3/8
Garrett Einhorn	3/9
Joan Davis	3/9
Gary Rubin	3/12
Allison Holmstrom	3/12
Mark Lamont	3/15
Susan Glassman	3/15
Mary Shore	3/17
Jacob Kopnick	3/17
Goldie Pekarsky	3/18
Chelsi Schoeller	3/20
Harvey Einhorn	3/20
Barb Berney	3/24
Jackie Bernstein	3/27
Fred Dietz	3/28
Alex Rozman	3/29
Jason Simon	3/31
Mitchell Kopnick	3/31

Children

Megan Anton 3/21/08

Anniversaries

Jeffrey & Paula Lash 3/16/91

Ginny & Sheldon Weiss 3/23/75

Laura & Tim Sage 3/26/88



The Temple Beth-El Gift Shop



GIFT SHOP HOURS

Monday–Friday, call the office

Sunday 10am - noon*

*Open Sundays when school is in session.

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

YAHRZEIT LIST

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

Read March 2

Ervin Fruchtnicht
Eva Weiss
Rabbi Abraham H. Feinberg
Ellis R. Gardner
Harold Stern
Sam Simon
Edward Levitz
Bruce Polcek
May Kobrin
Dr. Joseph Roufa
Beverly Fierstien

Read March 9

Denise Polcek
Leah Schaider
Jessie Futerman
Clara Stone
Dr. Sherwin Gersten
Bernard Berney
Edith Karsner
Saul Helfand

Read March 16

Lena Zenoff
Harry Shanhouse
ML Bork
Henry Levy
Earl Glenner
Samuel Gersten
Jerome Woodruff
Saul K. Bork
Carrie Klein
Stephen Craig Osran
Douglas Pavey
Asher Oscar Finkel
Louis Landy

Read March 23

Fred Paris
Ida Kimmelman
Evelyn Kaplan
Regina Klinsky
Patricia Bork
Arnold Deutsch
Slava Bolotina
Martin Marx
Zelda Sanders
Vivian Tobias
George Evans
Herman Marcus
Herman Shore
Murray Solomon
Laura Hoffman
Irene Seidler
Max Becker

March 30, 1st Seder -No Services

Martha Rosenbloom
Harry Rosenzweig
Norman Share
Solomon Rosenfeld
Esther Druker
Benjamin Stone
David S. Sher
Joel Huss
Adolph Wiener



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 Rhea Bork
-Brina Grigg
In loving memory of Lilith Kornell
In loving memory of Sherry Brownstein
-Jay and Susan Kamin
In memory of Sherry Brownstein
-Joan Davis
In memory of Robert Silverman
-Elisa Whitman

Cy Sachs

In memory of Sherry Brownstein
-Faye Marcus

Garten Fund

In memory of Mamie Rosenbloom
In memory of Sherry Brownstein
-John and Katherine Rosenbloom
In memory of Sherry Brownstein
In memory of Lola Mae Shapiro
In memory of JJ Javaherian
Congratulations to Ronit and Roni Golan, Nanci and Marc Soriano and Adrian and Jerry Grubb on the birth of their granddaughters
-Fred and Ellen Dietz
In memory of Sherry Brownstein
In honor of the Golan's grand-

daughter, Claire
-Barbara and John Holmstrom
Speedy recovery to Howard Kaufman
Congratulations to Ronit and Roni Golan on the birth of their granddaughter, Claire
Congratulations to Nanci and Marc Soriano on the birth of their granddaughter, Zoey
-Mary and Jim Gesmer

GRTY

In honor of the birth of Zoey Soriano
-Barbara and John Holmstrom

Landscaping Fund

In memory of Betty Hertz
-Milly Kaplan
In honor of Nanci and Marc Soriano's granddaughter, Zoey
-Arthur and Kathy Rettig

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In memory of Sherry Brownstein
-Lisa and Larry Pearlman
-Susan and Alvin Klein
-Susan and Scott Brodie
-Marlene Friedlander
-Carol Behr
-Elisa Whitman

Restricted Donations

In memory of Sherry Brownstein
-Eric Baum, Debra & David Baum, Lisa & Charles Greenebaum
-Brian and Andrea Bear
-Sherry and Ronald Stewart
-Gary and Terri Harris
-Keith and Shari Wenk
-Steven Weinstein
-Mary and Jim Gesmer

Sheldon Liebovich Fund

In memory of Sherry Brownstein
In loving memory of our Dad, Shelly Liebovich
Prayers for renewed health for Bonnie Liebovich, Elaine Lirtzman and Betsy Myers
-Barb and Steven Lirtzman

Wishing Rosie Hyman a happy, healthy special birthday
-Jay and Susan Kamin

Unrestricted Donations Fund

In memory of Morton Einhorn
-Kim and Harvey Einhorn

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 thank you for your donations.



Sunday, March 11, 2018

**Temple Beth-El, 1203 Comanche
Dr. 61107**

**10:00 Breakfast /
10:30 Program**

Youth Group ADL Program

10:45 program / 11:45 pizza lunch

**What do we need to know about
anti-Semitism?**

What can we do to combat it?

**Sponsored by the
Jewish Federation**



Holocaust Education

*Monkey Business: The Adventures of Curious
George's Creators*

Movie Monday Film—March 19, 2018 at 6:30 pm
at the Discovery Center Museum

Join us for a viewing of the documentary "**Monkey Business- The Adventures of Curious George's Creators.**" We all know Curious George, but what about his creators, Hans and Margret Rey? The Reys fled Paris in 1940 on handmade bicycles, narrowly escaping the Nazis while writing the manuscript for the most treasured children's book of all time.



**Goldie Pekarsky and Dr. Barbara Brown
will lead the discussion**

**711 N Main St, Rockford; in the theater
Doors Open 6:30 p.m.,**

\$5 cover, cash bar Film begins at 7 p.m.

Memorial and Tribute Donation Form



From:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip: _____

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

☐ In Memory of: _____

☐ Speedy Recovery to: _____

☐ Congratulations to: _____

☐ In Honor of: _____

☐ Other: _____

To: Send the acknowledging card : ☐ Same as from,
or: Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip: _____

Donation:

☐ Triple chai (\$54)

☐ Double chai (\$36)

☐ 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:
The bulletin this
month will feature our
next "Minute with a Member". Please take a
few moments to learn a bit more about Julia
and Aaron Anton and Family. Below are an-
swers to a few questions. We hope you will
enjoy getting to know them a bit more!*

Tell a little about yourself and family:

Our family of five moved to the area last June. Julia is from Warrenville, and still has many family members in the area. We enjoy being spontaneous and love all things Purdue.

What do you do for fun?

We like going to Purdue games, playing and watching sports, cooking, reading, gardening and traveling.

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

We live at the Poplar Grove airport, and have a small plane that Aaron flies to take our family on fun adventures around the Midwest.

Favorite Judaic holiday or food:

Our favorite holiday is Hanukkah (love lighting up all the menorahs in unison), and Julia makes a fabulous orange-Burgundy brisket on special occasions. Aaron loves Passover charoset.

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

Europe. Probably Norway and Italy (Julia's heritage)

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

Julia- the Outlander series
Aaron-The Righteous Mind by Jonathan Haidt (everyone should read this book if you want to make sense of a crazy world!)

Mara-the Warriors series
Megan-Harry Potter

What was your first job?

Julia- Video rental store clerk
Aaron- Flight Instructor

What was your favorite job?

Julia- Nurse (labor & delivery, and pediatric intensive care)
Aaron-My current job! (Captain for Southwest Airlines)

We have always wanted to...

Live abroad and speak a foreign language.



PASSOVER SEDER

Saturday, March 31, At 5:30 PM

Come celebrate with the Temple family!

Adults - \$20.00, Children 3-12 \$10.00, Children under 3 free
or \$50 per family

Beef brisket, matzo ball soup, potato and vegetables will be served.

Each family is asked to bring a Kosher for Passover dessert.

A portion of the money will go to MAZON to help feed the hungry.

Your check is your reservation.

Deadline for reservations is Monday, March 26th, 2018.

Please send coupon with check to:

Temple Beth-El, 1203 Comanche Dr., Rockford, IL 61107

Or call the office to place your reservation on your Visa or MasterCard.



Name _____

Phone _____

Please reserve _____ seats for the Temple Seder. # of adults _____ # of children over 3 _____

Enclosed is a check for \$ _____

Dinner includes **gefilte fish or fruit** for each person.

Please indicate how many fish _____ fruit _____

We are contributing an additional \$ _____ to defray the cost for those who could not otherwise attend.

We cannot attend, but please accept a gift of \$ _____ to help defray the Seder costs.



Time for our **SERIOUSLY HUGE RUMMAGE SALE!!**

Believe it or not.....Spring is just around the corner! Yay!!
Time to lighten up, freshen up, clean out that closet, cupboard, garage, basement, or drawer.....

Do NOT bring in your rummage until Designated Drop-off Days

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March 25 at 1:00 p.m.

*****Please bring any bedding in labeled "Twin, Full, Queen, King"***

Look for **Sign-up Genius emails** - Find a slot that works for you and join in the camaraderie that makes this annual fund raiser a win-win for all

Don't have a lot of time? That's OK - come when you can – every little bit helps and is greatly appreciated

Questions? Don't have a computer/ email and want to help? Call the Temple office 815-398-5020

THESE ITEMS ARE NOT ACCEPTED

Large computer monitors or TVs

Large exercise equipment

Stained, torn or worn-out clothing

Infant & child items of questionable safety: No car seats or cribs

THE 1914 LEGACY SOCIETY

You should have received in the mail information about our new 1914 Legacy Society. The 1914 Legacy Society is basically a notification to Temple Beth-El that you made a provision in your estate planning to include Temple. Your reply to the material does not ask for any financial information. It does not ask how much you might plan to leave Temple. It does not ask for any kind of written commitment. It only makes our Foundation and Temple aware of your intent.

We understand that financial plans made in 2018 may vary greatly from the realities of 2028 or 2038. Our "ask" is that you might include Temple Beth-El in some way and to let us know you have done so. Again, we aren't asking about amounts only that we are part of your estate plan.

The 1914 Legacy Society is just one of the many ways we strive to keep Temple Beth-El strong and vibrant, able to carry out our Mission and speak for the Jewish Community.

Thank you for being a part of, or a friend of this congregation. We hope to count on you as a charter member in the 1914 Legacy Society.

If you did not receive a booklet and letter, please call the Temple Office. We will mail you the information.

GRTY NEWS

Submitted by:
Ben Kopnick
Co-President

Dear Temple Beth-El Congregation,

For February, our teens enjoyed a relaxing month with only one event. Due to complications with crazy weather, our Hamantaschen making event was rescheduled for later in February. But, thanks

to some scrambling and shifting of schedules, our incredible teens turned out in force and we were able to make around 600 Hamantaschen for the congregation. We enjoyed a fun day of baking and bonding over our hand-made delicious pastry treats. This relaxing month was all in preparation for our extremely busy next month, March. Our teens will assist in several Purim activities as well as begin planning for our GRTY led service. We are extremely excited to begin this humbling and introverted experience with all our teens, and we hope that we see the entirety of the congregation at our service in April! We here at GRTY wish everyone a warm and happy month to come.

Sincerely,
GRTY Co-President Ben Kopnick

It's Party Time!

Our Temple Beth-El's first "Paint and Party" was a hit! We gathered at the beautiful 317 Studio and Gallery in downtown Rockford. Besides a little snacking and drinking, we shared in lots of chatting, laughing and great music throughout the



night. We had a chance to get our artistic juices going while we followed step-by-step instructions from the owner, Therese, in painting 2 wine glasses. Many of us painted them with a "tree of life" theme although some chose a different route and let their creativity show! They all turned out spectacular and we each have two more glasses to proudly use at our next Shabbat meal. We are



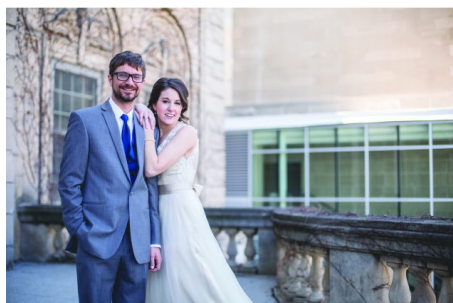
hoping to have another painting night during the summer. Stay tuned! Hope many more people will give it a try!

Mindy Joy

PHOTOGRAPHY

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Friends of Temple Beth-El

It's a.... Car Mitzvah



Our car mitzvah donation program has earned over \$60,000 in the last 12 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.**

Our car mitzvah donation program has earned over \$60,000. in the last 12 years.

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.

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- ✦ Graduations ✦
- ✦ Bar/Bat Mitzvah ✦
- ✦ Mis Quince Años ✦
- ✦ Social Parties ✦
- ✦ Anniversaries ✦
- ✦ Business Cards ✦

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Coming Attractions

April 2018

Sun. 8th Holocaust Remembrance
Sun. 15th Good Deeds Day
Sat. 21st Dinner and talk with Roni and Ronit Golan
Sun. 29th Dr. Pitz on Israel

May 2018

Sun. 6th Israel Day
Wed. 16th Food-A-Rama

June 2018

July 2018

August 2018

Sat. 18th Lilly Wing Bat Mitzvah
Sun. 26th Ethnic Festival

September 2018

October 2018

November 2018

December 2018

January 2019

February 2019

March 2019

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 2017-2018 Calendar

Mar. 11 10:45-12:00 Anti-Defamation League presentation. Service Planning Session #1 Plus Guest Speaker "Project Under-share" PLUS presentation of Board Positions by Exec. Board at Temple.

Pizza lunch provided. 12-2:00 pm
Letters of intent to run for office due NO LATER THAN FRI., APRIL 6

Mar. 18 Set up Rummage Sale 12-2:00 pm Parents needed!

Exec. Board Meeting 2:00-3:00 pm

Mar. 25 Take Down Rummage Sale 12-2:00 pm Parents needed!

**Means you can earn service hours

Advisors: Nanci Soriano H: 654-7677

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

Dues: 7-8 graders: \$25 (2nd child \$20)

9-12 graders: \$40 (2nd child \$25)

NFTY on line Registration:

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 cggor-don50@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.

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

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

Check it out!

Have a Date to add?
Well!
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The Yiddish Corner

FARSHLEPTEH KRENK (farSHLEPteh KRENK)

constant pain

Grandma says, "with this *farshlepteh krenk* in my knee, I'll be hobbling to my grave!

On the Lighter Side...

Nu Jewish Words

YIDENTIFY vb. To be able to determine ethnic origins of celebrities even though their names might be St. John, Curtis, Davis or Taylor.

KINDERSCHLEP vb. To be called on to car-pool more children than one has fingers.

MAMATZAH BALLS n. Matzo balls that are as good as mother used to make.

MATZILATION n. Smashing a piece of matzo to bits while trying to butter it.

BLINTZKRIEG n. A late-night assault on the refrigerator in search of leftovers even though "I won't be able to eat for a week!" Particularly common 4-6 hours after special occasion glut-ony.

BUBBEGUM n. Candy one's mother gives to her grandchildren that she never gave to her own children.

MINYASTICS n. Going to incredible lengths and troubles to find a tenth person to complete a minyan.

MEINSTEIN slang. "My son, the genius."

DISKVELLIFIED vb. To drop out of law school, med. school or business school, as seen through the eyes of parents, grandparents and Uncle Sid. (In extreme cases, simply choosing to major in art history when Irv's son, David is majoring in biology, is sufficient grounds for diskvellification.)

FEELAWFUL n. Indigestion from eating Israeli street food.



March 2018 Religious Services

March 2

Family Shabbat Service 7:30 pm

March 9

Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 pm

March 16

Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 pm

March 23

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 pm

March 30

First Seder/No Services

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