

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.

GRTY Performs at Wesley Willows

GRTY had a marvelous February this year which was highlighted by a wonderful performance at the Wesley Willows Senior Living Facility. In a most meaningful community event, all of the collective musical talent in the youth group was put to good use on February 21st. With performances by Adam Gesmer on the French horn, Ben Kopnick on the cello, Jacob Kopnick on the violin, Noa Levy on double bass, Jenna Glassman in a vocal solo and Emily Bear on the piano, the day was a huge musical success. The Nitty GRTY singers, which included Adam Gesmer, Jenna Glassman, Ben Kopnick, Jacob Kopnick, Noa Levy, Madi Reid, Marissa Schultheiss and Emily Shore, performed two ensemble selections as well. Everyone was simply overjoyed at the amount of talent and dedication in our youth group. The youth group would like to give a special thank you to Mitch Kopnick and Mary Shore for their help in arranging the music, running the rehearsals, printing the programs and performing with our group. There is one event left this month, and it is a movie day at the Temple on February 28th starting at noon with a pizza lunch. The group will be watching and discussing the Pixar movie *Inside Out*.

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Chaverim,

Ahhh, March! The month where sometimes, we really feel that winter is almost over and spring is finally arriving. Spring is often depicted as a time for cleaning. The term "spring cleaning" is well set into our vocabulary. This idea also appears in Jewish tradition surrounding the holiday of Passover (don't panic – it's not until late April this year). Traditionally, Jews use the time of Passover to clean out their cabinets, closets, pantries and the like to prepare for the holiday. The cleaning is mostly about getting rid of any leaven that might be in the house but often extends much further than that. The very Orthodox among our people have been known to wear themselves out trying to clean every little crevice and corner for fear that one tiny bread crumb may find its way through.

We may not be that way preparing our houses for Passover, but we can be that way about other things. We can sometimes feel that it's not worth starting on a project because it's just too overwhelming. So, we put it off and forget about it. We tend to write off little steps as insufficient or insignificant.

Well, I did two very small things recently that have me thinking differently about small steps. As some of you know, there are certain seats in the sanctuary where you cannot see the person



From Rabbi Binah Wing

Hope to
see you at
Purim on
Wednesday
night,
March 23rd
beginning
at 5:30pm.

standing at the reading stand. It's an oddity about the way the building was designed. That and, apparently, in the past, all rabbis were at least 6 feet tall. For years, I have been wanting to do something to mark off these seats so no one would sit in them and then realize they couldn't see. Years. But, I just never did it. Until one day, I did. Joyce and I went in the sanctuary, figured out which seats were affected and blocked them off with tape. It took all of 20 minutes. It was such a small thing, but it felt great to finally have done it! The second task, equally small involved removing a small piece of wood that affected my comfort when using my computer. I have lived with this wood there for 13.5 years. Until yesterday, when I just pulled it up and removed it removing the uncomfortable barrier.

The point of these two stories is that it's OK to make the small steps. You don't have to clean out the entire garage. Maybe start by throwing 10 things away. I'm sure you could come up with a few more examples for your home. The same is true for Judaism. Small steps work great. Haven't been to services in a while? Come for one. You don't have to commit to being a "regular" and then feel like a failure if you can't make it work. Light Shabbat candles. Blow them out or put them in the sink if you want to go out to dinner later and don't want to leave them burning. Small steps. Give an hour of your time at one of our fundraisers or projects (hint Rummage sale is coming in April and the Soup Kitchen is March 27th). You don't have to volunteer to chair it next year. Start with a small step. And let yourself feel great about that step. Sure, maybe those small steps will lead to others. But even if they don't, celebrate each and every one. And please come see the blocked seats and my improved desk if you'd like. I feel very good about both!

Hope to see you at Purim on Wednesday night, March 23rd beginning at 5:30pm. It's your mitzvah as an adult to hear the megillah being read. It's a small, but very fun, step!

Happy Spring,

Rabbi Wing

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



The Temple board met on February 10th. Ellen Salley's D'Var Torah was about what the Bible had to say about birthdays, since her birthday was in February. There is only one mention of a birthday and that is in Genesis chapter 40 verse 20. Pharaoh's birthday is coming up so he makes a feast for all his servants. In fact, Jews in ancient times believed birthdays were a day for solemn reflection and a reminder that life was drawing to an end.

Brina discussed a webinar that the Midwest URJ would be presenting on Marketing--Ideas that Make a Difference and said the board members could participate if they had time. Rabbi attended the 5th and 6th grade retreat with our students. She also attended the MWARR Kallah in Arizona and is now the Vice President. She felt the conference was excellent and enjoyed fellowship with her colleagues. She is also participating in a 6 session Spiritual Direction Class and has already felt that the first session is going to help her with her own spirituality.

Sharon reported for Rob who said we are in good shape with the two fundraisers we have coming up. She also reported that Rob presented the first draft of the 5-year plan to the finance committee. It shows that we will have deficits of between \$7,00 - \$8,000 for each year. The Temple has 89 pledges totaling \$125,308. The foundation had a loss this month of -4.46% which is due to the drop in the market. Rob is watching this carefully.

The Passover Seder will be Saturday, April 23rd, and the Purim Carnival and Service will be Wednesday, March 23rd from 5:30-7:30. Religious Functions is discussing the special Shabbat Services that will be held this summer and developing a policy for the possibility that another Rabbi must perform a funeral service if our Rabbi is unavailable. The security system is being put in place. Jordan will be taking down cabinets in the office since the system will be housed there. Information about the system will be presented later.

Religious school students have participated in making Mandelbrot, decorating flower pots for Tu B'Shevat, and in having a music class. GRTY members have been practicing for their performance at Wesley Willows on February 21st. The school supply drive will finish at the end of February.

The social event at the Golan home was enjoyable, with homemade soups, appetizers and desserts. Another home is needed for our summer social. Contact Karen Zussman if you would like to host.

The Federation Campaign has collected \$25,100. The lox box fundraiser will be February 7th, and the Yom Hashoah Service will be on May 1st. The Federation will be working with the Temple on adult education programming. The Federation has a new website. It is <http://jewishrockfordil.org>.

Brina's Bits

Have you heard the slogan "Here when you need us?" Temples like Temple Beth-El can be like that. When we have children and want them to attend Religious

School and Hebrew School to become a Bar or Bat Mitzvah, this slogan comes to mind, Temple is "here when we need it." When a loved one is sick or has passed away, this slogan "here when you need us" again comes to mind.

There are many reasons to be a member of Temple Beth-El. Some of us come for prayer and study, some for social events, holiday meals and fund raisers. All of us hopefully are members because Temple Beth-El and its Rabbi are in fact always "here when you need us."

When the yahrzeit list is read each week, some of the names are familiar to me, but so many are from so long ago. Often, I

wonder who these people were and if their families are still in the Rockford area. I wonder if these loved ones are buried in the Rockford Hebrew Cemetery, then some of their biographies might have been written in the booklet put together for the 100th Anniversary Cemetery Walk. Even though I don't know all of them, I do know this: Temple was "here when they needed us," and we remember them and take care of their memory here. Each week we say Kaddish for everyone on the list. It gives me a sense of reassurance that someone will someday say Kaddish for me.

There are so many reasons to be a member of a congregation and especially this congregation. So come to Temple and bring the whole family. And with your continued support, we will always be "here when you need us," and hopefully even more so; we will always "be here when you want us" as well.

Brina

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"Seriously Huge Rummage Sale"



Rummage Sale

Important Dates:

FIRST SET UP DAY: SUN, April 3,
9a.m.-1 p.m.

The more hands we have, the less time we need. Extra Set-up days: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Choose your times.

April 4-8

April 11-13

SERIOUSLY HUGE RUMMAGE SALE

open for business:

Thursday, April 14: 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

Friday, April 15: 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Sunday, April 17: 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

PACK IT UP:

SUNDAY, April 17: 1-4 P.M.

The more hands we have, the less time we need

Rummage Sale is coming soon! We are trying something new this year. Instead of phone calls for Volunteers, we will be sending out e-mails via a web-site called sign-up genius. When you receive the email please, find a slot that works for you! We are striving for 100% participation, so please make sure you find something that works for you. Thank you. The e-mail will be similar to what is below:

Temple Beth-El-Rockford, IL

Rummage Sale

Welcome to the sign-up for volunteers for the Temple's Rummage Sale this year April 14, 15, & 17. We are going to use this as the way to sign up and get reminders rather than phone calls and post cards.

Location: Temple

Created by: Wendy Huss



Date (mm/dd/yyyy CST)	Available Slot	Calendar View
04/14/2016 (Thu. 8:00am - 5:00pm)	Cashier (2)	Sign Up
	Floor (2)	Sign Up
	Sorter (2)	Sign Up
04/15/2016 (Fri. 8:00am - 5:00pm)	Cashier (2)	Sign Up
	Floor (2)	Sign Up
	Sorter (2)	Sign Up

SCHOOL DAZE

200 Words or Less...

By Goldie & Adrian



February was a very busy month. Students sang with Barbara Simon and Mitch Kopnick and created scratch art with Sandy Simon. You can see the results hanging in the hall at Temple. Sandy also initiated a new annual art project – Jewish Artist Studies. In our first year, local artist, Roni Golan spoke to the students about art and his work. Students then chose a Jewish artist to research. After sharing their reports, the students were inspired to create their own art.

Purim is on a Wednesday this year, so we are going to try something different. On March 23, families are invited to a fun service, pizza dinner and Win it in a Minute skill games. Kids and adults will test their skills and there will be prizes for everyone. It is always fun to see Rabbi Wing's creative costume. The fun will begin at 5:30, so mark your calendars.

Joe Gesmer, Madeline Towne and Lilly and Rabbi Wing enjoyed a wonderful weekend at the OSRUI 5/6 Retreat in February.

There will be no school on Sundays, March 27 and April 3 and Wednesday, March 30. Have a fun spring break.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Rockford
and
Temple Beth-El Religious School present:

Purim Celebration 2016



**Wednesday, March 23, 2016
Purim service 5:30**

**Win it in a Minute Games for kids
and adults, Prizes, Pizza dinner**

**Everyone is welcome to this free
event!**



OSRUI 5/6 Grade Retreat

March Oneg Committee

March 4
 Nanci and Marc Soriano
 Jackie and Leonard Bernstein
 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.



March Birthdays & Anniversaries

Adults		Alex Rozman	3/29
Scott Schoeller	3/1	Jason Simon	3/31
Jordan Nevler	3/1	Mitchell Kopnick	3/31
Norma Polcek	3/1		
Fred Glassman	3/5	Anniversaries	
Jerry Paris	3/8	Jeffrey & Paula Lash	3/16/91
Garrett Einhorn	3/9	Ginny & Sheldon Weiss	3/23/75
Joan Davis	3/9	Laura & Tim Sage	3/26/88
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		



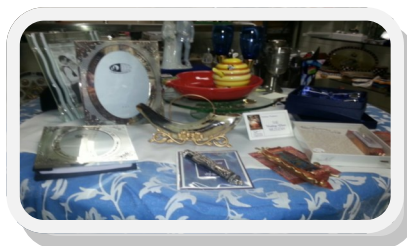
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*Open Sundays when school is in session.

If you need to visit the shop at another time, please call the Temple office (398-5020) or Pam Reum (979-9497)

YAHZEIT 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 4

Denise Polcek
Leah Schaider
Martin Price

Read March 11

Jessie Futerman
Henry Levy
Clara Stone
Dr. Sherwin Gersten
Bernard Berney
Edith Karsner
Lena Zenoff
Harry Shanhouse
ML Bork

Read March 18

Earl Glenner
Samuel Gersten
Jerome Woodruff
Saul K. Bork
Carrie Klein
Stephen Craig Osran
Douglas Pavey
Asher Oscar Finkel
Louis Landy
Fred Paris
Ida Kimmelsman
Evelyn Kaplan
Regina Klinsky
Arnold Deutsch

Read March 25

Slava Bolotina
Martin Marx
Zelda Sanders
Vivian Tobias
George Evans
Herman Marcus
Herman Shore
Murray Solomon
Laura Hoffman
Irene Seidler
Max Becker
Beverly Fierstien
Martha Rosenbloom



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

Schaider Building Fund

In memory of Arnold Powell
-Joan Davis

In honor of Kathy Rettig receiving the 2015 Frank Ware Award of Excellence from the United Way
-Steven and Joy Schneider

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In memory of Mamie Rosenbloom
In memory of Martha Simmin Rosenbloom
-John and Katherine Rosenbloom

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Mazel Tov to Barbara and Jack Simon on the birth of grandsons Max and Ezra
-Fred and Ellen Dietz

In memory of Martin Price
-Zussman family

Landscaping Fund

In memory of Betty Hertz
-Milly Kaplan

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In honor of the birth of Barbara and Jack Simon's grandsons, Ezra and Max
In honor of the birth of Landon George Soriano
In honor of Connie and Jerry Par- is receiving the Distinguished Achievement Award from the Jewish Federation
-Kathy and Arthur Rettig

Unrestricted Donations

In memory of Judy Goldman
Congratulations to Barbara and Jack Simon on the birth of twin grandsons, Max and Ezra
In honor of Kathy Rettig receiving the 2015 Frank Ware Award of Excellence from the United Way
-Sherry Brownstein

In memory of Judy Goldman
In memory of Morton Einhorn
-Kim and Harvey Einhorn

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.

CONDOLENCES TO:

**Harvey Melamed
on the loss his mother,
Sylvia Melamed**

PASSOVER SEDER

Saturday, April 23, 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

Chicken, 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, April 18th, 2016.

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 _____

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



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Woodruff ☐ Rabbi's Discretionary

☐ Pap ☐ Kupperman ☐

Landscaping ☐ Gifts&Flowers

☐ Sachs ☐ Liebovich Fund

☐ Other: _____

GRTY NEWS

Submitted by:
Co-President
Jacob Kopnick

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Upcoming events include the GRTY Shabbat Lock In/Game Night and Pot Luck on March 4th, Hamantaschen making on March 6th and the first service planning session on March 20th. It is shaping up to be a busy month, as GRTY has many events all across the social and communal spectrum. Have a great March, and we will see you next month!





TEMPLE BETH-EL MINUTE WITH A MEMBER

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

*ture Terry and Carol Gordon. 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:

Terry and Carol met while attending NIU in DeKalb. Carol majored in Special Education, and Terry majored in Finance. They were married in 1972 and decided to settle in Rockford because

Terry was working in the family business, Midway Poultry (located near the Midway Theater). Carol was born in Chicago, and her family later moved to Skokie where she attended Junior High and High School. Terry was born and raised in Rockford.

They have 2 adult children, Melissa and Michael, and 4 grandchildren ages 8, 9, 10 and 12. Their

daughter Melissa is a teacher at East High School, and their son Michael works for US Bank in the Milwaukee area. Terry and Carol both retired in June. Carol was a Special Education teacher in the Rockford Public Schools, and Terry worked at Midway Poultry and Cardinal Glass Company.

Something people would be surprised to learn about us:

Terry's grandparents, Sarah and Louis Gordon, were the first Jewish couple to marry in Rockford. Terry's dad and all 3 siblings were born in Rockford. The Gordon family were members of

Ohave Shalom Synagogue.

Favorite Temple activities:

Being a Sunday School teacher and Sunday School activities, Food-a-Rama, Rummage Sale, TBE 100 year events, Sisterhood (when it was in existence), socializing with Temple members.

Memorable moments at TBE:

Our children's bat and bar mitzvahs and bat and bar mitzvahs of my Sunday School students.

Favorite Judaic holiday food:

My mom's chopped liver. It was made with the old-fashioned meat grinder and schmaltz. Also chicken soup with matzo balls.

Biggest challenge we have ever faced:

Dealing with the death of parents.



Favorite places and things to do in the area:

Locally owned restaurants such as Linos, Irish Rose, Deli Italia, Octane; bike path along the River; City Market; Discovery Center; Searles dog park; Rock Cut; Nicholas Conservatory; Verdi Club; Broadway at the Coronado; Artist Ensemble at Rockford University.

What we do for fun:

Go out to eat and socialize with friends, go to grandchildren's school and sporting events, walk the dogs, travel to warmer weather places during winter months, go to local plays. We have season tickets to Broadway at the Coronado and Artist's Ensemble. Carol volunteers at Brookview School and also does substitute teaching. Terry enjoys hanging out at the Verdi Club with friends.

Your motto in life:

Don't take your health for granted.

Why are there two sets of page numbers in our prayer book, Mishkan Tefilah?

Ask Rabbi Wing



When Mishkan Tefilah was published, the decision was made to offer several different versions such as with or without transliteration. One other decision was made because of the weight of the book. The prayer book in its complete form was rather heavy. So, it was decided to offer one version of the book that would come in two volumes – Shabbat services in one book, Weekdays and Festivals in the second. This was what we purchased here at Temple Beth-El. The “Shabbat” volume alone was much easier to handle than the heavier full book. However, the editors felt that a congregation should be able to use all versions of the book at the same time. To make this possible, they added a second set of page numbers to the “split” volume to match the corresponding page numbers in the “full” volume. These numbers are in blue and bracketed in the version we use. We have sometimes used those numbers for an event where we had to borrow books from another congregation that used the “full” volume so that everyone could follow along together. As a side note, we announce two sets of page numbers for Torah readings for a different reason. We have two different versions of our Plaut Torah commentaries. The ones with the blue cover are the newer version and are easier to follow. We don’t yet have enough of the newer version to replace the older (and worn) red-cover version. If you’re interested in helping out with replacing a book or two, please let me know. Keep those questions coming!

Please email your questions to:
templebethel1963@gmail.com

The Rabbi will answer your questions and maybe use them in sermons or other discussions as well.

We will not publish the names of the people who submit the questions, but will make sure that those who submit the questions will get the answer.

Mitzvah Project

Josh Zussman’s Mitzvah project

Providing Sporting Equipment for the Boys and Girls Club of Rockford



Next March, I will be celebrating my Bar Mitzvah. Part of this special event is doing a Bar Mitzvah Project by doing something to give back to the community, or in Hebrew, performing *Tzedakah*.

For my Bar Mitzvah Project, I am collecting gently used/new sporting goods equipment and donating it to the Boys and Girls Club of Rockford. I am lucky enough to participate in sports throughout the year, and I would like other kids to have the same opportunity. The Boys and Girls Club helps approximately 7,000 kids in the Rockford area each year, and I would like to provide them with some equipment for their teams and after-school programs.

Below is a list of possible donations:

- Soccer balls
- Baseball equipment
- Basketballs
- Footballs
- Badminton equipment
- Youth Running Shoes in good condition
- Tennis equipment
- Hockey equipment

(Or any other gear you think will make a child happy!)

My mom and I would be happy to pick up the items at your home, or feel free to drop them off at our home, 2922 Applewood Lane, Rockford. If you prefer, monetary donations are always welcome (made out to the Boys and Girls Club of Rockford)!

Thank you so much for helping out this good cause,

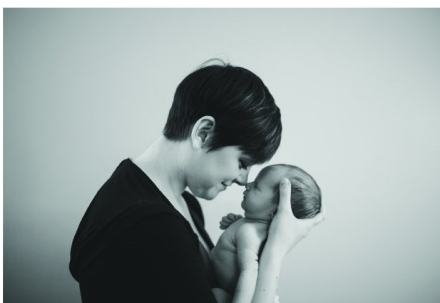
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It's a.... Car Mitzvah



**Our car mitzvah
donation program
has earned over
\$40,000.
in the last 8 years.**

Our car mitzvah donation program has earned over \$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

April 2016

14th, 15th and 17th Rummage Sale

Sun. 17th Chocolate Seder

Sun. 17th Take down rummage

May 2016

Sun. 1st Holocaust Remembrance Day

Sat. 7th Jack Holmstrom Bar Mitzvah

Wed 18th Food-A-Rama

June 2016

Sun. 5th Temple Annual Meeting

July 2016

August 2016

September 2016

Sat. 17th Noa Levy Bat Mitzvah

October 2016

November 2016

December 2016

January 2017

February 2017

March 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

Mar. 6 Hamantaschen Making: noon-

2:00 p.m. at Temple BRING LUNCH

Exec. Board Meeting: 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Mar. 20.....Service Planning Session

#1 : noon-2:00 p.m. at temple.

Exec. Board presents description of

Board positions. Letters of Intent

due NO LATER THAN FRI. APRIL

1ST. BRING LUNCH

Wed. Mar. 23 Purim Service, Carnival, Dinner- 5:30 -7:30 p.m.

Mar. 27*Soup Kitchen: (4/shift) 10-11:45; 11:30-1:30 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 (2nd child \$20)

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

NFTY on line Registration:

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.

Membership

Do you know of any unaffiliated Jews looking for a congregation?

If so, contact Elisa Whitman, membership chairperson at 815-988-2134

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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!

The Yiddish Corner

Farmisht

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Confused, mixed up

I'm so ***farmisht***, I don't know whether I am coming or going!

On the Lighter Side...

Two kids are in a hospital, each lying on a stretcher next to each other outside the operating room. The first kid leans over and asks, "What are you in here for?"

The second kid says, "I'm getting my tonsils out. I'm a little nervous."

The first kid says, "You've got nothing to worry about. I had that done when I was four. They put you to sleep, and when you wake up, they give you lots of Jello and ice cream. It's a breeze."

The second kid then asks, "What are you in here for?"

The first kid says, "A circumcision."

The second kid replies, "Whoa, good luck buddy. I had that done when I was born, and I couldn't walk for a year."

A man buys a fabulous home in Beverly Hills, California.

He brings in a local workman to decorate the place. When the job is finished, the homeowner is delighted but realizes that he's forgotten to put mezuzahs on the doors. He goes out and buys 50 mezuzahs and instructs the decorator how to place them on the right hand side of each door except bathrooms and kitchens.

He's really worried that the decorator will chip the paint work or won't put them up correctly.

However, when he comes back a few hours later, he sees that the job has been carried out to his entire satisfaction. He's so pleased that he gives the decorator a bonus.

As the decorator is walking out of the door he says, "Glad you're happy with the job....By the way, I took out all the warranties in the little boxes and left them on the table for you!"



March 2016 Religious Services

March 4
Family Shabbat Service 7:30 pm

March 11
Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 pm

March 12
Josh Zussman Bar Mitzvah 10:00 am

March 18
Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 pm

March 23
Purim Service 5:30 pm

March 25
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 pm

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