

TEMPLE BETH-EL

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BULLETIN

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Mission Statement: Temple Beth-El is a congregation of Jews and their families building a community committed to participation in all aspects of Jewish life. By community, we mean a group of diverse people who share a strong connection fostered by Temple Beth-El. By participation, we mean that all members will partake in and support the spiritual, cultural, educational and social life of Temple Beth-El.

Food-A-Rama 2018 is here!!

Wednesday, May 16th
Shopping & Carry-Out
10:00 AM—7:00 PM
Lunch Served
10:00 AM—1:30 PM

Food-A-Rama is almost here. Our most successful fundraiser could never be a reality without everyone in our congregation taking part. Here are some ways you can help.

- Review your FAR primer.
- Call the office for more tickets if needed
- Drop off your bakery items on Tuesday, May 15th. People love the homemade bakery items.
- Fill out your pre-order form and be prepared to pick it up on Tuesday, May 15th
- See your mail/bulletin with the poster and forms to help promote the event
- Send in your contributions.
- Review your assignment responsibilities.
- If you are able to help the week of, contact Faye Marcus at 815-877-4285
- Contact the office if you have any questions.

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Chaverim,

Ahhhh! After a seemingly endless dreary and cold April, the weather, it seems, has finally turned a corner! I saw a funny meme on social media that spoke of Midwestern weather having three winters before spring finally arrives. This year, it may be even seemed like a little more. Hopefully, (tu, tu, tu) we can put away our winter gear and breathe a sigh of relief as the warm breezes remove the chill from our bodies and the budding leaves on the trees remind us of renewed growth and life.

May is such an interesting time. A time of being pulled in different directions. On the one hand, all the Jewish holidays, with the exception of Shavuot, are behind us. Religious school is winding down, and there is some time to begin to settle down. This is true, generally speaking, across religious denominations, especially for clergy. A pastor friend of mine recently posted, "Just discovered that the actual color of my desk is brown!" For me, I am finally crossing off a few long overdue projects and that is feeling good.

And yet, on the other hand, May can seem a bit frenetic as well. School is finishing up for our children.



From Rabbi Binah Wing

...our Confirmation service which this year will be held on May 25th at 6pm. Even though it is an early service, there will be an oneg in honor of our confirmands, Benjamin Levy and Madeleine Libman. Please join us.

College students are coming home or transitioning. Some are graduating or moving on to new adventures. There are proms and parties and so many last minute details. After school activities are having their final competitions and exhibitions.

And of course, here at Temple Beth-El, the month of May is always such a busy and exciting one with Food-A-Rama prep in full swing. I love driving up to the building and seeing the parking lot filled with cars. Delicious smells begin to filter throughout to delight the Jewish senses. The place is abuzz with activity. More than anything, though, I love seeing so many of you!

Food-A-Rama is such a community effort. It seems as if I see almost every member of the congregation in the preparation and carrying-out of this massive endeavor. While it is certainly a lot of work, our Temple community benefits by experiencing the joy of coming together in support of our traditions, our beautiful Temple and the Jewish people. I think that Food-A-Rama is one of the events that makes our community better. So, how do we manage the conflict of things settling down against the frenetic end to the school year coupled with Food-A-Rama craziness (great craziness but still...)? On some level, we have to just try and appreciate every moment and be in whatever moment we're in at the time. This can be difficult if our minds are racing with a running "to do" list.

Just the same, we can all benefit from taking a few moments each day just to breathe. Just stop and breathe. Take in the feeling of the sun and warmth on your skin, the smell of spring rain (but please not on the 16th), the faces of your loved ones, the beginning of blooms all around us. Take those moments and thank God for giving them to us. Thank God for the chance to live and breathe another day. It is a wonderous world that we live in. Let us remember that, not only in May, but all year-round.

If you feel so inclined, a great time and place to do that might be by attending our Confirmation service which this year will be held on May 25th at 6pm. Even though it is an early service, there will be an oneg in honor of our confirmands, Benjamin Levy and Madeleine Libman. Please join us.

Looking forward to seeing everyone this month,
Rabbi Wing

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



The Temple Board met on April 11th, 2018. The Torah portion for this week is Sh'mini. Ellen S. explained that this means the eighth day in Hebrew. This portion talks about sin offerings that God commanded Moses, Aaron and his sons, and the people of Israel to make. If they do this, God will reveal himself to them. Two of Aaron's sons bring the wrong sacrifice and are burned to death. God accepts the rest of the sacrifices and describes the laws of kashrut. There were several explanations as to why keeping kashrut is important. The way animals are prepared and treated with dignity and respect is a way of recognizing that they are also God's creations. Kashrut is a way of connecting Jews of the past and Jews of the present. Some people, including Maimonides, maintain that non-Kosher food is unhealthy. To keep Kosher today is a bit of a challenge since many of our foods have changed throughout the years. Today, we have to think of the way food is produced and marketed, about new foods such as Tofu and genetically modified products, and the health food movement. What is kashrut and what isn't?

Jim discussed the importance of the upcoming Temple meeting on April 29th. The architect will be there to answer any questions after the presentation of the sanctuary rendering.

Rabbi reported that she has finished her commitment on the planning committee after attending the CCAR this year. Along with her usual duties she led the Passover Seder and participated in the Holocaust Remembrance Service. She is also a participant in a newly formed committee to address antisemitism in Rockford. There have been three educational meetings so far and the fourth meeting coming up will discuss where they go from here. The principal of Brookview School asked if the Temple could be a safe place for the students in case they ever needed to evacuate the school. We agreed to this.

Sharon reported on our total income. A discussion was had and it was decided to move the campaign revenue line to the unrestricted donations. Sharon presented a draft of the 2019 budget. The budget is asking for an increase from the Foundation. If the Foundation Board does not approve the increase the proposed budget would have a negative balance.

Brina reported on the status of our receivables. Also reporting in the pledges for our 86-member units.

Rob reported the Foundation had a loss in March of -0.51%. Year to date we have only lost -1.14%.



One of the joys of being President of Temple Beth-El for almost two years has been seeing the congregation come together for special occasions. This past Friday, the annual GRTY

Shabbat Service took place. It was wonderful to see our Temple youth lead such a large gathering of Temple members in joyously celebrating Shabbat and leading the efforts to raise funds for Project Undershare.

On behalf of the entire congregation, I want to thank our GRTY kids for their hard work in putting together the Shabbat service. I also want to thank Nanci Soriano and Lauren Lamont for their many years of leading our GRTY kids. They took over GRTY when it was almost dormant and through their efforts and dedication, built it into one of the strengths of Temple Beth-El.

I know I speak for the congregation in wishing Nanci and Lauren all the best as they step away from leading GRTY. They leave GRTY in the capable hands of Rachel Bagne and Allison Braswell, both former members of the Youth Group.

As you know, Food-A-Rama is only two weeks away. Planning our largest fundraising event of the year is a huge endeavor and requires all of us to make it a success. Please volunteer in any way that you can, whether packing pickles, making sandwiches, delivering sandwiches, cleaning up or some other tasks.

-Jim

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

Brian reported that the Religious Functions committee did not meet in March. The Passover Seder went well and was very organized. There were about 40 people there.

David reported that AP Sullivan did the annual spring cleaning. The roof was cleaned off, bushes and trees were trimmed, garden beds were cleaned and a crab grass fertilizer was put down. The rummage sale room was cleaned out and old broken desks from the upstairs classrooms were taken care of. The window film is not feasible for security so the rooms will have blinds instead. David has found out that we qualify for Com Ed's small business program and therefore can apply for more grant and incentive money. He is working with IKON Electric and representative Jordan Gaspard. Jordan will be the "general contractor" for this project and is working pro bono.

Carol reported that the Sunday school students participated in a chocolate Seder led by Allison Braswell and Rachel Bagne. They had music with Barbara Simon and Mitch Kopnick. The students are collecting items for Good Deeds Day. They will assemble and decorate 30 bags for the refugees at East High School taught by Melissa Gordon-Lawson.

GRTY is preparing for their Shabbat service which will be on April 27th. They are writing the service, many of the prayers and the sermon. They will be talking about their service project which is Project Undershare. The teens helped with the rummage sale and the soup kitchen on Easter Sunday. They baked kugels on April 8th at the Temple.

Karen reported that the social action committee will be collecting peanut butter for the Rock River Pantry, April 23rd to May 7th. Monetary donations are also welcome. Karen is still looking for a host for a social evening.

Mary reported that the rummage sale made about a \$4,500 profit. The cost of the sign will need to be deducted yet. Kohls has given us a \$500 grant to help with FAR.

Ellen Dietz sent her report. The 2017-2018 campaign has collected about 88% of their pledges. Six camperships have been awarded and six Passover baskets were delivered. Dinner with the Golans about their perspective on life in Israel will be on June 16th at 6:00 at the Temple. Jay moved the Temple donate \$100 toward the dinner on June 16th. Rob seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The Federation kick-off dinner will be on November 11th.

The board congratulated Brina Grigg on her new job at Rockford Bank and Trust

SCHOOL DAZE

200 Words or Less...
By Goldie & Adrian



As I write this bulletin it sure doesn't seem like spring but hopefully it will by the time you read this! The end of the religious school year is quickly approaching. May 6 is our last day and what a fun morning we have planned. We will be celebrating Israel at 70! And any celebration to be complete would have to have music, games and crafts, some dancing and of course some delicious food (falafel by Ronit) and dessert (creations by Julie Sparks) and of course, some awards and thank yous! Yes, we have it all and everyone is invited! Watch for further details coming up!

In April, we had music with Barbara Simon and Mitch Kopnick, baking Mandel bread with Ronit and Good Deeds Day on the 15th packing up goodie bags including toiletries, snacks and school supplies for Melissa Gordon's class of refugees at East High School. Thank you to all who donated supplies and to the students for assembling items in their hand decorated bags! We are sure the high school students will love them!

Our own Mrs. Gordon had a great time putting together a floor puzzle of the Jewish holidays in the social hall with her class. Check out the photo!



On the 22nd, art specialist Sandy Simon had students work on their entries for the custom calendar art contest sponsored by the Shalom Memorial Funeral Home in Arlington Heights. Artwork must be original and must depict some aspect of Jewish life. Sandy will submit all the entries and we look forward to more Temple Beth-El winners! You can see past winning entries framed and on displayed in our foyer!

Looking forward to seeing everyone on May 6th!
Till next time, Shalom.



Grand 70th Birthday Party for Israel!!!

May 6, 10:00 am - noon at
Temple Beth-El

Birthday Cake by Julie
Falafel Lunch by Ronit's
Kitchen
Games/Crafts/Presents

For Children

10:00 Israeli Music with
Barbara and Mitch

10:30 Games and Crafts

For Adults

10:30 Israel Inside Movie back by
popular demand

11:30 Israeli Lunch

May Oneg Committee

May 4
 Rachel and Alex Bagne
 Allison and Ken Braswell
 Mindy and Matt Kopald

May 11
 Adrian and Jerry Grubb
 Connie and Jerry Paris

May 18
 Mary and Brian Shore

May 25
 Confirmation parents

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.



**NOTICE
 ANNUAL MEETING
 OF THE MEMBERS OF
 TEMPLE BETH-EL
 SUNDAY, JUNE 3, 2018
 AT 10:00 A.M.
 SOCIAL HALL**

The agenda will include:
 -election of officers to the Board of Directors
 -approval of the fiscal budget for the upcoming year

***Breakfast will be served at 10:00 a.m. with the meeting starting shortly thereafter.
 (If you cannot attend please mail or drop off the proxy vote you will receive in the mail.)

**HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE
 THERE!!!!**

May Birthdays & Anniversaries

Adults

Ben Libman 5/2
 Benjamin Kopnick 5/2
 Arthur Rettig 5/3
 Georgann Bernstein 5/8
 Allison Sage 5/9
 Howard Kaufman 5/10
 Sharon Goldsand 5/11
 Alexandra Hartman 5/12
 Robert Levy 5/12
 Robert Jerome 5/15
 Tyler Hergert 5/15
 Brad Paris 5/18
 Alyse Behr 5/18
 Charles Picus 5/20
 Courtney Sklar 5/21
 Ellen Dietz 5/23
 Tracy Bernstein 5/27
 Ian Goldberg 5/28
 Faye Marcus 5/28

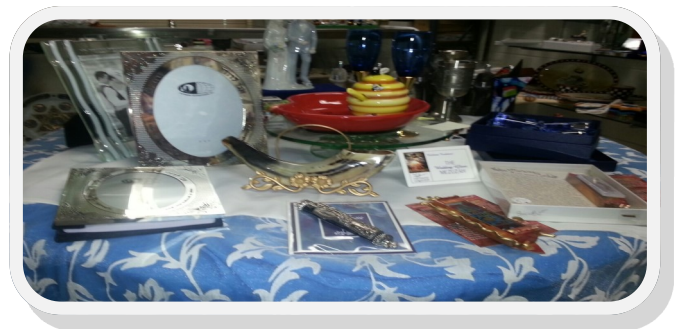
Anniversaries

Melissa & Josh Tatman 5/15/99
 Wendy & Gary Rubin 5/27/84
 Cheryl & Tim Schoeller 5/27/79
 Susan & Fred Glassman 5/30/93
 Susan & Stephen Weiss 5/30/68



Children
 Julian Bagne 5/15/16

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 May 4

S. Marvin Mansfield
Joseph Rosenthal
Allan Fierstien
Ragnar Emmanuel Klint
Ida Hochwert
Nathan Kaplan
Mitchell Rudman
Geri Katz
Frieda Hellman
Bianca Weissenberg
Miriam N. Rosenberg
Rosalind Glenner
Charles Kaplan

Read May 11

George Goldman
Lenore Labowitz
Dr. Alfred Morman
Eidel Goldman
Betty Ginsburgh
Klaus Schaap
Ann Evans
Frances Freedman
Robert Krojanker
Selma Kovalsky
Sadie Nathan

Read May 18

Morton Blumberg
Edna O'Connor
Harlan Slavin
Milton Rosenthal
Howard Tenin
David M. Kupperman
Sherman Cornblum
Jacob Labowitz
Harry Polcek
Lena Shanhouse
Fajga Kleinberg

Read May 25

Conrad Nelson
Ethel Shuman
S. Robert Oberndorf
Ethel Jerome
Florence Bologna
Mollie Shanhouse
Celia F. Cassman



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 honor of the birth of Goldie Pekarsky's granddaughter, Aria
In memory of ML Bork
In memory of Saul Bork
In memory of Patricia Bork
In memory of Freida Solomon
-Brina Brigg

Cy Sachs

In honor of the birth of Goldie Pekarsky's granddaughter, Aria
-Faye Marcus

Garten Fund

Mazel Tov to Goldie Pekarsky on the birth of granddaughter, Aria
Mazel Tov to Kathy and Arthur Rettig on the birth of their grandson, Toby
-Adrian and Jerry Grubb

Congratulations to Goldie Pekarsky on the birth of her granddaughter, Aria

Congratulations to Kathy and Arthur Rettig on the birth of their grandson, Toby

Congratulations to Milly Kaplan on the marriage of her granddaughter, Samantha
-Fred and Ellen Dietz

Landscaping Fund

In memory of Chuck Kaplan
In memory of Nathan Kaplan
-Milly Kaplan

Unrestricted Donations Fund

In honor of the birth of Goldie Pekarsky's granddaughter, Aria
-Lisa and Larry Pearlman

NEW PLAQUES IN OUR MEMORIAL ALCOVE :

**In memory of Charles I. Wabner
Donated by
Andrea and Mitchell Busch and
family**

Thank you for remembering your loved ones in our Memorial Alcove.

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. We would like to spotlight a couple of these funds.

Benjamin Schaider Bldg Fund provides funding for unexpected and major repairs or enhancements to the Temple Building.

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.

Unrestricted donations allow, at the discretion of the board, the opportunity to fund or partially fund a worthwhile project that we have not budgeted for or does not fit any of our existing 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.

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

Landscaping Fund provides funding for enhancements to our grounds.

Good Deeds Day 2018



Happy Temple Beth-El students= Happy East High Newcomers !!!!



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 Jill
Shachter. Below are answers to a few
questions. We hope you will enjoy getting to
know her a bit more!*

Tell a little about yourself and family:

I'm a proud mom of two young ladies. Rachel graduated college almost a year ago with an Equine Science degree and has officially begun her career horsin' around. She's an Assistant Trainer at Fox Hollow Farm in Clinton, WI, training Arabian horses. My younger daughter Payton is finishing up high school and is in the midst of deciding where to go to college. I'm pretty sure she'll end up in California, pursuing her dream of "saving species" as an Environmental Biology major. Or sun goddess, who knows ... My partner Heather is a geriatric Nurse Practitioner, specializing in hospice and palliative care. Though she spends a lot of time in the Chicago suburbs for work, her job takes her as far north as Gurnee, down to Joliet and Peoria. She's a dynamo with a heart of gold. Anyone in that stage of life, or with loved ones at that stage, would be lucky to have her on their care team. Heather's 6-year-old daughter Ellie is a joy to have as part of the family too. I'm very proud of all my girls.

What do you do for fun?

I enjoy being outside on warm sunny days, working in the yard, baking and taking naps! I also love playing with my favorite 6 year old!

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

I volunteer as a "Cuddler" at the neonatal intensive care unit of MercyHealth - Rockford. And I love 70's music!

Your favorite Temple activities: I love volunteering at Temple. It's a chance to spend time with people who I don't get to see often enough, while doing something for the greater good. I'm grateful for my Temple family.

A memorable moment at TBE: Watching my



kids on the bima during Sunday School, for GRTY, Confirmation and Bat Mitzvah. Made me so proud!

Favorite Judaic holiday or food: The food is one of the best parts of being Jewish! Hard to decide on a favorite - my dad's brisket is pretty awesome, or Ronit's matzo ball soup! Or my own noodle kugel, if I do say so myself. Mmmm.

Your motto in life: When someone has upset you, it's best to talk to that person directly instead of talking to everyone else about that person.

What is the biggest challenge you have ever faced? Parenthood!

Where's your favorite place to go in the area? I love to kayak at Rock Cut! It's a sport I'm actually coordinated enough to do! Also, I love the Rock River bike path near Sinnissippi.

If you could take two weeks off from all your responsibilities, where would you go and what would you do? I'd split my time among my family members just to enjoy their company and listen to their stories.

What are some of your favorite things to do around the Rockford region? Love Crimson Ridge. I could go there every day and discover something new.

TEMPLE BETH-EL SOCIAL ACTION ON THE GO:

*Help us as we help the Rock River Pantry
...
(Let's beat our collections from last year!)*

APRIL 23rd-MAY 7th

2nd Annual

PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY COLLECTION!!!

(PLASTIC BOTTLES ONLY, PLEASE - NO GLASS)

The Rock River Valley Pantry is collecting **20,000 JARS OF PEANUT BUTTER** to help families throughout the summer. Why so many jars? During the school year, all students in the Rockford Public School District are eligible for free lunch. However, as schools go on summer break, parents will turn to the Rock River Pantry so their kids won't have to go without.

Whether it's creamy or crunchy, large or small, please consider donating this protein-rich staple to help this vulnerable population.

MONETARY DONATIONS are welcome (made out to Temple Beth El)!! The pantry can then purchase at wholesale prices (A \$20.00 donation=a case of 12 8 oz. jars)



Open Houses of Worship and Devotions

To foster understanding and appreciation for the many faiths of Rockford

Two Open Houses

Sunday, May 6 at 3:00pm

**Muslim Community Center & Mosque
5921 Darlene Dr,
Rockford, IL 61109**

Sunday, June 24 at 3:00pm

**Nanaksar Sikh Temple of Rockford
714 Third Avenue at Kishwaukee**

Individuals or groups are welcome. This program is free and open to the public.

The Rockford Interfaith Council has representatives from every major faith and many denominations who pray and work for a tolerant community. The Interfaith Council also hosts the annual Mayor's Thanksgiving Service the Sunday before Thanksgiving.

GRTY NEWS

Submitted by:
Ben Kopnick
Co-President

Shalom,
In the month of April, GRTY had a very exciting yet reflective time. All of our members worked extremely hard on planning our annual GRTY led and written Shabbat service. For those of you who were unable to attend, our members

presented insightful perspectives on different aspects of a service while acting as the choir, Jr. Rabbis and sermon leaders. Our service was absolutely delightful, but also sad and heartfelt as we had to say goodbye to our seniors and our long time advisors Nanci Soriano (16 years of service) and Lauren Lamont (12 years of service). As speeches were made and reflections were presented, through the sadness, one

thing was made very clear- GRTY has a bright future ahead despite the departure of some of its members, which brings us to the upcoming month of May.

During this month, GRTY members will be setting up and later wrapping up Food-A-Rama, helping with the Golden Years Prom, and some select GRTYites will be inducted into the Executive Board as they take a leap into a role with more responsibility. This will all occur at our annual Pot Luck, Installation and Bonfire on Saturday, June 2 where our teens will get to enjoy a few final moments with one another that will surely last with them for a lifetime. We are all looking forward to seeing what our teens will accomplish in May and in the coming years.

Sincerely,

Co-President Ben Kopnick





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56th
Food-A-Rama
Deli for a Day at Temple Beth-El

Save these pages for future reference
The Official Food-A-Rama Primer for Temple Members

56th ANNUAL FOOD-A-RAMA—Wednesday, May 16th, 2018

The first four letters of “delicious” spell “Deli”—as in Delicious Delicatessen style lunches made from corned beef and breads imported straight from Chicago and assembled by scores of super volunteers from the Temple Beth-El Family for the Rockford community.

Again This Year

We are offering Turkey Pastrami to our sandwich offering both on the buffet and for delivery. For those not red meat fans, this is a tantalizing option we are sure will meet with great acceptance. It was well received last year so spread the word. Turkey Pastrami is now a full option.

FAR will be from 10-7:00pm with lunch buffet from 10-1:30pm

Each delivery lunch contains an even more generous quarter pound plus corned beef sandwich on rye OR Turkey Pastrami sandwich on rye bread, a kosher-style pickle, potato chips and a generous piece of mandelbrot. Dine-in and receive sides of cole slaw and our famous baked beans. And that’s not all. In addition to the lunches, the Temple sells all kinds of Jewish specialty foods—from pies, cakes and cookies (baked by YOU) to blintzes, chopped liver, pastrami, herring and much, much more. We are adding exciting new desserts too!

FOOD-A-RAMA WORKERS WANTED

You will receive an email to volunteer to help. It is through “sign-up genius” a software that allows us to keep better track, send out reminders etc. It is safe to use, and if you have any questions, please contact Sharon Goldsand or Faye Marcus. Do you like to drive? We need delivery people. Like to bake? The bakery is a crucial part of Food-A-Rama, and we need bakers. Got muscle? We always need help with set-up and take down. How are you at packing pickles? Bagging cookies? Assembling lunches? Could you be a sponsor? We have a job for nearly every skill. So answer your email or call and be a part of Temple’s largest fundraiser. Just say YES!

PREORDERS FOR TEMPLE MEMBERS

Pick-up after 1:00 pm, Tues., May 15th, the day before FAR

One of the most important purposes of Food-A-Rama is to open our Temple to the Rockford community and share our gastronomic delights with them, but we want to be able to purchase those goodies, too. You will be receiving an order form with a list of Food-A-Rama foods and their prices. Fill it out and return it to the Temple if you want to preorder these goodies and reserve them for your family at special pricing on many items.

FOOD-A-RAMA TICKET SALES

Soon, you'll be getting seven tickets to FAR in the mail. Please sell them. Remember, Turkey Pastrami is now an option, too! Call the Temple office if you need more tickets. Please do not get them from other Temple members, as it confuses the records. And please send in the ticket money as soon as possible. If you can't sell all your tickets please return them to the office.

BEAUTIFUL BAKED GOODS FOR FOOD-A-RAMA

Each Temple family is asked to bake something to sell in the Food-A-Rama bakery. **You can bake cakes, strudels, cookies, pies, breads, whatever you like and as many items as you like.** Cakes and pies usually sell for \$5-\$10. Cookies by half dozen sell for about \$2-\$3. **Bakery Ideas:** (Include some smaller portions for singles; for example, half a cake. Bar cookies (toffee, brownies, strudel, lemon bars, butterscotch, etc.) Coffee cakes (sour cream, cinnamon, pecan, etc.) Cookies (chocolate chip, peanut butter, Mandelbrot, rugelach) Cakes (chocolate, sponge, Bundt, poppy seed, carrot, pound, etc.) Pies (cheese, fruit, pecan) Breads/Muffins/Rolls: Any specialty you may have!

Here's an idea.... You could bake items from our cookbook. Identify the recipe and list the page number on the label.

Label each package clearly and in detail so we know exactly what the item is.

The Board of health is requiring a list of ingredients (recipe not required).

Packaging: Make each package look pretty so it sells quickly. Foil pans enclosed in clear plastic baggies, tied with a twist or colored ribbon look attractive. Ask the butcher at your favorite store for some Styrofoam trays or keep the small plastic containers from purchased rolls or cookies. **Cakes and Pies** can be lightly covered with plastic wrap since we put them in boxes when they are sold. **Breads** should be wrapped in clear plastic so they can be seen.

Where and When to Deliver Baked Goods

Bring your items to the Temple on Tuesday, May 15th, the day before Food-A-Rama. Sign in at the bakery table. Leave your name and what you brought.

If you cannot provide baked goods, we ask you to make a \$25 donation, but we hope you will bake since the community really looks forward to a full bakery table. They really do look forward to your goodies!

***Help promote Food-A-Rama by posting our poster.
Contact the office for additional copies.***

Here we go.

The 56th Annual Food-A-Rama. Thank you for making it a success!

2018 FAR Committee Chairs

What areas would you like to help with? Pick the areas of interest and give the chair for the area a call. Thanks.

Steering Committee: Ronit Golan, Jay Sklar, Sharon Goldsand, Faye Marcus, Nanci Soriano, Sara Deutsch, Karen Zussman, Allison Braswell, Alma Quimby, Jim Gesmer, Mary Roufa

Kitchen/Beans	Ronit Golan	815/394-1013
Personnel	Faye Marcus	815/877-4285
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Boxes	Andrea Baird	815/621-8239
	Mary Roufa	815/543-6520
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Decorations	Allison Braswell	815/978-1067
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Arrangements	Tina Sievers	815/742-4537
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Deli-Salads	Sandy Simon	815/608-5701
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Blintz sessions	Alma Quimby, Barbara Simon, Sharon Goldsand, and Ronit Golan	
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Extended Hours/Transition	Jordan Towne	815/394-9800
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Wed. May 16th



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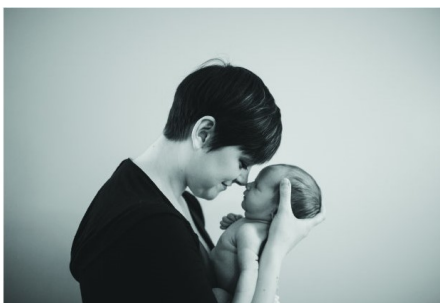
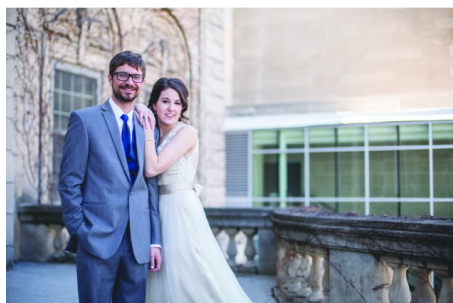
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Coming Attractions

June 2018

Sun. 3rd Annual Meeting
 Sat. 16th Dinner and talk with Golans

July 2018

Thur. 12th Israel House at Midway Village

August 2018

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

September 2018

Sun. 9th Erev Rosh Hashanah
 Mon. 10th Rosh Hashanah
 Tue. 18th Kol Nidre
 Wed. 19th Yom Kippur

October 2018

Sat. 27th David Syme -Rockford Symphony Orchestra

November 2018

Sat. 3rd TBE Art Auction
 Sun. 11th Federation Kick-off

December 2018

January 2019

February 2019

March 2019

April 2019

May 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.

Have a Date to add?
 Well!
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GRTY 2017-2018 Calendar

Sat. May 5*Golden Years Dinner Dance-Loves Park YMCA Orth Rd., 5:30-9:00 pm

Sun. May 6*Set up Food-A-Rama: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Exec. Board Interviews: 12:00-2:00 pm

Wed. May 16*Take Down Food-A-Rama: 7:00 pm - done

Fri. May 18 Confirmation: All GRTY members should attend! 7:30 pm

Sat. May 19 GRTY BONFIRE & POTLUCK/INSTALLATION OF NEW EXECUTIVE BOARD AT SORIANO'S. 6:00 - 10:00 pm

Parents are invited to installation. Lock In for H.S. Teens continues at the Gesmer's 10:00 pm – 9:30 am

**Means you can earn service hours
 Advisors: Nanci Soriano H: 654-7677
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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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The Yiddish Corner

AZ MEN SHMEERT FORT MEN
(uhz men SHMEERT FORT men)

To get ahead, you have to grease palms.
(lit: When you grease, you go.)

On the Lighter Side...

Noah's new Ark

It is the year 2000 and Noah lives in the United States. The Lord speaks to Noah and says, "In one year, I am going to make it rain and cover the whole earth with water until all is destroyed. But I want you to save the righteous people and two of every kind of living thing on the earth. Therefore, I am commanding you to build an Ark." In a flash of lightning, God delivered the specifications for an Ark. Fearful and trembling, Noah took the plans and agreed to build the Ark. "Remember," said the Lord, "You must complete the Ark and bring everything aboard in one year." Exactly one year later, a fierce storm cloud covered the earth and all the seas of the earth went into a tumult. The Lord saw Noah sitting in his front yard weeping. "Noah," He shouted, "Where is the Ark?" "Lord, please forgive me!" cried Noah. "I did my best, but there were big problems. First, I had to get a permit for construction and your plans did not comply with the codes. I had to hire an engineering firm and redraw the plans. Then I got into a fight with OSHA over whether or not the Ark needed a fire sprinkler system and floatation devices. Then my neighbor objected, claiming I was violating zoning ordinances by building the Ark in my front yard, so I had to get a variance from the city planning commission. I had problems getting enough wood for the Ark, because there was a ban on cutting trees to protect the Spotted Owl. I finally convinced the US Forest Service that I needed the wood to save the owls. However, the Fish and Wildlife Service won't let me catch any owls. The carpenters formed a union and went out on strike. I had to negotiate a settlement with the National Labor Union. When I started rounding up the other animals, I got sued by an animal rights group. They objected to me only taking two of each kind aboard. The EPA notified me that I could not complete the Ark without filing an environmental impact statement on your proposed flood. They didn't take very kindly to the idea that they had no jurisdiction over the conduct of the Creator of the universe. Then the Army Corps of Engineers demanded a map of the proposed new flood plain. I sent them a globe. Right now, I am trying to resolve a complaint filed with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission that I am practicing discrimination by not taking godless, unbelieving people aboard! The IRS has seized my assets, claiming that I'm building the Ark in preparation to flee the country to avoid paying taxes. Finally, the ACLU got the courts to issue an injunction against further construction of the Ark, saying that since God is flooding the earth, it is a religious event and therefore, unconstitutional. I really don't think I can finish the Ark for another 5 or 6 years!" Noah wailed. The sky began to clear, the sun began to shine and the seas began to calm. A rainbow arched across the sky. Noah looked up hopefully. "You mean you are not going to destroy the earth, Lord?" "No," said the Lord sadly. "I don't have to. Its already been done."

May 2018 Religious Services

May 4	Family Shabbat Service	7:30 pm
May 11	Erev Shabbat Service	7:30 pm
May 18	Erev Shabbat Service	7:30 pm
May 25	Kabbalat Shabbat Service With Confirmation	6:00 pm

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