

# 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.

## IF ITS MAY, ITS FOOD-A-RAMA

This bulletin is full of information for and about Temple's largest fundraiser, Food-A-Rama. This year we will be adding another main item, the Turkey Pastrami Sandwich. It will be available in the delivery lunches, at the eat-in buffet and available for carry-out and drive-thru. We think offering this Turkey alternative will peak the interest of those watching the intake of red meat. We hope this will be a good addition to our menu. If you haven't tried it, you really should.

Food-A-Rama 2016 is always in need of people to help. We need volunteers the day of Food-A-Rama and during the week before. Call Faye Marcus or Wendy Huss to ask how you can help. Even if you can't work during the event, your homemade baked goods are always a hit. It's almost here... so get ready! Food-A-Rama 2016.

For more information, please see all the details inside this bulletin.

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Chaverim,

The month of May is always such a busy one here at Temple Beth-El! 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.

Many of us remember the similar feeling we had during our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration a couple of years ago. One part that we especially enjoyed was having a couple of Temple sponsored cultural events in the Rockford community. One such event was a Jewish-themed play at the Artist Ensemble Theater called "Brooklyn Boy." Many of us went to see that play. It was refreshing to see a work that we could especially connect with as Jews.

Well, this month, in addition to all of FAR connecting us to our heritage, we will have another opportunity to see a play with a Jewish flavor. Artists' Ensemble is presenting the play, "Visiting Mr. Green," by Jeff Baron. The play is about a young Jewish man who is court-ordered, because of a car accident, to make weekly visits to the older Orthodox Jewish man who he almost hit. The play has humor and many heartfelt moments.

While we didn't have the opportunity to be a



*From Rabbi Binah Wing*

sponsor for the play, Jay Sklar and I have been consulting with them and even attended the first reading to help with language pronunciation and understanding of Jewish customs. There is a flyer with the play schedule further in the bulletin, and I encourage you to attend one of the many shows taking place during the month. If you go to the 4pm show on the 7<sup>th</sup> or the 2pm show on the 8<sup>th</sup>, come about 45 minutes early as there will be a talk by the director about the play.

But wait! There's more! On Sunday morning, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10am, our adult education will be focused on this play, so it will be even more important for you to try to see the play in advance. The director, Richard Raether, as well as, we hope, the two cast members will join us to discuss the play and give us a chance to interact with its message on a deeper level. This is a very exciting opportunity, and I hope you will take advantage of it by attending the play and then attending the adult education on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

One more event to make sure is on your calendar this month – Confirmation! Please do plan on attending the Shabbat Services on Friday night, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 during which 7(!) of our young adults will celebrate their Confirmation. These students – Lauren Bear, Natalie Deutsch, Jenna Glassman, Adam Gesmer, Zachary Hergert, Ben Kopnick and Jamie Zussman – have been studying and learning about Judaism for many years and now we celebrate their completion of their formal Jewish education. Though we know they will continue to learn about Judaism throughout their lives (ask them about the Jewish Literacy Quiz we took at the end!), we want to mark this milestone with the congregation. We have had a great year studying together, and we look forward to having the congregation present as they confirm their Jewish identities. We'll also be joined by our wonderful soloist, Cindy Michelassi, so the music is sure to be beautiful as well. Please do plan on attending.

See you over the corned beef!  
Rabbi Wing

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



The Temple Board met on April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Mary Roufa based her D'Var Torah on the Torah portion M'tzora, Leviticus 14:1-15:33.

This portion interested her because she finished a class on Catholic theology. It seems that most Christians believe that the body and soul are separate while most Jews believe the body and soul are one. Of course, each religion has many different perspectives on this. Mary sees this as an important issue for children. She sees teens that are preoccupied with their bodies and forget about their souls and she also sees teens that are so studious that they forget about their bodies.

Brina reported that the adult education committee has added another program to our calendar, which will be held on November 13<sup>th</sup> in the morning.

Other than her usual duties, the Rabbi reported that she is working with the GRTY youth to get ready for their Friday night service. She officiated at Josh Zussman's Bar Mitzvah and attended the shiva for Howard Morris's mother. She made blintzes and welcomed the Westminster Presbyterian Confirmation Class. The Rabbi asked the board to approve the Transform Rockford Values. The board voted to confirm the values, so our name will be added.

Rob reported that, although we have some cash on hand, there has been a significant drop. If the Rummage Sale and Food-A-Rama come close to making what was budgeted, we should be covered until the end of the year. He is still working on a proposed budget for next year which will be presented at the annual Temple meeting.

The Foundation did better in March with a 5.5% gain, but our net over principle for the year is still negative. After talking to Savant, our funds are in a Schwab account and are going in the right direction.

The Purim service and carnival went well. Everyone had a good time. Our Passover Seder will be on Saturday April 23<sup>rd</sup>, the second night of Passover. There will be no services on Friday April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Lauren reported that the Religious school students have been bringing peanut butter jars as part of their Good Deeds Day Celebration. These jars will be donated to Backpack Buddies. GRTY has been writing and practicing for their service which will be on April 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30. They went on their Chicago trip where they started with a photo-op at The Bean, went shopping at Water Tower or played games at Dave and Busters. They had a pizza dinner at Home Run Inn and finished the day at the Comedy Sportz Theatre. Some of the youth group will be helping at the rummage sale.

Our new refrigerator will be arriving on Tuesday and will be in time for Food-A-Rama. Everything is running smoothly. The blintzes have all been made.

Jay Sklar presented the board with the nominating committee's recommendation for next year's officers, and the board voted to approve the slate. Each family unit will have two votes at the annual meeting. Jay also brought us up to date on the security system.

Our next Temple Beth-El get together will be at the Huss home on June 11<sup>th</sup>.

## Brina's Bits

When I think of May, I think of May flowers, baseball and Food-A-Rama. This May, Holocaust Remembrance Day is May 1<sup>st</sup>, Jack

Holmstrom's Bar Mitzvah is May 7<sup>th</sup> and Food-A-Rama is May 18<sup>th</sup>. In this newsletter, you will see requests to help make Food-A-Rama a successful fundraiser. You will be receiving a call or email to see where and when you can volunteer your time. Pre-order forms are included in the newsletter with special member pricing, so you can enjoy the food that the community will purchase on May 18<sup>th</sup>. After all, Food-A-Rama is our biggest fundraiser. So, please say yes when you are asked to help. The Temple Annual Meeting will be held June 5, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. Breakfast will be served at 10:00 a.m. with the meeting beginning shortly after.

On the agenda will be the election of Officers to the Board of Directors and approval of the budget for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

The congregation will review changes to the Temple Beth-El Constitution and vote on these changes. Our Constitution hadn't been reviewed in over a decade and some language changes have been made to better reflect the URJ interpretations as well as correcting some

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grammatical language. Reports from the Rabbi and committee chair people will be given. I hope you can attend, but if you cannot, please be sure to send in your proxy vote. As a family, you will have 2 votes.

During the review of our constitution a closer look at the voting language has been interpreted by the Board to reflect that a family unit, may have votes by two members of that household. So if you are voting by Proxy and you are considered a family unit, each of two adults may cast their votes.

I hope to see you at Food-A-Rama and the Annual Meeting. This congregation truly thanks you for all you do and your support.

Brina

*Please come celebrate  
with us  
Open House  
In honor of  
Delores Garman's  
80th Birthday*



*Sunday, May 15th  
1:00-4:00  
North Suburban  
Woman's Club  
6320 North 2nd Street  
Loves Park, IL*

**Mazel Tov**

To

Kathy and Arthur Rettig

On the birth of

Grandson Meyer Samuel Waldman



# SCHOOL DAZE

200 Words or Less...

By Goldie & Adrian



After spring break, things did not wind down here at school. April was a very busy month! The entire school participated in Good Deeds Day on April 10th helping youth group with their important project providing peanut butter in backpacks for needy students to share with their families on the week-ends. The students decorated each bag with a spring greeting and a "peanut" knock knock joke! Thanks, Sandy Simon for leading the art session. The school surpassed their goal of 50 jars and brought in 88, and we are not done yet! They really felt proud and will enjoy their pizza lunch and ice cream sundaes!! On the 17th, Rabbi led the students in our very special chocolate Seder! Everything from bitter chocolate to chocolate milk, tootsie rolls, chocolate matzah, malted milk balls, Hershey's syrup, chocolate pudding mixed with marshmallows and chocolate chips and a couple of apple slices for good measure! Can you guess the meaning of each chocolate symbol? Ask your children! We had lots of unique ideas for another possible foody Seder. I said possible...not probable!! Thanks, Rabbi for a fun time! The last two weeks of school included students drawing Jewish calendar entries for the big Chicago contest we enter each year, as well as playing Israeli trivia and bingo games commemorating Israel Independence Day.

Principal Pekarsky spoke to the classes regarding age appropriate issues related to the Holocaust. We had a reading of the book Brundibar by Mrs. Gordon. This book was a gift to Religious School from Harvey and Natalie Share. It is an adaptation of the opera by the same name and was performed by children interred in a concentration camp during the Holocaust. Mrs. Simon and Dr. Kopnick also taught the students some songs that were sung by children in the camps.

The last day of school, we honored our wonderful teachers, gave out student attendance awards and had our fun lunch and special dessert sundaes. But before we take leave, please know that we love and appreciate our special parent volunteers who are always there to lend a helping hand. You make the world at school go round!!

Thank you!

Till next time, have a great summer. Shalom!

Go away!

## Visiting Mr. Green

**Visiting Mr. Green**

by Jeff Baron

**MAY 6-22**

Cranky, elderly Mr. Green and brash, young Ross don't really get along. In fact, they can't stand one another. But a court order compels them to spend time together. And things change...

*Recommended for high school and older*

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## May Oneg Committee

May 6 Jack Holmstrom Bar Mitzvah 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.

May 13 Nanci and Marc Soriano Jackie and Len Bernstein

May 20 Confirmation

May 27 No oneg

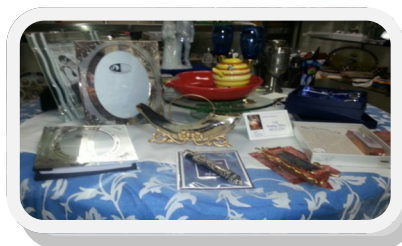


## May Birthdays & Anniversaries

<b>Adults</b>		Ellen Dietz	5/23
Ben Libman	5/2	Tracy Bernstein	5/27
Benjamin Kopnick	5/2	Faye Marcus	5/28
Emma Thompson	5/2		
Arthur Rettig	5/3	<b>Anniversaries</b>	
Michael Steerman	5/4	Melissa & Josh Tatman	5/15/99
Joy Schneider	5/5	Wendy & Gary Rubin	5/27/84
Georgann Bernstein	5/8	Cheryl & Tim Schoeller	5/27/79
Allison Sage	5/9	Susan & Fred Glassman	5/30/93
Howard Kaufman	5/10	Susan & Stephen Weiss	5/30/68
Sharon Goldsand	5/11		
Evalyn Schaap	5/12		
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		



## The Temple Beth-El Gift Shop



### GIFT SHOP HOURS

Monday—Friday, call the office

Sunday 10am - noon\*

\*Open Sundays when school is in session.

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

# JACK

SHARE OUR JOY AS OUR SON JACK TYLER  
IS CALLED TO THE TORAH AS A BAR MITZVAH  
SATURDAY, MAY SEVENTH, TWENTY SIXTEEN  
AT TEN IN THE MORNING | TEMPLE BETH-EL  
1203 COMANCHE DR, ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS

MARISSA AND BEN HOLMSTROM

### 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 6**

Nathan Kaplan  
Miriam N. Rosenberg  
Rosalind Glenner  
Charles Kaplan  
George Goldman  
Lenore Labowitz  
Dr. Alfred Morman  
Eidel Goldman

#### **Read May 13**

Betty Ginsburgh  
Klaus Schaap  
Ann Evans  
Frances Freedman  
Robert Krojanker  
Selma Kovalsky  
Morton Blumberg  
Elsie Rettig  
Edna O'Connor  
Harlan Slavin

#### **Read May 20**

Milton Rosenthal  
Howard Tenin  
Frederick Ruthe  
David M. Kupperman  
Sherman Cornblum  
Jacob Labowitz  
Harry Polcek  
Bessie Levitz  
Lena Shanhouse  
Conrad Nelson

#### **Read May 27**

Allan Fierstien  
Ethel Shuman  
S. Robert Oberndorf  
Ethel Jerome  
Florence Bologna  
Mitchell Rudman  
Geri Katz  
Mollie Shanhouse  
Frieda Hellman  
Bianca Weissenberg  
Celia F. Cassman  
David Dietz



### 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

#### **Dermer Fund**

In honor of Religious School Teachers, Principals and Rabbi Wing  
-Zussman family

#### **Garten Fund**

Wishing Barb Berney a speedy recovery  
Congratulations to Kathy and Art Rettig on the birth of grandson Meyer Samuel  
-Faye Marcus

#### **Landscaping Fund**

In memory of Morris Hertz  
Speedy recovery to David Quimby  
Mazel tov to Art and Kathy Rettig on the birth of grandson, Meyer  
-Milly Kaplan

In honor of Sylvia Melamed  
-Sam and Harvey Melamed

In honor of Jack Holmstrom's Bar Mitzvah  
Speedy recovery to Sharon Goldsand  
Mazel tov to Art and Kathy Rettig on the birth of grandson, Meyer Nanci and Marc Soriano and family

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

In memory of Herman Blustein  
-Marian Peters

In honor of the birth of our grandson,  
Meyer Samuel Waldman  
-Arthur and Kathy Rettig

#### **Unrestricted Donations**

In memory of William Feder  
-James and Susan Slobard

#### **Thank You.....**

*The Temple has been the recipient of donations from the Temple Family in the name of many funds in order to supply much needed money for worthwhile programs and projects. We would like to spotlight a couple of these funds.*

#### **The Robert and Joel Garten Youth and Scholarship Fund**

is to provide camperships for religious school students. This fund is administered by the Education Committee and the Rabbi.

#### **The Michael Dermer Religious School Fund**

was established for the purpose of raising money to support religious school activities. This fund is used to provide enrichment programs, scholarships and youth activities.

**Landscaping Fund** provides funding for enhancements to our grounds.

#### **Sheldon Liebovich Fund for Families in Crisis**

provides funds for Temple families who are in need at the discretion of Temple leadership.

**Rabbi's Discretionary Fund** provides for the Rabbi to purchase necessary items for the Temple or to help those in need, at her discretion.

**Cy Sachs Fund** provides funds to be used for community-wide projects.

#### **Hannah & Herbert Saal Fund**

provides funds for the betterment of Temple Beth-El.


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



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

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

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

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## GRTY NEWS

Submitted by:  
Co-President  
Jacob Kopnick

GRTY has had a spectacular April this year as they got ready for their big GRTY

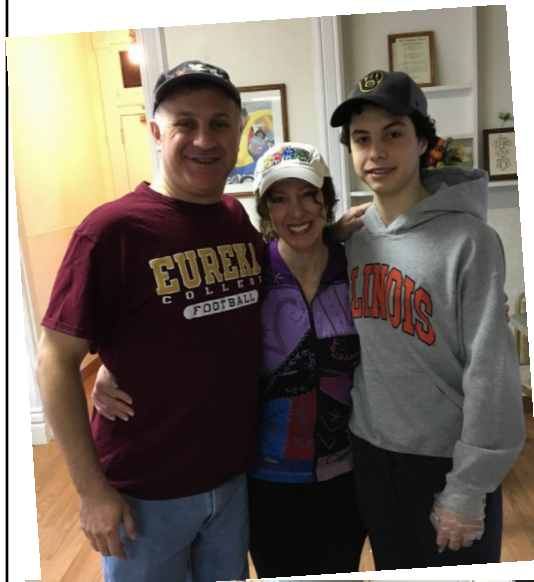
-led Shabbat service on April 29<sup>th</sup>. GRTY has been hard at work, but, as always, they made some time for fun as well. Kicking off the week in a way that only GRTY can, the youth group helped set up the Temple Rummage Sale which was a resounding success! The teens assisted in setting up all of the clothes for display and also by putting up the thousands of books for display. Ask any GRTY member and they will tell you an experience that they have had with those books!

Next, the youth group had their annual Chicago field trip which was an absolute blast! GRTY arrived at Temple bright and early in order to get in a full day of activities. They started by heading to Millennium Park and taking pictures at the famous Bean Sculpture. Then the group split into two groups with one group going shopping at Water Tower Place and the other playing arcade games at Dave and Buster's. The groups met back up where they enjoyed some Chicago style pizza and attended the hilarious Comedy Sportz Theatre. All of the kids had an amazing time.

Quickly getting back to work, GRTY then helped take down the rummage which involved clocking more hours with those books and beginning their Creative Shabbat Service planning sessions. All of the teens are working extremely hard to make sure this service is a success. The service, as stated before, is on April 29<sup>th</sup> and the youth group wants to see everyone there as they help cap off a terrific year with arguably their most important event. Thank you and have a great rest of your spring.







Temple Members and GRTY students at the Soup Kitchen on March 27th.



Making kugel for Food-A-Rama!

Save these pages for future reference

The Official Food-A-Rama Primer for Temple Members

### **54th ANNUAL FOOD-A-RAMA—Wednesday, May 18th, 2016**

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.

#### **New This Year**

We are adding 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. We tested it on the buffet last year, and they went like hot cakes. 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 a generous quarter pound 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.

#### **FOOD-A-RAMA WORKERS WANTED**

In the next few weeks you will receive an email from Wendy Huss asking you 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 Wendy Huss. 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 pre-orders? Could you be a sponsor? We have a job for nearly every skill. So answer your email or call Wendy and be a part of Temple's largest fundraiser. Just say YES!

#### **PREORDERS FOR TEMPLE MEMBERS**

#### **Pick-up after 1:00 pm, Tues., May 17<sup>th</sup>, 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.



### **FOOD-A-RAMA TICKET SALES**

Soon, you'll be getting seven tickets to FAR in the mail. Please sell them. The price is \$11.00 each, and the lunch is worth every penny. 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.

### **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 17th, 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!*

54<sup>th</sup> Annual

Temple Beth-El

**Food-A-Rama**

# Pre-Order Form

## Pre-Order Now!

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. Here is your opportunity to pre-order these goodies and reserve them for you and your family. Following is a list of items you can order. Below is a list of items you can order. Please send in you check with your order, or phone it in to the Temple Office and we'll happy to put it on your Credit Card. Orders need to be in before Wednesday, May 11, 2016. Pick up your order Tuesday afternoon, May 17<sup>th</sup> between 1 pm and 7 pm. Prices with \*\* are special pricing for pre-orders only!

	Price	Qty	Total
Corned Beef (pound)	\$14.50**	_____	_____
Beef Brisket Pastrami (pound)	\$12.25**	_____	_____
Kosher-Style Hot Dogs (pound -4)	\$ 9.50	_____	_____
Turkey Pastrami (pound)	\$12.25**	_____	_____
Salami (pound)	\$ 9.75	_____	_____
Blintzes (dozen)	\$ 9.00	_____	_____
Cheese/Cherry/Blueberry (circle)			
Kugel	\$ 9.50	_____	_____
Plain or Raisin (circle your choice)			
Chicken Soup w/matzo balls (1 qt)	\$ 5.00	_____	_____
Creamed Herring (pint)	\$ 8.25	_____	_____
Chopped Liver (pint)	\$10.00	_____	_____
Mock Chopped Liver (1/2 pint)	\$ 5.50	_____	_____
Baked Beans (quart)	\$ 5.75**	_____	_____
French Onion Rolls (1/2 dozen)	\$ 4.00	_____	_____
Deli Pickles – 2 full Pickles	\$ 1.00**	_____	_____
Rye Bread (1-1/2 pound loaf)	\$ 4.75	_____	_____
Rye Bread ½ loaf	\$ 2.50**	_____	_____
Challah (1 pound)	\$ 5.00	_____	_____
Hot Dog Buns (1/2 dozen)	\$ 4.75	_____	_____
Bagels (1/2 dozen) – specify flavor	\$ 6.00	_____	_____
Macaroons (1/2 dozen)	\$ 4.00	_____	_____

Estimated Time of Pick up: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



Total Pre-Order Items \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Find enclosed my check # \_\_\_\_\_

Please charge my credit/debit card:

Call the office if you would rather not include your

# \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit card information. Thank you

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ 3 digit code on back of card \_\_\_\_\_



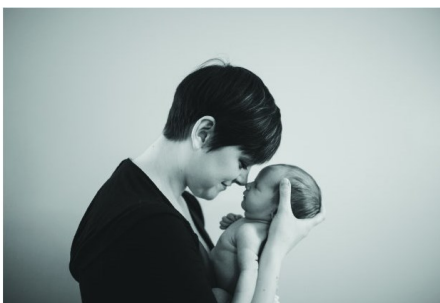
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Please contact the new manager at 815-962-7914, and he will insure that Temple is properly rewarded. If you have any questions, please call Jerry at 815-222-6016.

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# Coming Attractions

## June 2016

Sun. 5th Temple Annual Meeting  
Sat 11th Social Gathering at  
Huss home

## July 2016

## August 2016

Sun. 28th Ethnic Parade and  
Festival

## September 2016

Sat. 17th Noa Levy Bat Mitzvah

## October 2016

Mon. 3rd Rosh Hashanah

Wed. 12th Yom Kippur

## November 2016

## December 2016

## January 2017

## February 2017

## March 2017

## April 2017

## May 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**

**May 1 Holocaust Service-Exec.**

**Board Interviews:** noon -?? at  
Temple

**May 15 Exec. Board Breakfast:**

8:00 a.m \*Set up Food-A-Rama:

10:00 a.m. - noon

**May 18\*Take Down Food-A-**

**Rama: 7:00 p.m. - done**

**Fri. May 20 Confirmation:** 7:30  
p.m.

**Sat. May 21 GRTY bonfire & pot-**

**luck/Installation of new Executive**

**Board at Soriano's. 6:00 -10:00 pm**

Parents are invited to installation.

**\*Means you can earn service  
hours**

**Advisors:** Nanci Soriano H: 654-  
7677 cell: 222-9626

Lauren Lamont: cell: 988-3727

**RSVP to ALL activities quickly**

please even if you can't attend

**Dues: 7-8 graders: \$25 (2<sup>nd</sup> child \$20)**

**9-12 graders: \$40 (2<sup>nd</sup> child \$25)**

**NFTY** on line Registration:

[www.nfty.org/no](http://www.nfty.org/no)

## **HELP WANTED:**

### **CARING COMMITTEE**

The Caring Committee was formed to provide a meal(s) to a member in the event of a birth, death or illness. Anyone interested in being on the Caring Committee list or is interested in providing a ride to a Temple function, please contact Carol Gordon at 815-398-4214 or [cggordon50@hotmail.com](mailto:cggordon50@hotmail.com).

## **Membership**

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

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

## **PLANT A TREE IN ISRAEL**

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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

### Gevalt

Ge-VOLLT

An exclamation of fear, astonishment, terror

The grandmother saw her grandchild drive into the pool and yelled "**Gevalt**," he is going to kill himself!

## On the Lighter Side...

If Microsoft Were Jewish...

Instead of getting a "general protection fault" error, your PC would get "verklemt."  
"Year 2000" issues are replaced by "year 5760-5761" issues.

Hanukkah screen savers will have "flying dreidels."

Your PC shuts down automatically at sundown on Friday evenings.

After your computer dies, you would dispose of it within 48 hours.

Your "start" button would be replaced with a "let's go! I'm not getting any younger!" button.

"Abort, Retry, Ignore" would be replaced with "Stop it already - you're killing me. You want I should try again? I didn't hear that!"

When disconnecting external devices from the back of the PC, you would be instructed to "remove the cable from the PC's tucas."

Internet Explorer would have a spinning "Star of David" in the upper right corner.

You would hear the tune "Hava Nagila" during startup.

When running "scandisk," you will be prompted with a "You want I should fix this?" message.

When your PC is working too hard, you would occasionally hear a loud "OY!"



## May 2016 Religious Services

May 6  
Family Shabbat Service 7:30 pm

May 7  
Jack Holmstrom Bar Mitzvah 10:00 am

May 13  
Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 pm

May 20  
Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 pm

May 27  
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 pm

### Temple Beth-El Leadership

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