

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.

Local Color Art Auction November 11th



A new concept for an old tradition.

Temple Beth-El will hold the Local Color 50/50 Art Auction fundraiser on Saturday, November 11, 2017, from 6-9pm at the Midway Village Museum Center.

This event is open to the entire community. Admission is \$25. **Make your reservation by calling the Temple office today** at 815-398-5020, or tickets may be purchased at the door. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, desserts, coffee and tea will be available, along with a cash bar.

Bring your friends to this fun event!!

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Chaverim,

On behalf of Shlomo, Lilly, Dana, and myself, thank you so much to everyone for all that you did to bring us comfort after the death of our mother, mother-in-law, and grandmother, Cami Shultz. Your words of comfort and your presence were so meaningful to us as we processed her rather unexpected death. While she hadn't ever been in great health, we believed that she was in a steady place health-wise as we had just moved her into an assisted living facility a few weeks ago. She seemed to be thriving there and was the happiest she had been in quite a while. While we don't know exactly how she died, we believe that it was quick and painless. For that, anyway, we are grateful. Now comes the challenging work of cleaning out the apartment where she used to live as well as the place we had just moved her into.



From Rabbi Binah Wing

While it is still early and we are still processing our feelings, the one "take-away" that stands out the most for me is to take nothing for granted when it comes to your loved ones. Although it's cliché, it's also true that life is short and that one never knows when the end is going to come. Especially this month with the holiday of Thanksgiving upon us, take time to be grateful for the special people in your life and to tell them how you feel.

Thank you again so much,
Rabbi Wing and family

Temple Book Sales Passes \$21K in Donations

Since 2007, the Temple Book Sale group has been able to donate over \$21,000, through the sale of used books, CDs, DVDs, etc. on Amazon.com. The process is simple, and everyone can contribute. First, if you have used books that you no longer want, you can donate them to the sale. Additionally, we are also looking for a few volunteers to assist us.

Three types of volunteer opportunities are available. "Listers" go through the donated books to determine which books are valuable enough to list for sale. Many of the books donated are so common that they are available from other sources for an amount not worth listing. Do not despair, however, as those books are included in the annual Rummage Sale. So, either way, your donation of books helps the Temple.

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"Packers" get involved when a sale is made. If we have sales, we need packers on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Amazon requires that we send any orders out within two business days, and packers are responsible for checking online to see if any sales have been made, coming to the Temple, finding the books from our closet, and packing them. Some days there will be no sales, so packers may have nothing to do on those days.

"Shippers" pick up the orders from the Temple and take them to the post office to be mailed. Again, there are some days when the shippers do not need to do anything, if there are no sales.

We are currently looking for volunteers who are interested in any of the three areas. If you want to know more about assisting in listing books, please contact Faye Marcus for more information. If you are interested in packing books once a week (right now we are looking for individuals who might want to commit to one day a week (Wednesday or Friday are open), please contact either Jack Simon or T. L. Sievers. Finally, if you would like to know more about mailing, please contact T. L. Sievers.

Thank you for the support you have given us over the past decade. Together we can continue to raise much needed funds for the Temple.

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

Sharon's D' Var Torah was based on the portion Davar Acher which speaks about creation. In this portion, there is no reference to the first day. This is when God divided the light and the darkness. Every other day mentions which day it is. The Hebrew text says Yom Echad which means day one not the first day. Ramban explains that it is not possible to say the first day since the second day has not been completed yet. He suggested that when God left the first day, he created the possibility of linear time. This should remind us of the importance of time in our lives.



Jim thanked the Rabbi and Brian Shore and the Religious Functions committee for the great High Holy Day services. Carol Gordon will replace Andrea Levey as Education Chair. Jim gave an update on the campaign. For incidental costs such as architect drawings, brochures etc., the committee asked for funding. Brina made a motion for this request and Mary seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Rabbi read a thank-you note she received from OSRUI for her services this past summer at camp. She thanked the board for allowing her to do this. She officiated at Ed Light's unveiling. She met with the choir to recap the holiday services. A church from Mount Morris came and she met with them.

Sharon reported on our total income and expenses. She reported that cash was down a little because of buildings and grounds. Sharon reminded us that if money is coming out of the unrestricted funds and it is over \$500, that amount must be approved by the board. Sharon presented the five-year plan that the finance committee came up with to the board.

Brina reported that there are 78 pledges. Our funds at Savant are doing well.

Brian reported that the Religious Functions Committee went over the High Holy Day services. He said Brina Grigg will replace Andrea Levey on the committee. He thanked David and his helpers for putting up the Sukkah. .

David thanked his volunteers for helping with the fall clean-up. The trees and shrubs were trimmed, the flower beds were tidied, and the front benches were rust proofed. David thanked all his Sukkah building helpers. The new Sukkah roof worked well. Many light bulbs were replaced and the Temple Art Project



It is hard to believe that we are almost at the end of 2017. With that in mind, I am asking you to consider making end-of-year contributions to one or more of our Temple funds, a number of which are at

risk of being depleted. Some funds that could use replenishment are the Garten Youth and Scholarship Fund, which provides camperships for Religious School students, the Dermer Religious School and Education Fund, which provides funds for special and needed opportunities for our youth, the Sheldon Liebovich Fund for Families in Crises, the Hannah and Herbert Saal

Fund, which provides funds for the betterment of Temple Beth-El, the Cy Sachs Fund, which provides funds to be used for community-wide projects, the Landscaping Fund, the Music Fund and the Benjamin Schaider Building Fund. You will find a complete list of Temple funds in the Rockford Area Jewish Community Directory.

Please think of the needs of Temple Beth-El in your end-of-year philanthropy.

Please think of the needs of Temple Beth-El in your end-of-year philanthropy. Without your help, we might not be able to provide adequate assistance to members in need.

October was a very busy month at Temple. Thanks to the Adult Education Committee, we had the opportunity to learn about slow cooking from Chef Laura Frankel. More recently, we were able to watch a terrific one-man show about Ben Hecht, starring James Sherman. I speak for all Temple members in thanking the Adult Education Committee, headed by Warren Goldsand, for their hard work in organizing these excellent and educational programs.

Finally, I am again urging all Temple members to attend the Art Auction on November 11 at Midway Village. The Art Auction Committee has been planning this event for many months, and we think that with your support, this will be a very successful fundraising event. Works of many well-known local artists will be featured. Please call Joyce at the Temple office to purchase tickets.

Jim

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

was hung in the social hall with the help of Roni Golan. The first three phases of the roof repairs are complete and the final phase will begin soon.

Sunday school is going well. GRTY went apple picking and will be making pies.

Karen reported that the Rock House Kids project is coming up. The High Holy Day food drive will continue until the end of October. So far there is \$1100 in donations and a lot of food. A donation from the Cy Sach's Fund will also be given to the food pantry.

Ellen reported that the 2016-2017 campaign raised over \$24,000. The Federation Campaign kick-off will be on November 19th at 5:30 at Mauh Nah Tee See Country Club. The speaker will be the deputy general of the Israeli Consul and the honorees will be the Golans and the Sparks. The Federation is not going to have an essay contest this year for the Holocaust Remembrance service. On October 22nd Michael Benjamin will hold a self-defense demonstration and on October 29th "The Ben Hecht" show will be presented. Each program will start with breakfast at 10:00 followed by the program at 10:30.

Mazel Tov on another Car Mitzvah.

Special thank you to Jerry Paris and the crew at Buttita Brothers for offering to facilitate another Car Mitzvah. The car, a 2004 Grand Prix GT donated by Lisa and Larry Pearlman, sold for \$1600.

10 Minutes of Torah

UNION FOR REFORM JUDAISM'S
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The Union will send you a one page e-mail each day on a topic of Jewish Interest.
All you need to do is find 10 minutes a day to "do Torah."

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WWW.urj.org/Torah/Ten

SCHOOL DAZE

200 Words or Less...

By Goldie & Adrian



October is always such a busy and fun month with all our fall holidays! Hope you saw the beautiful sukkot decorations in our sukkah. Thanks, Sandy Simon, for your creative art project ideas that led to our students' spectacular results! Thanks to those who helped hang all the decorations: Karen Zussman, Brian Shore, Jordan Towne and Sandy Simon. The following week we had fun eating pizza and marching with our flags to celebrate Simcha Torah! This past month we also had music with Barbara Simon and Mitch Kopnick and cooking with Ronit.



Thank you all for sharing your talents with our students!

On October 15 Adult Ed had a

wonderful program where chef Laura Frankel shared many of her cooking secrets. Some of our students attended this program and I must tell you they behaved admirably, very proud of them!! They had some great questions too!

We'd like to say Mazel Tov to the Holmstrom family in honor of Ella becoming a Bat Mitzvah on October 21st. Such wonderful memories for a lifetime!

On October 22, parents had a chance to hear about safety in our building and were able to tour the Temple finding all exits and safe places in case of emergency. On that note, we already had a school fire drill and will have a tornado drill in the coming weeks.

November 3 will be our Family Shabbat service and dinner beginning at 6:00. Families will have a chance to share a special Jewish item brought from home. Please join us for this special Shabbat evening!



Remember, there will be no Hebrew on November 22 and no Sunday classes on November 26th. Have a happy Thanksgiving and count your blessings! Till next time, Shalom.

Letters to the Editor...

Many thanks to the people who helped with the Temple garden this year: Terry Gordon, Mark Smith, Jack Simon and the Quimby family.

As you may have noticed, the garden by the driveway is being replanted with bee and butterfly friendly natives and also some "Home Run" roses.

Your donations to the Landscaping Fund in 2017-18 will help provide more pollinator plants and also some future changes in evergreens near the building.

Barbara Simon



Mazel Tov to Adrian and Gerald Grubb on the birth of their granddaughter, Kiora Sage Krystosek, born on October 7th.

November Oneg Committee

November 3
Family Shabbat Dinner

The Temple
Beth-El

November 10
Faye Marcus
Kathy and Art Rettig

Family greatly
appreciates and
thanks our Oneg
Hosts for helping
to make our
Services

November 17
Mary Roufa
Ellen Salley

more meaningful
and offering an
opportunity for us
all to mingle and
socialize.

November 24
No oneg



The Officers and Board of Directors of
the Jewish Federation of Greater
Rockford

Cordially Invite You To Attend the

Annual Meeting



Sunday, December 3

10:00 am at Temple Beth-El,
1203 Comanche Dr.

Breakfast will be served at 10:00 am, /
meeting will begin at 10:30 am

Please RSVP to Goldie at 815-399-5497 or
rockfordfederation@sbcglobal.net

October Birthdays & Anniversaries

Adults

Jeffrey Behr	11/2
Andrea Baird	11/5
Ginny Weiss	11/5
Ben Salley	11/8
Meagan Sklar	11/10
Andrea Busch	11/11
Brian Shore	11/12
Joseph Gesmer	11/15
John Hartman	11/16
Cheryl Schoeller	11/16
Harvey Melamed	11/17
Ellen Deutsch	11/19
Emily Shore	11/21
Oliver Morris	11/22
Rabbi Binah Wing	11/22
Lisa Anderson-Levy	11/25
Barbara Simon	11/27
Marian Peters	11/28
Andrew Hartman	11/28

Anniversaries

Susan & James Slobard	11/2/86
Kimberly & Kent	
Raphael	11/10/75
Susan & Jay Kamin	11/29/80



Children

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)

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 November 3

Jean Prince Roufa
Harry Levy
Alvin Slobard
Arthur Foss
Ruth Steiner Price
Anna Cohen
Leanora Feder
William Share
David Halle
Nathan Hellman

Read November 10

Lothar Molton
Ethel Blecher Turcott
Nina Hexter
Golda Gutman
Samonia Franks

Read November 17

Sara Okrent Solomon
Louis Behr
Sidney Kaufer
Richard Weedman
Ida Spector Cohen
Lena Leff
Harry Rosen
Belle Dermer
Dr. Aaron Taylor
Zlata Schoenberg
Samuel Barenbaum

Read November 24

Ruth Ida Lash
Jack Dermer
Nathan Kobrin
Helen Vision
Lillian Lorraine Gersten
Betty Pavey
Anna Gersten Perlman
Samuel Wolfson
Jan Lazarus
Edward Osran
Gus Froelich



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

Best wishes to Andrea Levey on her move
-Rose Gulatto

In memory of Louis Levy
In memory of Ida Levy
-Rob and Lisa Levy

Cy Sachs Fund

In memory of Ilene Helfand
-Gene Helfand

Landscaping Fund

In honor of the birth of Adrian and Jerry Grubb's granddaughter, Kiora Sage
-Milly Kaplan

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In memory of Cami Schultz
-Lisa and Larry Pearlman

In recognition of the beautiful High Holiday Services and all the hard work of our Rabbi, Stuart Bard, Jean Anderson and our choir, Brian Shore and the Religious Functions Committee, Jay Sklar and all others involved in the planning
-Arthur and Kathy Rettig

Sheldon Liebovich Fund

In memory of Shirley Baer
In memory of Marty Klemes
In memory of Rose Kaplan
In memory of Phyllis Finn

In memory of Norbert Jakobs
-Rosie and Chuck Hyman

In memory of Julie Mendelson
Prayers for healing for Betsy Myers
In memory of Norbert Jakobs
In honor of Ted and Jan Lieboviches' granddaughter, Mila Danielle
In loving memory of Sheldon Liebovich
-Barb, Steven, Michelle, Robert and Jacob Lirtzman

Unrestricted Donations

In memory of Jacob Hoffman
-The Hoffman Family

CONDOLENCES TO:

Shlomo and Binah Wing
and family
on the passing
of Shlomo's mother,
Cami Schultz

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.

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.

GRTY IS HONORED FOR WORK WITH IMMIGRANTS

The Greater Rockford Temple Youth Group was nominated for the Peace Builder Youth Awards presented by the Rock River Valley Peace Coalition.

The Peace Builder Youth Awards are given annually to honor and recognize the role that young people play in building a more just and peaceful community. This was the second year of the awards, with ten nominations from around the Rock River Valley. The awards were presented September 21 at Rockford University.

Greater Rockford Temple Youth Group was nominated for their work with immigrants. They researched needs, interviewed

the director of the Refugee Program at RVC. They spoke at the Shabbat service and wrote an editorial for the Rockford Register Star to inform and motivate people to help. They then collected and donated needed items for refugee families. They didn't win the award but were proud to be nominated.



Last Sunday, the youth group members were presented certificates by the Rock River Valley Peace Coalition. The Refugee Program knows they

have a friend in the youth group. When they needed help supplying a new group of refugees, they contacted Nanci Soriano for more help.

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GRTY NEWS

Submitted by:
Ben Kopnick
Co-President

Wow, what an exciting month GRTY has had this October. We kicked off the month on the 1st of October with an incredible team building session at Camp Winnebago. There our kids learned the important values of cooperation and communication.

These important lessons we learned segued into one of our busiest events of the year, apple picking and apple pie baking! On the 15th of October, our kids met at Curran's Apple Orchard and proceeded to pick apples by the basketful. With the help of parents, our teens picked apples and enjoyed cider and donuts on a brisk but beautiful Autumn day.

A week later on the 22nd, our teens gathered at the home of our wonderful advisor's, Nanci's, house and set to work creating apple pies. With the foresight of past years, hard work, and a very supportive team of parents, our youth group was able to make 54 apple pies in less than an hour and a half, an all-time GRTY record! We were able to enjoy the fruits of our labors, quite literally, when we all relaxed to eat our delicious apple pies and taffy apples after the job was done.

To close out the month, on October 29th, our

teens along with our entire Jewish community, gathered to enjoy The Ben Hecht Show performed by playwright and actor, Jim Sherman. After the performance, Jim led an enlightening discussion about the creation and background of the play.



After his wonderful show had concluded, Nanci presented the members of the youth group with the Peace Builder Youth Award on behalf of the Peace Coalition of Rock River Valley. The award recognition was presented

to our teens for our community service and youth involvement with our work in last year's Rock Valley Refugee Project. After an exciting month of

October our teens are looking forward to what November has in store.

On November 5, our teens are hitting Forest Hills Lanes for some afternoon bowling and pizza! Then in December, we will get to enjoy one of our favorite times together when we hang out at Laser Quest and Sho Gun where we will celebrate our annual Chanukah party and gift exchange! Best wishes to all for a wonderful November, and you can look forward to hearing more from GRTY soon!



Temple Beth-El
Family Shabbat Dinner
Friday, November 3, 2017

Service 6:00 pm
Dinner to Follow

Menu: Cheese lasagna, salad, bread, fruit, cookies and make your own ice cream sundaes

We request that students bring an article of Judaica that is meaningful to their family for a show and tell

Family Name _____

Number of adults attending at \$7.00 each _____

Number of children (age 4-12) attending at \$4.00 each _____

Children age 3 and under are free.



Temple Beth-El Annual
Chanukah Dinner
Friday, December 15th
Watch your December Bulletin for more details





TEMPLE BETH-EL MINUTE WITH A MEMBER

*Dear TBE Friends:
Our next "Minute with a
Member" features Mark
and Lauren Lamont and Family. We hope you
will enjoy getting to know them a bit more!*

Tell a little about yourself and family:

Mark is a robotic/control electrician at Chrysler in Belvidere and Lauren is a "retired" Director of Marketing. We have been married for 31 years and have 2 children. Eric is married to Robyn. They live in Cincinnati where Eric is an Assistant Product Manager at Proctor & Gamble and Robyn is the director of one of Cincinnati's Refugee Programs. Our daughter Katie is about to start her fourth year in Medical School. She attends the American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine and is currently doing clinical rotations in Miami. In addition, Kamron is our Beagle who we rescued about 8 months ago.

Something people would be surprised to learn about you:

Mark: I was a Bar Mitzvah Boy at the age of 50
Lauren: I taught German and French at a Prep School in New Hampshire

Favorite Judaic Holiday/Food:

Mark: Lox (Eric also loves Lox. If you are going to serve Lox, you need at least 3 pounds for the two of them.)

Lauren: Charoses on Passover

What was your first job?

Mark: Milking cows on a dairy farm

Lauren: Salesperson at Kiddies' Kastle—a children's clothing store

What do you do for fun?

Travel and plan travel. Anywhere. Caribbean cruises, Europe,



the United States. If we haven't been there, it is even more intriguing. We also love to go wherever our kids are.



A memorable moment at TBE:

Eric's Bar Mitzvah
Katie's Bat Mitzvah
Mark's Bar Mitzvah

If you could meet anyone, living or dead, who would you want to meet?

Mark: Abraham Lincoln
Lauren: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

You are Cordially Invited to a Very Special Evening

Jewish Federation 2017-2018 Annual Campaign Kick-Off Dinner
Sunday, November 19, 2017 at 5:30 pm

A Very Special Location

Mauh Nah Tee See Country Club, 5151 Guilford Rd, Rockford 61107

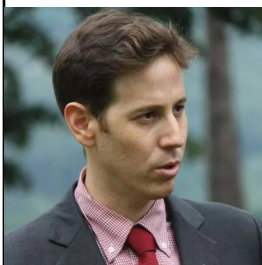
Two Very Special Honoree Couples

Roni and Ronit Golan and Greg and Julie Sparks



A Very Special Speaker

Itay Milner, Deputy Consul General of Israel to the Midwest



Itay Milner assumed the post of Deputy Consul General at the Consulate General of Israel to the Midwest in August of 2016. As the second highest ranking Israeli official, he coordinates and oversees the political and academic affairs in the nine-state region (Illinois, Michigan, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa and Indiana). Mr. Milner works with regional, state and local elected officials. While concentrating on collaborations with universities and colleges, he also creates partnerships and maintains relationships with community leaders throughout the Midwest to enhance Israel's standing/image.

Mr. Milner has worked for Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs as a professional diplomat since 2011. Prior to assuming his current position, he served as the Deputy Ambassador of Israel to

Serbia and Montenegro, where he was responsible for government relations, trade and public diplomacy.

In addition to English, Milner is conversant in Serbian.

Before joining the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Milner practiced law and has experience working in Israeli media outlets. Born in Tel Aviv, he obtained his law and business management degrees from Tel Aviv University.

Though he has backpacked around the world, the Deputy Consul General appreciates a quiet evening at home. He is a foodie and a news junkie.

\$50 per person

Cocktail Attire

Your Check payable to the Jewish Federation is Your Reservation.

1203 Comanche Dr, Rockford, IL 61107.

The evening includes gourmet appetizers, dinner, wine, dessert and a dynamic speaker

Cash bar available

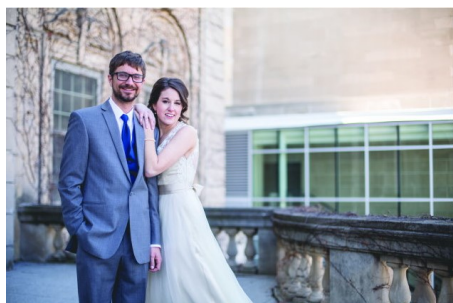
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Friends of Temple Beth-El

It's a.... Car Mitzvah



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.**

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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.
Thank you for your support.

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Coming Attractions

December 2017

Sun. 3 Federation Annual Meeting
Sun. 10th OS Scholar in Residence
Sun. 17th Federation Chanukah Party

January 2018

Sun. 14th Rabbi Schechter Jewish Humor

February 2018

Sun. 4th Lox Box
Fri-Sun. 9-11 OSRUI 5/6 Grade Retreat
Sun. 18th Jewop
Wed. 28th Purim Service

March 2018

Sun. 4 Purim games
Sun. 18th Chocolate Seder
Sun. 21st Purim
Thur.- Sun. 22 -25 Rummage Sale

April 2018

Sun. 8th Holocaust Remembrance
Sun. 15th Good Deeds Day

May 2018

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

June 2018

July 2018

August 2018

Sat. 18th Lilly Wing Bat Mitzvah

September 2018

October 2018

November 2018

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

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

Sun. Dec.17 Laser Quest & Shogun Hanukkah Party: 3:20-7:00 pm

Sun. Dec. 24* Soup Kitchen: (4/shift) 9-11:30; 11:30-2:00 pm

****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/events/

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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If you have a student heading off to college, we would like to send him or her a copy of the Temple Bulletin. Let them have one more connection to home while they are away. All we need are name and address, and we will do the rest. Give Joyce a call in the office, and add one more piece of mail from home for your student.

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Generosity

The congregational leadership was hoping for *Breythartsik* in its drive for year end donations.

On the Lighter Side...

The President turned to one of his advisors, who happened to be Jewish, and asked, "How come Jews are always so well informed?"

Advisor: "What do you mean sir?"

The President: "It just seems that Jews are always up on the latest news. How do they do it?"

Advisor: "An interesting observation. It could be because when Jews go to the synagogue to daven (pray), they always turn to the person sitting next to them and say "Nu?" (What's up?).

The President: "What? Is it that simple?"

Advisor: "I think so sir."

President: "Well, let's put it to the test. Take me to the nearest Synagogue."

The two board a limousine and are driven to the nearest Synagogue. Once inside, the President sits down among the congregation next to an elderly Jewish man. He looks around, then turns to the man and says softly, "Nu?"

The elderly man leans toward him and replies, "You know, I hear the President is going to daven with us today."

Morty visits the veterinarian and says, "My dog has a problem." The doctor replies, "So tell me about the dog's problem." "First you should know that he's a Jewish dog. His name is Irving and he can talk," says Morty. "He can talk?" the doubtful doctor asks.

"Watch this!" Morty points to the dog and commands: "Irving, Fetch!" Irving, the dog, begins to walk toward the door, then turns around and demands, "So why are you talking to me like that? You order me around like I'm nothing. And you only call me when you want something. And then you make me sleep on the floor, with my arthritis. You give me this horrible food with all the salt and fat, and you tell me it's a special diet. YOU should eat it yourself! And do you ever take me for a decent walk? NO, it's out of the house and right back home. Maybe if I could stretch out a little, the sciatica wouldn't kill me so much! I should roll over and play dead for real for all that you care!" The Doctor is amazed. "This is remarkable! What could be the problem?"

Morty says, "Obviously, he has a hearing problem! I said 'Fetch, not 'Kvetch.'"



**November 2017
Religious Services**

November 3

Family Shabbat Service 6:00 pm
Dinner to follow

November 10

Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 pm

November 17

Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 pm

November 24

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 pm

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