



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.

New Temple Librarian

After more than a decade at the helm of the Temple Beth-El Library, Joel Rosenfeld will turn over the responsibilities to Andrea Levey.

Joel and Susan Rosenfeld will be moving to Colorado in the early weeks of November.

Joel, the former director of the Rockford Public Library, will be turning over our 4,000 volume, primarily Judaic, collection to Andrea. This professional library has

been well cared for and we as a congregation want to thank Joel for his dedicated service and care of this valuable Temple asset. If you have suggestions for books to be added to our library, contact Andrea at alevey0605@aol.com.

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Chaverim,

For rabbis and other Jewish professionals, the arrival of the Hebrew month of Cheshvan, which usually corresponds, at least in part, to November, is a welcome relief. Sometimes Cheshvan is also called "Mar Cheshvan," meaning "bitter Cheshvan." The reason that rabbis look forward to Cheshvan and that Jewish tradition sometimes looks at it with sadness is because there are no Jewish holidays in the entire month! For rabbis, this is somewhat of a relief after all the busy intensity of the fall chagim (festivals), from Selichot in late August or early September through Simchat Torah in mid - October. Finally, we can take a deep breath and enjoy the crisp fall air and take in the beauty of the autumn leaves.

It may seem strange to think of November as a month with no holidays since we, as Americans, celebrate Thanksgiving, a pretty major holiday. It is ironic that we have come to demonstrate our gratitude for the bountiful gifts that this country has given to us by stuffing ourselves to excess and then falling asleep on the couch watching football. Rather than show gratitude, this behavior seems to flaunt the gifts!

How different the secular practice of Thanksgiving is when coming off of the Jewish fall holidays! During Sukkot, we dwell in fragile huts, rather than our safe, warm homes so that we



From Rabbi Binah Wing

Plan on attending our Annual Partners for Faith Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday, November 24th at 7:00pm at St. Anskar Episcopal Church.

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might remember and be grateful for our dwelling places. On Yom Kippur, we atone for our sinful behavior by denying ourselves food and water for 24 hours. Perhaps as part of our Thanksgiving observance this year, we might consider ways in which we could make our secular Thanksgiving celebration more meaningful. Here are a few suggestions:

1) Take some time to actually offer to God gratitude and thanksgiving for our blessings. Plan on attending our Annual Partners for Faith Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday, November 24th at 7:00pm at St. Anskar Episcopal Church. There will be musical selections from the different congregations and prayers of thanksgiving. It's a great way to focus on the real meaning of the holiday.

2) Commit to doing one thing to help the hungry this month. Participate in a food basket distribution project. Bring food to a food pantry. Consider making a donation to Mazon, or another organization that works on hunger relief. If it's easier for you, you can make a donation to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund and put "Hunger" in the memo and I will donate to a worthy cause on the Temple's behalf. Our Thanksgiving celebration has become so much about food. It makes good sense then to do some kind of work to assure that all people can have enough to eat.

3) When we think about Thanksgiving, we are reminded of the bounty of the Earth. Perhaps we might consider this month as an opportunity to rededicate ourselves to being better stewards of the environment. Double down on efforts to recycle. Remember to turn off lights when you leave a room (start with turning off the lights in the Temple restrooms after you use them). As the outside temps begin to drop, consider putting on a sweater and lowering the thermostat by one degree.

4) At the very least, do offer a prayer of gratitude around your Thanksgiving tables and take a few moments to cherish that which is truly valuable in your lives. Studies have shown that people who are grateful on a regular basis tend to be happier. As our tradition says, "Who is rich? One who is happy with their lot."

May Cheshvan hold no bitterness for you, but rather may you be filled with gratitude physically and spiritually.

L'Shalom, In peace,
Rabbi Wing

From the Temple Board....

By Secretary Ellen Salley



The Temple board met on October 8th. Rabbi read a prayer that was put in the Western Wall by Pope Benedict. The Rabbi met with Jean Anderson to discuss how the High Holy Day Services went and start planning for next year. If you have any comments or suggestions please let her know. She will be teaching confirmation this year with about 8 students. Rabbi had an interesting request this month. She was asked by Scandoli Construction to give a prayer at the AAR building site.

As of our September meeting, we have pledges from 91 families. The Foundation is still struggling and had a loss of 2.7% in September bringing our yearly loss to about 10%.

The Religious Functions committee is reviewing the holidays and is discussing whether or not to hold the Rosh Hashanah dinner next year. They are making plans for the Chanukah dinner which will be Friday, December 11th.

Religious school classes have begun. The students decorated the Sukkah. GRTY has met and they participated in a team-building day at Camp Winnebago. They will be making their apple pies after picking apples at Curren's Apple Orchard.

The Ways and Means committee is looking for ideas for fundraising. Mary would like to develop a think tank to brainstorm ideas. If you have any please let her know.

The Federation said the Ethnic Festival was a success with about 20 people participating. The Campaign kick-off dinner will be on Sunday, November 1st.

Our next social will be held at the Golan's house on January 23rd.

Attention: Former Board Members.
Searching for the old yellow and blue manuals.
If you have one, please contact Jay.
Templebethel1963@gmail.com

Brina's Bits

-88- According to Wikipedia, the number 88 is: "The number of constellations in the sky as defined by the International Astronomical Union. Space Shuttle

Mission 88 (STS-88), launched and completed in December 1998, began the construction of the International Space Station. Number 88 symbolizes fortune and good luck in Chinese culture. In amateur (ham) radio, 88 is used as shorthand for "Love and kisses" when signing a message. The number of keys on a typical piano (36 black and 52 white); a piano is sometimes called an "eighty eight." In the *Back to the Future* film trilogy, 88 is the speed (in miles per hour) that the DeLorean automobile must attain in order to travel in time. In the United States Navy, 88 is slang for the word "what." For example, "88 are you doing tonight?" So, you are probably wondering what does this have to do with Temple Beth-El? **The number 88 is extremely important to Temple Beth-El.**

88 is the number of member units or families who have made pledges to Temple Beth-El since July of this year. If you haven't made your pledge or know of those who have not, I would ask you to encourage them to do so. But for now, we are 88. Last year we had 101 families pledged. Some of our members have passed away. Some members have moved away. Some of our members from last year have not yet pledged this year. Our congregation needs you to allow us to be the best we can be.

Without each and every one of our 88 member units giving their time and making their dues payments, we could not be here. Please say "yes" if you are called to help with a fundraiser, cooking or baking for a Shabbat or holiday meal or a philanthropic need. You also help when you attend our services.... a time to pray, relax, reflect and mingle with the members of our congregation.

I hope to see you soon,

Brina

P.S. I know Wikipedia is not the best source for information, but I do know that Temple Beth-El is the best source for nurturing our Jewish community.

I have received several questions about "choreography" during prayer, such as when and why we bend our knees and bow, why we bow quickly in some cases and longer in others, rising up on our toes during the words, "Kadosh, kadosh, kadosh" in the Kedusha prayer etc. Since there are different reasons for the different movements, I'm going to answer them in a few different parts. In short, based on a verse from the Book of Psalms which reads: "All my limbs shall say 'Who is like

You, O Lord?'" (35:10), our tradition understands that we pray with our entire bodies, not just our minds and our mouths. Because of this sometimes we stand, sometimes we sit, and other times we bow. Despite misconceptions to the contrary, there is even a rare occasion (once on Yom Kippur afternoon) where some Jews even kneel. In most cases, the bending and bowing is done out of respect for God and God's name. Turning to a specific place where we bow, let's look at the Barechu prayer, the call to worship. Because this is a prayer that officially begins the worship with praise of God, it calls for a bow at the beginning. It is responsive both in the singing but also in the bowing. The leader of the service says the first line and bows. The congregation isn't supposed to join in the first bow but they often do by mistake, thinking that because the service leader is bowing that they should as well. Actually, the congregation is supposed to bend and bow when they respond with the second line. For the Barechu, the leader bends and bows for the words "Barechu et" but straightens up for the name

Ask Rabbi Wing



...why we bend our knees and bow, why we bow quickly in some cases and longer in others, rising up on our toes during the words...

SCHOOL DAZE

200 Words or Less...

By Goldie & Adrian



All the fall holidays passed so quickly, but great memories remain...the sacred high holidays, fun in the sukkah, marching in the sanctuary with our Simcha Torah flags, cooking with Ronit, music with Barbara Simon and Mitch Kopnick and beginning our videos on Children of Jerusalem.

Mark your calendars...There will be no Sunday School on November 29 because of Thanksgiving.

Parents, if you have not signed our volunteer sheet for activities during the year, please stop by and ask to see the activities and dates scheduled. We appreciate your help!

We look forward to celebrating the Bar Mitzvah of Aron Tatman on November 21st.

Till next time, Shalom.

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of God, "Adonai." The congregation's response is similar. They bend and bow for the word "Baruch" but then stand straight for "Adonai." Thus, the quickness of the bow is longer for the leader because they have two words and shorter for the congregation who only has one. The length can also be determined by the melody that is chosen for the prayer. More next month!

Please email your questions to:

templebethel1963@gmail.com

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

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

Letters to the Editor...

Good Luck, Susan & Joel

Thirty-six years ago, Susan and Joel Rosenfeld moved to Rockford when Joel assumed the position of Director of the Rockford Public Library.

Through the years, Susan and Joel have been actively involved in the Temple. Joel has served on both the Temple and Federation Boards. After he retired from his position at the Rockford Public Library, he used his skills to organize and oversee the Temple library.



Susan, along with Milly Kaplan, has run the Temple Gift Shop for eleven years, and both Susan and Milly have supervised the Rummage Sale for the last eight years. Susan and Joel have participated in Food-A-Rama from wrapping silverware to making sandwiches and are two of the original members of Chaverah Mishpocha, the longest active chaverah at Temple. They have always been ready and willing to lend a hand when needed and we will miss them.

As they get ready to move to Colorado to live near their children and grandchildren, the Temple family wants to thank them and wish them the very best in their new home.

Thank you for sponsoring another blood drive with RRVBC.

I have enjoyed working with Faye Marcus and Karen Zussman on the past two events. They have done great in getting the word out as well. At your 8/25/15 event we saw 13 donors, collected 11 pints, saw 2 new donors and saved up to 33 lives! I look forward to working with everyone in the future.

Kristin Kamman

November Oneg Committee

November 6

Faye Marcus
Kathy and Art Rettig

November 13

Sharon and Warren Goldsand
Alma and David Quimby

November 20

Aron Tatman Bar Mitzvah

November 27

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The Temple
Beth-El
Family greatly
appreciates and
thanks our Oneg
Hosts for helping to
make our Services
more meaningful
and offering an op-
portunity for us all
to mingle and
socialize.



November Birthdays & Anniversaries

Adults

Chrissy O'Connor 11/1
Jeffrey Behr 11/2
Ginny Weiss 11/5
Ben Salley 11/8
Meagan Sklar 11/10
Andrea Busch 11/11
Brian Shore 11/12
John Hartman 11/16
Cheryl Schoeller 11/16
Harvey Melamed 11/17
Ellen Deutsch 11/19
Emily Shore 11/21
Rabbi Wing 11/22
Lisa Anderson-Levy 11/25
Barbara Simon 11/27
Marian Peters 11/28
Andrew Hartman 11/28

Children

Joseph Gesmer 11/15/03

ANNIVERSARIES

Susan & James Slobard 11/2/86
Wendy & Michael Steerman 11/2/02
Susan & Jay Kamin 11/29/80



BAR MITZVAH

We invite you to share our joy and
celebrate when our son

Aron Joshua

is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah

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Joshua and Melissa Tatman

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Susan Rosenfeld (964-8642).

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 Nov 6

William Share
David Halle
Sara Okrent Solomon

Read Nov 13

Ethel Blecher Turcott
Nina Hexter
Golda Gutman
Samonia Franks
Belle Dermer
Louis Behr
Sidney Kaufer
Richard Weedman
Jack Dermer
Nathan Kobrin
Ida Spector Cohen

Read Nov 20

Lena Leff
Harry Rosen
Dr. Aaron Taylor
Samuel Barenbaum
Zlata Schoenberg
Ruth Ida Lash
Helen Vision
Lillian Lorraine Gersten
Betty Pavey

Read Nov 27

Anna Gersten Perlman
Samuel Wolfson
Jan Lazarus
Julius Katz
Edward Osran
Gus Froelich
Arthur Zussman
Mildred Friedberg
Shirley R. Zellick
Anne Paris



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 Brian Shore and Barbara Berney for producing the Temple Beth-El 100 Year Retrospective

Dermer Fund

Mazel Tov to Marc and Nanci Soriano and Judy Goldman on the birth of Landon George
Mazel Tov to Lauren and Mark Lamont on the wedding of Eric and Robin

Garten Fund

In honor of Nanci and Marc Soriano's grandson, Landon George
In honor of Eric and Robin Lamont's wedding
-Mary and Jim Gesmer

Landscaping Fund

Mazel Tov to Marc and Nanci Soriano and Judy Goldman on the birth of Landon George
In honor of Eric and Robin Lamont's marriage
-Milly Kaplan

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Congratulations to Gerald and Adrian Grubb on Jennifer's wedding

Unrestricted Donation Fund

In memory of Samuel and Gertrude Block
-Mike and Lori Kullens

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.

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. Thank you for your past support, and thank you for your continued support to Temple Beth-El.



**Temple Beth-El Annual
Chanukah Dinner**
Friday, December 11th
6:00 PM -Shabbat Service, Dinner to Follow



Send your reservations to:
Temple Beth-El
1203 Comanche Dr.
Rockford, IL 61107
Cost: Free (donations will be accepted)

We ask that each family bring a dish to pass.
 A-P bring a side dish/salad Q-Z bring a dessert

Ronit's chicken will be served

If you are making Latkes let Andrea know and that will be your dish.

Also, it is a tradition for each family to **bring a menorah** to light at the table. It is very special as we all light our menorahs together, as one congregational family; so, please remember to bring your menorah. We will provide the candles and the matches.

Please contact Andrea Levey or the Temple office with your reservation

If you have any questions or would like to help out with this dinner, **(we are looking for volunteers to help with this!)** please don't hesitate to contact Andrea Levey 815-399-7112.

Name _____ Number of people _____

Please contact the Temple office with your reservation!!!

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GRTY NEWS

Submitted by:
Co-President
Jacob Kopnick

GRTY had a busy month this past October! The GRTY members gathered on

three different Sundays to engage in many fun fall activities. During the first of these events, the teens went to Camp Winnebago to grow stronger as a group through various team-building exercises.

GRTY grew much stronger as a team due to the leadership of all of its members, new and old. Everyone took lessons away about leadership and community that they will utilize



chard and then used those apples to make apple pies. On October 18th, the youth group



traveled to Curran's and attempted to pick the best apples they could find. GRTY then took those apples to Nanci's house where the entire

group gathered to make 54 delicious apple pies! We even made some extras that are available for purchase in the Temple freezer. Please



throughout the entire year. Team-building is usually a crowd favorite, especially since it is such a valuable event. As the year has traversed deeper into the fall months, GRTY used the weather to their advantage when they went apple picking at Curran's apple or-

contact Joyce or Nanci. Upcoming events include a trip to the GAR South Trampoline Park on November 8th and puppy washing at Petland on November 21st and 22nd. Hope to see everyone there!





TEMPLE BETH-EL MINUTE WITH A MEMBER

Dear TBE Friends:
Our next "Minute with a Member" features Mary

Roufa. We hope you will enjoy getting to know her a bit more!

-Tell a little about yourself and family:

I come from a family of 6 kids, 4 boys, me and my sister. My dad owned a collision shop, my mom ran our home just south of Buffalo, NY. I and 3 of my siblings were born at home. My 17 year old brother died when hit by a car when I was 18. I was raised Catholic and went to an all girl Catholic HS. I had a short marriage that ended in divorce at age 28. I met Sterne when I was 32. We were together 31 years. We moved here when I was 40, and our house is the first and only house each of us has owned. We had 2 beautiful kids, and now their beautiful spouses and children help fill my life.

-What do you do for fun?

Knock down drag out game of scrabble with my kids or friend, Marty

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

My nickname back home is Cookie. I have helped to drywall and have taped, mudded and painted the majority of my house.

-Your favorite Temple activities:

Shabbat services and the oneg

-A memorable moment at TBE:

The evening of my conversion service, Rachel and Jake's Bat and Bar Mitzvahs, Carter's baby-naming, Rachel and Alex's wedding, Chuck and



Milly's 25th anniversary service, Sterne's funeral service

-Favorite Judaic holiday or food:

The High Holidays because they speak so strongly to the need for reflection and I can relate so much of the content to the twelve steps of recovery, calling for reflection but also action.

-Your motto in life:

Change is inevitable - get over it

-What is the biggest challenge you have ever faced?

Marriage, motherhood, letting go, living with chronic illnesses, saying good-bye

-Where's your favorite place to go in the area?

Anywhere with friends or family

-What is the best advice you have ever received?

Housework can wait, work will still be there, your children will be grown before you know it, don't miss it.

-What inspires you to do what you do?

In my present position - supporting and guiding others to be the best they can be - to make a difference, small or significant, in someone else's life - and to take care of self and feel good about what they do - that is huge and humbling.

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

The Help

-What was your first job?

Summer job as a playground leader, unless you want to count the years of babysitting starting at age 11.

-What was your favorite job?

Being Family Program Coordinator for our adolescent facility - but I was ready for a change after 8 years.

-Some role models I have are:

My mom and dad, my godmother. So many mentors in my life.

Mitzvah Projects

Aron Tatman's Mitzvah project The Fight Against Malaria



In Sub-Saharan Africa, there are 10 cases of malaria every second. Every minute, a child dies of malaria. 90% of all cases of malaria occur in Sub-Saharan Africa. Malaria is the main reason that children die in this region. Usually, the disease strikes children under the age of five. The main cause of malaria is mosquito bites. Parents constantly have to worry that their children could be killed at any second.

What Can We Do?

One solution to this problem is to purchase bed nets. Bed nets protect families from mosquitos by covering them and killing mosquitos that try to bite them. "Nothing But Nets" is a United Nations Foundation charity that works to provide bed nets for families in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Another solution is to contact our senators and congressmen and ask them to support the fight against malaria. I plan to contact Sheri Bustos, Adam Kinzinger, Dick Durbin and Mark Kirk and encourage you to do the same.

For my Mitzvah project, I would like to raise money to buy bed nets for African families. One bed net costs \$10. I have earned money to purchase nets, but I would like to ask the Jewish community to please consider buying bed nets as well. You may send \$10 or more payable to *Nothing But Nets* to the Temple with my name on the envelope or you could go to the website: nothingbutnets.net and donate that way. Please let me know if you donate using the website so I will know how many nets our Jewish community donates. Thank you in advance for supporting this project and helping save lives.

The UN Foundation is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization (EIN/tax ID number: 58-2368165). Your donations are fully tax-deductible to the extent allowable by law. Nothing But Nets is a UN Foundation Campaign.

Josh Zussman's Mitzvah project Providing Sporting Equipment for the Boys and Girls Club of Rockford

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

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

Below is a list of possible donations:

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

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

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

Thank you so much for helping out this good cause,

Josh Zussman

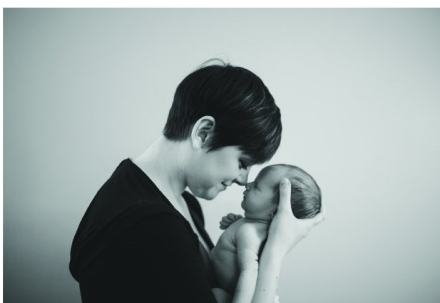
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**Our car mitzvah
donation program
has earned over
\$40,000.
in the last 8 years.**

Our car mitzvah donation program has earned over \$40000 in the last 8 years. This comes about through the incredible generosity of our congregants. Jerry Paris has sold his Midas Auto Repair facility on North Main St. after being in business for 38 years. It is now owned by Butitta Bros and the manager's name is Neil. **The new organization has agreed to continue the car donation program under the same arrangement as before.**

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

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For the past eight years, the TBE Book Sale committee has been accepting your used and/or new books for listing online or for the Rummage Sale. To date **we have raised over \$18,000!**

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Coming Attractions

December 2015

Fri. 11th Chanukah dinner

Sun. 13th Combined Chanukah party

January 2016

February 2016

March 2016

Sat. 12th Josh Zussman Bar Mitzvah

April 2016

14th, 15th and 17th Rummage Sale

Sun. 17th Chocolate Seder

May 2016

Sun. 1st Holocaust Remembrance Day

Sat. 7th Jack Holmstrom Bar Mitzvah

June 2016

July 2016

August 2016

September 2016

Sat. 17th Noa Levy Bat Mitzvah

October 2016

November 2016

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

Nov. 8 GAR South Trampoline Park & Draw Secret Maccabee Names
noon-2:00 1949 S. Bell School Rd.
BRING LUNCH

Sat/Sun Nov. 21/22 *Puppy Washing at Petland: 7358 N. Cherry Vale Mall Dr. (4/shift) Sat. 10-12; 12-2; 2-4 Sun. 12-2 Parents needed

***Means you can earn service hours**

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

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RSVP to ALL activities quickly please even if you can't attend
Dues: 7-8 graders: \$25 (2nd child \$20)
9-12 graders: \$40 (2nd child \$25)

NFTY on line Registration:
www.nfty.org/no

HELP WANTED: CARING COMMITTEE

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

Membership

Do you know of any unaffiliated Jews looking for a congregation?
If so, contact Elisa Whitman, membership chairperson at 815-988-2134

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Torah
Study Group
Saturday Morning 10:00 AM

The Tree of Life

Remember a loved one or celebrate a wonderful occasion by noting it forever on the Temple Beth-El Tree Of Life in the foyer. Contact the Temple office for details.

The Temple Bulletin goes away to College....

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

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

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

Check it out!

The Yiddish Corner

Mishpokhe

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family, extended family

It is a good feeling to have such a large "mishpokhe"

On the Lighter Side...

Old Friends..... Moishe and Shmuel had not seen each other in many years. Now they had a long talk trying to fill in the gap of those years by telling about their lives. Finally, Moishe invited Shmuel to visit him in his new apartment. "I got a wife and three kids, and I'd love to have you visit us." "Great. Where do you live?" "Here's the address. And there's plenty of parking behind the apartment. Park and come around to the front door, kick it open with your foot, go to the elevator and press the button with your left elbow, then enter! When you reach the sixth floor, go down the hall until you see my name on the door. Then press the doorbell with your right elbow, and I'll let you in." "Good. But tell me... what is all this business of kicking the front door open, then pressing elevator buttons with my right, then my left elbow?" "You're coming empty-handed?"

The Art of Scientific Deduction... German scientists dug 50 meters underground and discovered small pieces of copper. After studying these pieces for a long time, Germany announced that the ancient Germans 25,000 years ago had a nationwide telephone network.

Naturally, the British government was not that easily impressed. They ordered their own scientists to dig even deeper. 100 meters down, they found small pieces of glass, and they soon announced that the ancient Brits 35,000 years ago already had a nationwide fiber net.

Israeli scientists were outraged. They dug 50, 100 and 200 meters underground, but found absolutely nothing... They concluded that the ancient Hebrews 55,000 years ago had cellular telephones.



November 2015 Religious Services

November 6
Family Shabbat Service 7:30 pm

November 13
Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 pm

November 20
Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 pm

November 21
Aron Tatman's Bar Mitzvah 10:00 am

November 27
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 pm

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