

# TEMPLE BETH-EL

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## BULLETIN

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

## Temple Board Installation October 6th

The new Temple Board of Directors has been in place since July 1st but the formal installation will be Friday, October 6th as part of our Family Shabbat Service. It is hoped that many will turn out to welcome and thank the board for the work they do on behalf of Temple Beth-El. This board is working to put into action the new strategic Plan that was the outgrowth of the many meetings of members to discuss the future of Temple Beth-El.

### Temple Board Installation

Service October 6th  
7:30 pm

Show your support for the newly  
Elected board members.

Chaverim,  
I am still feeling re-Jew-venated, and spiritually fulfilled after our congregation's High Holy Day observances this year. There are too many people to thank individually for their participation as there are so many who work to make everything come together. It is truly a team effort and I'm incredibly grateful for such a dedicated staff and team of volunteers. It is what makes Temple Beth-El such an amazing community of which to be a part.



*From Rabbi Binah Wing*

And now we move on to October – a full and exciting month! There are multiple education programs including Chef Laura Frankel, The Ben Hecht Show play, Torah on Tap, and our regular Torah Study group on Shabbat mornings. There are also great worship experiences including Sukkot and Simchat Torah as well as our regular Shabbat worship.

I'd like to encourage everyone to attend our "Pizza in the Hut" Sukkot service and dinner this Wednesday night at beginning at 6pm. Sukkot is a joyous holiday to help free us from the solemn nature of the Days of Awe.

On Yom Kippur morning, I spoke about what happened in Charlottesville and what might be our best response to antisemitism. The answer, I offered, was to counter the antisemite's desire for Jews to disappear, by living a proud and vibrant Jewish life. In the words of Professor Deborah Lipstadt, "Jews should be the subject, not the object."

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Known for what we do, not what was done to us.”

Our Temple has many opportunities for us to do that, this month and every month. I would ask you to re-ignite your love for Judaism and re-commit yourselves to being an active part of life in our Temple. To be sure, the Temple benefits by your presence but more importantly, you benefit from being here.

In addition, in the spirit of being known for what we do, I would ask you to re-commit to working for social justice, however you understand that. There is much work that needs to be done. The needs are great. Pick an area that touches your heart and do something towards alleviating the situation. Look here in future bulletins to see what the Temple will be engaged in during the year. Feel free to suggest to me, Jim Gesmer, Karen Zussman, or Faye Marcus the areas you'd like to see us work on.

While we're talking about living vibrant Jewish lives, I'd like to encourage everyone to attend our "Pizza in the Hut" Sukkot service and dinner this Wednesday night beginning at 6pm. Sukkot is a joyous holiday to help free us from the solemn nature of the Days of Awe. Sukkot celebrates our connection to nature and the environment. The Torah also connects the holiday of Sukkot to the celebration at the end of the year's harvest.

One custom that we used to do, and restarted last year, in honor of ideas of harvest and being attuned to nature is to bring baskets of fruit to the Temple on Sukkot. We then take these baskets of fruit to the pantry. Fresh fruit is often in short supply so this is especially nice. We had a nice start last year and I'd love to see even more fruit this year. Don't worry about decorating your baskets or even having a basket! A grocery bag of fruit works just as well! Please bring your baskets of fruit and attend our celebratory Sukkot service. A pizza dinner will follow the service.

Whatever you choose to do, whether it's one of the many activities offered at Temple this month or some activity offered in future months, it is my hope that you will treasure your Judaism and make a renewed effort to live a proud and vibrant Jewish life with hope.

Look for a brief High Holy Day sermon recap of the other three sermons in future bulletins.

*Rabbi Wing*

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



The Temple Board met on September 13th, 2017.

Jordan Towne presented an idea he had to the board. He suggested that we enter a raft in the Rock River "Anything That Floats" contest. The entry fee is \$100. He would take care of the details and making the raft. It could be called the Hanukahcatamaran.

Jim and Jerry Paris gave a report updating the board on the Strategic Planning Committee's progress. In the discussion Jim explained that a committee was chosen to look at an overall plan and the financial impact that the campaign would have. There was much discussion on how to proceed. We were reminded that the money from the last two campaigns was used on the building, programming, and to set up the Foundation.

Rabbi attended The God of Isaac play with GRTY and helped them set up their calendar for the year. She attended the social painting event at the Underground where she led the Havdalah service. Rabbi also attended the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary concert at Pilgrim Baptist Church.

Sharon reported our total income is \$108,610 with total expenses of \$35,337. Our net income is \$73,273. We are down about \$9,000 from last year.

Brina reported that there are 62 pledges to date.

Brian reported that all the summer services are wrapped up and were fun. Brian reported that High Holy Day services are going along smoothly. Andrea Levey is moving and will need to be replaced on the committee.

David has reported that the floors were waxed and the carpeting was cleaned. Everyone thought the job was particularly good this year. The four sidewalk panels were replaced and the driveway and parking lot was patched, sealed, and striped. David purchased a sofa for the basement, roof mat for the Sukkah, and landscape lighting for the sidewalk. Three of the four roofing needs have been completed. All the finished projects have been funded by the Building Committee funds. A discussion on how to fund the rest of the projects, particularly the roof was had. David has proposed some future projects. The annual fall garden clean up, fixing the dishwasher and water fountain, and some projects concerning security. David will be hanging Roni Golan's art project and building the Sukkah on Sunday October 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00.

Andrea reported that the education committee met and there are now 15 students in Religious School. The first day of Religious School was on September 10<sup>th</sup> and the students participated in fun activities and were welcomed by the principals and the Rabbi. The committee decided to have a Shabbat dinner this year. Due to Andrea's moving, Rachel Bagne and Allison Braswell will be teaching Aleph Hebrew this year.



By the time you read this article, we will have completed observing Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. I hope that the year 5778 is starting well for everybody. I would like to thank Rabbi Wing and

the Temple choir for all of their hard work in organizing and presenting very meaningful services during this High Holy Day season.

October will be a very busy month at Temple Beth-El. Please plan to attend the Sukkot service on Wednesday, October 4 at 6:00 P.M. and the Simchat Torah service on Wednesday October 11, also at 6:00 P.M. These are some of the most festive celebrations of the year, and your participation, such as carrying the Torah at the Simchat Torah service, is most welcome.

November is right around the corner, and I am urging Temple members to attend our Art Auction on Saturday evening November 11 at Midway Village. Mary Roufa and her committee have been planning the Art Auction for many months. This year's format will be different than in years past and will feature the works of local artists. We think that the evening will be very enjoyable and has the potential to be a nice fundraiser for Temple Beth-El. Please contact Joyce at the Temple office if you plan to attend.

Finally, I would like to wish Andrea Levey all the best as she relocates to Iowa. Andrea has served on our Board of Directors for many years as Vice-President of Religious Functions and Vice-President of Education. She has also taught Hebrew to our children for many years and always made it a priority to attend Shabbat services and Temple social gatherings. Andrea has been an invaluable member of our Temple family and her presence will be greatly missed.

Jim

**I would like to wish Andrea Levey all the best as she relocates to Iowa.**

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

GRTY enjoyed their end of the year trip to Chicago along with members of the congregation. The executive board met and prepared for their kickoff event on Sunday September 17<sup>th</sup>. There is about 14 GRTY members this year. The group is getting ready for their trip to the Apple Orchard and then making pies for their fundraiser.

Karen reported that the social at the Underground was fun. There were about 30 members there and the painting is beautiful. It cost \$250 to put on the event. The annual food drive for the Rock River Valley Pantry during the High Holy days has started. Food or monetary donations are needed. A new family has joined the Temple. The next social being discussed is a dancing/wine tasting event. Mary reported that the art auction is going well. All the letters to the artists have gone out. Postcards with information about the event have been made. The art prices will be between \$40 to \$2000. The ticket price to participate will be \$25 which includes the food that will be provided. The rummage sale will be on March 22,23, and 25 this year.

Ellen reported that the 2016-2017 campaign has collected \$22,200 out of the \$24,000 pledged. The 2017-2018 Campaign will be held on November 19<sup>th</sup> at Mauh Nah Tee See. The Ohave Sholom exhibit at Midway Village is now on display and will continue until Spring of 2018. Ohave Sholom will hold their High Holy day services at Wesley Willows with Rabbi Fertig. There will be a self-defense demonstration by Michael Benjamin on Sunday October 22<sup>nd</sup>. A light breakfast will begin at 10:00 and the program will start at 10:30. Ellen also reported that the adult ed committee will present Chef Laura Frankel on Sunday October 15<sup>th</sup> and the Ben Hecht Show on Sunday October 29<sup>th</sup>. Both programs will have breakfast at 10:00 and begin at 10:30.

Best wishes to Andrea Levey on her new job and move. The board thanks her for all her help on the many committees and functions she participated in and on. We also thank her for her dedication to teaching Hebrew.

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## SCHOOL DAZE

200 Words or Less...  
By Goldie & Adrian



We had a great start to Religious School on September 10th! We introduced our new students, Megan and Mara Anton and Charles Pickvance along with our new Hebrew Alef teachers Rachel Bagne and Allison Braswell. We welcome back with pleasure all returning teachers, Carol Gordon, David Sklar, Jim Gesmer, Rabbi Wing, Sandy Simon, Barbara Simon, Mitch Kopnick, and Ronit Golan. Students had a fun morning creating symbolic colorful t-shirt designs. Our morning ended early at 11:30 so we all could join others at the Jewish community picnic. What a delicious lunch!

We bid a bittersweet farewell to Andrea Levey, our long time Hebrew teacher who is moving to Iowa. We presented Andrea with a certificate of honor and a New Year basket of goodies. We thank her for her nearly 20 years of service to the students of Temple Beth-El and wish her all the best in her new ventures! Andrea, We expect you to visit frequently!

If you haven't had a chance to peek downstairs lately, please do! Thanks to the efforts of Jordan Towne and David Quimby we have a beautifully restored lower level with new flooring and a new couch! Let us all try to keep it that way for a long time to come! Thank you very much!

The weeks to come will be very busy with all sorts of holiday activities in and out of the Temple. We wish you a very happy and healthy New Year and we look forward to seeing you! Till next time, Shalom.

## 10 Minutes of Torah

UNION FOR REFORM JUDAISM'S  
DEPARTMENT OF LIFELONG JEWISH LEARNING

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."

Sign up by logging on to  
[WWW.urj.org/Torah/Ten](http://WWW.urj.org/Torah/Ten)



Our Temple membership  
continues to grow!

On behalf of Temple Beth-El  
Board of Directors, Rabbi Wing,  
and our members, we would like  
to wish a warm welcome to  
these members that have joined  
our congregation in the past  
three months.

Aaron and Julia Anton,  
Mara, Megan, and Landon

Ian and Amy Goldberg

Elizabeth Pickvance,  
Collier and Charles

Leah Stern

We are thrilled that you have  
joined our Temple family!

## October Oneg Committee

October 6  
 Sharon and Warren Goldsand  
 Alma and David Quimby

October 13  
 Mary and Brian Shore  
 Lisa and Mitch Kopnick

October 20  
 Ella Holmstrom Bat Mitzvah

October 27  
 No oneg

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.



## October Birthdays & Anniversaries

<b>Adults</b>		<b>Children</b>	
Wendy Young	10/7	Ethan Anton	10/15/09
Nancy Feinstein	10/7	Ella Holmstrom	10/16/03
Susan Feder Slobard	10/12		
Adam Gesmer	10/13		
Michael Simon	10/13		
Leda Nevler	10/14		
Gail Bernstein	10/14		
Jason Soriano	10/14		
Adrian Grubb	10/15		
Judy Weiss	10/15		
Sheldon Weiss	10/15		
Lauren Lamont	10/18		
Katie Lamont	10/19		
Aaron Gesmer	10/19		
Andrea Hartman	10/21		
Wendy Rubin	10/21		
Aaron Einhorn	10/23		
Jack Holmstrom	10/26		
Ian Behr	10/27		
Sam Schneider	10/27		
James De Witz	10/29		
Ronit Golan	10/31		

### ANNIVERSARIES

Mary & Brian Shore  
 10/15/88

Andrea & Mitchell Busch  
 10/15/88

Ben & Marissa Holmstrom  
 10/16/99

Rachel & Alex Bagne  
 10/20/13



Ella

SHARE OUR JOY AS OUR DAUGHTER ELLA GRACE IS CALLED TO THE TORAH AS A BAT MITZVAH SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21ST, 2017 AT 10 IN THE MORNING TEMPLE BETH EL · 1203 COMANCHE DRIVE, ROCKFORD, IL

Marissa and Ben Holmstrom

## The Temple Beth-El Gift Shop



**GIFT SHOP HOURS**  
 Monday—Friday, call the office  
 Sunday 10am - noon\*  
 \*Open Sundays when school is in session.

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

**YAHRZEIT LIST**

If you are interested in having your loved one's name on the Yahrzeit list, please call Joyce in the Temple Office, 398-5020

**Read October 6**

Marston Busch  
 Shepard Blumenthal  
 Molly Tobias  
 Max Gottschalk  
 Cina Rosenblatt Wolff  
 Henry M. Gabrys  
 Nat Balkin  
 Ida Levy  
 David Turcott

**Read October 13**

Sheldon Liebovich  
 Melvin Newman  
 Margaret Fruchtnicht  
 Mildred Nelson  
 Morris Picus  
 Mollie Leopold  
 Maurice Nusbaum  
 Mildred R. Miller  
 Howard Hart

**Read October 20**

Gertrude Block  
 Samuel Block  
 Charles Keeshin  
 Charles Shanhouse  
 Alfred Abraham Busch  
 Benjamin Bagus  
 Victor Recht  
 Ida Labowitz  
 Jennie D. Okrent  
 Sonia Fischer  
 Stuart Stern  
 Ida Sklar  
 Moritz Schaap  
 Ida Miisk Wachtel

**Read October 27**

Kerry Rudman  
 Sterne Roufa  
 Irving Roir Roth  
 Sophie Wiener  
 Samuel Patlove  
 Lottie M. Goldman  
 Alex Kovalsky  
 Lillian Kupperman  
 Dr. J. Harry Bendes  
 Carolyn Bornstein  
 Earl E. Cazel  
 Ilene Helfand  
 Lorraine Shore  
 Hyman Nathan



**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 loving memory of Bud Schaider, our Dad and Papa  
 -Susan, Jay, Laura Kamin  
 Ilena, Moran, Ella and Maya Tairy

Grateful to Art and Kathy Rettig for their kindness

In memory of Rose Kaplan  
 -Susan and Jay Kamin

In memory of Mark Kamin  
 Thanks to Andrea Levey for all her years of service and best of luck on your new job  
 Speedy recovery to Sara Deutsch  
 Speedy recover to Leda Nevler  
 -Nanci and Marc Soriano

**Garten Fund**

In memory of Virginia Rosenbloom  
 In memory of Abe Rosenbloom  
 In memory of Morris Rosenbloom  
 -John and Katherine Rosenbloom

**CONDOLENCES TO:**

Andrea and Mitch Busch  
 and family  
 on the passing  
 of Andrea's father,  
 Charles Wabner

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.

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

**The Robert and Joel Garten Youth and Scholarship Fund** is to provide camperships for religious school students. This fund is administered by the Education Committee and the Rabbi.

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

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

As we enter into our High Holy Days, please consider making a donation!!

### 2017 Temple Beth-El Food Drive to benefit the Rock River Food Pantry

*We will be collecting Non-Perishable food (with non-expired dates) during the month of October in the Temple Library*

Current Needs the Pantry is requesting are:

- Canned Fruit,
- Applesauce,
- 100% Juice
- Canned Vegetables
- Pasta and Rice
- Cereal
- Peanut Butter
- Tuna Fish
- Soup



*Monetary donations are welcome and much appreciated!!  
(Please leave checks in the Temple office made payable to Rock River Food Pantry)*

**Last year Temple Beth-El donated over 225 pounds of food and over \$1300  
Let's try to beat our record this year!!**

<b>Memorial and Tribute Donation Form</b>			
<p><b>From:</b></p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>City: _____ State _____ Zip: _____</p>	<p><b>To:</b> Send the acknowledging card : <input type="checkbox"/> Same as from, or: Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>City: _____ State _____ Zip: _____</p>		
<p><b>For:</b> (check one and fill in names as appropriate)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> In Memory of: _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Speedy Recovery to: _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Congratulations to: _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> In Honor of: _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Other:</b> _____</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p><b>Donation:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Triple chai (\$54)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Double chai (\$36)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Chai (\$18) <input type="checkbox"/> \$10</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> \$4 (Min.)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____</p> </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p><b>Fund:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Garten <input type="checkbox"/> Powell <input type="checkbox"/> Lazarus <input type="checkbox"/> Dermer <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Woodruff <input type="checkbox"/> Rabbi's Discretionary</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Pap <input type="checkbox"/> Kupperman <input type="checkbox"/> Landscaping <input type="checkbox"/> Gifts&amp;Flowers</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sachs <input type="checkbox"/> Liebovich Fund</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____</p> </td> </tr> </table>	<p><b>Donation:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Triple chai (\$54)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Double chai (\$36)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Chai (\$18) <input type="checkbox"/> \$10</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> \$4 (Min.)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____</p>	<p><b>Fund:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Garten <input type="checkbox"/> Powell <input type="checkbox"/> Lazarus <input type="checkbox"/> Dermer <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Woodruff <input type="checkbox"/> Rabbi's Discretionary</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Pap <input type="checkbox"/> Kupperman <input type="checkbox"/> Landscaping <input type="checkbox"/> Gifts&amp;Flowers</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sachs <input type="checkbox"/> Liebovich Fund</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____</p>
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Self Defense Demonstration with  
**Michael Benjamin**

Sunday, October 22, 2017

10:00 Light breakfast  
(bagels, cream cheese, fruit)  
10:30 Program



Michael Benjamin holds advanced black belts in *Kempo Karate* and *Quanfa Gongfu* and is a Level 5 – Full Instructor.

As part of this morning's safety program, Jay Sklar will show everyone how to use the iPad designated to monitoring the front door. A safety tour of the building will also be offered.

# GRTY NEWS

Submitted by:  
Ben Kopnick  
Co-President

Shalom Temple Beth-El congregants, President Ben Kopnick here bringing you another update on all things GRTY. On the 17th of September, all our GRTYites gathered for our annual kick off



meeting. Sharing pizza and stories, our amazing youth group Exec. Board welcomed all the new and returning members for an incredible 2017-2018 year.

During our meeting, guest speaker Chris Bergsten spoke with us about this year's service project, Project Undershare. GRTY will be helping to collect packages of new underwear that will be distributed to children in need in many of the surrounding school districts. With much to look forward to in the coming year, all of our GRTY teens are excited to learn, bond, and give back to the community.

Our first GRTY activity for the year is helping out within our Temple community by leading the children's services for both Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. Then we are heading into October with much excitement.

On October 1st, our teens will participate in team building exercises at Camp Winnebago to learn how to be leaders and communicate well. Following this highly anticipated event, on October 15th, GRTY will go to Curran's Apple Orchard to pick apples which will then be used for our annual taffy apple and apple pie baking

session on the 22nd.

GRTY has a lot to look forward to in this upcoming month; we hope everyone in the congregation has a great October and don't forget to buy an apple pie!



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

## Service 6:00 pm Dinner to Follow

Menu: make your own tacos 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



Please return the bottom portion with your check made payable to  
Temple Beth-El by October 29. Your check is your reservation.

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.

Total amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_



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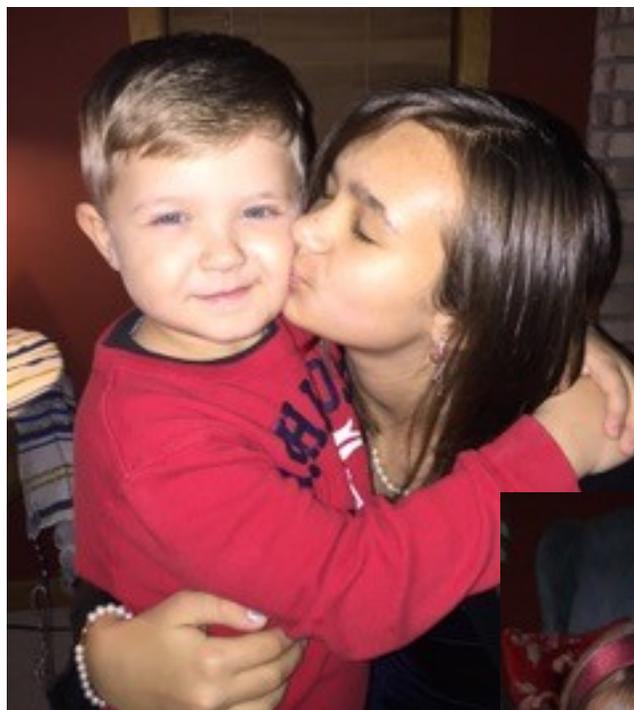
*Dear TBE Friends:  
Our next "Minute with a Member" features the*

*Ahles Family as told by David. We hope you will enjoy getting to know them a bit more!*



**Tell a little about yourself and family:** Jana and I married on October 25, 2003. We have two children together , Amira Emile 12yrs, Adam Ezra 6 yrs , and I have a son Benjamin 19 yrs. Jana is from Czech Republic, came to this country when she was 18, and is a RN at Beloit hospital. I am from Greenfield/Greendale area of Milwaukee, and work at Frito-Lay, Beloit Wisconsin, I am also a former RN.

**Favorite quote:** The best quote I remember is from my grandmother, Ida Brim. "Time and life are peripheral not linear." Lost her way too young. "If you want to view paradise, simply look around and view it" Gene Wilder



**What is the biggest challenge you have ever faced:** One of the biggest challenges that Jana and I have faced is that we are alone. Jana's parents still live overseas and I lost my parents young as well as grandparents.

**Something we enjoy:** G-D has a sense of humor, every time I look in the mirror I find the person staring back at me less recognizable. We both enjoy comedy and humor.

**A favorite Temple activity:** I feel close to the ones I have lost and loved during the reciting of the mourners Kaddish.

**What inspires you to do what you do?** Our children inspire us to work hard, so our children can pass blessings on to their families.

**Where's your favorite place to go?** Jana and I both enjoy theater, amateur or professional. LOVE art, all art!!!!

**If you want to get to know us:** ask we love to make new friends.

**Something people would be surprised to learn about us:** we don't follow any sports. (Football,basketball,baseball) We are willing to learn!!



# Chef Laura Frankel

Every workshop with Laura is filled with tastes, smells and excellent advice. She talks about knives, pots, technique, the best ingredients and brings an energy and enthusiasm that will make for a delightful morning. In her book, *Jewish Slow Cooker Recipes*, Laura Frankel, a respected kosher chef and mother of three teenagers, shares more than 120 easy, delicious recipes for everyday and holiday meals – all conveniently prepared in the slow cooker – a staple of Sabbath cooking which Frankel affectionately calls her “Shabbat miracle machine.”



**Sunday, October 15**  
**10:00am Breakfast / 10:30am Program**  
**Temple Beth-El, 1203 Comanche Dr. 61107**

There is no cost to attend and everyone is welcome  
 Sponsored by the Adult Education Committee  
 Please RSVP to Temple at 815-398-5020

# The Ben Hecht Show

Ben Hecht tells you everything you need to know about show business, Jews, anti-Semites, with jokes

The fascinating life of Chicago newspaperman turned legendary playwright, screenwriter and novelist, Ben Hecht takes center stage at Temple Beth-El in Rockford. Written and performed by James Sherman and directed by Dennis Začek, the play is based on Ben Hecht's books, *A Guide For the Bedeviled* and *A Child Of the Century*, in which Hecht confronts his own identity as an American Jew in the wake of the Nazi Holocaust.



**Sunday, October 29**  
**10:00am Breakfast / 10:30am Program**  
**Temple Beth-El, 1203 Comanche Dr. 61107**

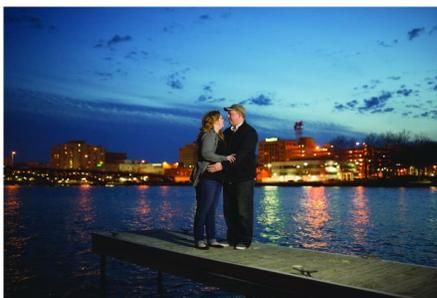
There is no cost to attend and everyone is welcome  
 Sponsored by the Adult Education Committee  
 Please RSVP to Temple at 815-398-5020

Invite your family and friends to this excellent, professional play

# Mindy Joy PHOTOGRAPHY

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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

## November 2017

Sat. 11th Art Auction  
Sun. 19th Federation Kick Off

## December 2017

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

## January 2018

## February 2018

## March 2018

Sun. 18th Chocolate Seder  
Sun. 21st Purim

## 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

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!  
Jayski@aol.com

## **GRTY 2016-2017 Calendar**

Sun. Oct. 15 1) **Adult Ed: Chef Laura Frankel:** 10 am- Breakfast 10:30 am- Program  
2) **Apple Picking:** 12-2:00 pm at Curran's Orchard 6385 Kilburn Ave. BRING LUNCH  
Oct. 22 **Apple Pie Making:** 12-2:00 pm at the Soriano's. BRING LUNCH  
**Exec. Board Meeting** 2:00-2:30 pm—Draw Secret Maccabee Names  
Oct. 29 **Adult Ed.: The Ben Hecht Show:** 10 am- Breakfast 10:30 am- Program  
**Jewish Values:** 12-2:00 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> child \$20)  
9-12 graders: \$40 (2<sup>nd</sup> child \$25)  
**NFTY** on line Registration:  
[www.nfty.org/no/events/](http://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 [cggordon50@hotmail.com](mailto:cggordon50@hotmail.com).

## **Membership**

Do you know of any unaffiliated Jews looking for a congregation?  
If so, contact Karen Zussman membership chairperson at [kzussman@aol.com](mailto:kzussman@aol.com)

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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 Web Site Address...

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

Check it out!

**The  
Yiddish  
Corner**

**Es ken misht shatn**  
*It can't (wouldn't) hurt*

I know you call me three time a week but a fourth time *Es ken misht shatn*.

**On the Lighter Side...**

Sitting on the side of the highway waiting to catch speeding drivers, a State Police Officer sees a car pattering along at 22 MPH. He thinks to himself, "This driver is just as dangerous as a speeder!" So he turns on his lights and pulls the driver over.

Approaching the car, he notices that there are five elderly ladies, eyes wide and white as ghosts. Bubbe, obviously confused, says to him, "Officer, I don't understand, I was doing exactly the speed limit! What seems to be the problem?"

"Ma'am," the officer replies, "you weren't speeding, but you should know that driving slower than the speed limit can also be a danger to other drivers."

"Slower than the speed limit?" she asked. "No sir, I was doing the speed limit exactly... twenty-two miles an hour!" Bubbe says proudly.

The State Police officer, trying to contain a chuckle explains to her that "22" was the route number, not the speed limit. A bit embarrassed, she grinned and thanked the officer for pointing out her error.

The officer said, "But before I let you go, ma'am, I have to ask... Is everyone in this car OK? These women seem awfully shaken, and they haven't muttered a single peep this whole time," the officer asks.

Bubbe replied, "Oh, they'll be all right in a minute officer. We just got off Route 119."



**October 2017  
Religious Services**

- October 4**  
Sukkot Service 6:00 pm  
Followed by Pizza in the Hut
- October 6**  
Family Shabbat Service 7:30 pm
- October 11**  
Simchat Torah Service 6:00 pm
- October 13**  
Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 pm
- October 20**  
Erev Shabbat Service 6:30 pm
- October 27**  
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 pm

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