

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.

Shana Tovah 5778

HIGH HOLY DAY SCHEDULE

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Wednesday, Sept. 20
Service 8:00 pm

Rosh Hashanah

Thursday, Sept. 21
Morning Service 10:00 am
Tashlich 2:30 pm

Kol Nidre

Friday, Sept. 29 Service 8:00 pm

Yom Kippur

Saturday, Sept. 30
Morning Service 10:00 am
Afternoon Services/Yizkor/Neilah 3:30 pm
Break-the-Fast approx. 6:30 pm

Sukkot Service

Wednesday, Oct. 4 Service 6:00 pm

Simchat Torah Festival Service

Wednesday, Oct. 11 Service 6:00 pm

Chaverim,

In an essay that she wrote for the High Holy Day blog, *Jewels of Elul*, Aliza Kline, who was the director of a mikveh, writes about preparing for these important days. She recalls the childhood game of hide-and-seek and her own feelings of anxiety as the “hider” when the call went out, “Ready or not, here I come” and she wasn’t ready or set in her hidden location. She then writes, “The chagim are coming, ready or not. Every year, I remember to get ready a little too late, sometimes not until halfway through the liturgy on Rosh Hashanah. I need to schedule a reminder on my Google calendar, ‘Don’t forget to prepare your soul for the New Year!’”

Of course, this month we will gather for our most sacred time of the year, the High Holy Days. Many people in the congregation have already been working hard to get ready – the choir, the Temple staff, the Religious Functions Committee, and many others. For those of us leading worship or planning behind the scenes, it can be a little bit easier to begin to “prepare our souls.” We look at the words of the prayer book, we hear the musical cues and we begin to reflect on the meaning of these days. But even for us, and especially for many Jewish people, preparation eludes us and we find ourselves, like Kline, catching up with our souls halfway through the worship services.

Because Kline was the director of a mikveh (ritual bath), her preparations include a ritual immersion. She writes, “So, this year, I will prepare for the chagim by blocking out an hour in my crazy schedule for an immersion. I will prepare slowly and thoughtfully, removing all obstacles between myself and the water. I will reflect on the stuff I’d like to release, ask forgiveness for repeating myself every year, and let myself sink in.”

Though we will not be going to a mikveh, there is



From Rabbi Binah Wing

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symbolic advice in her words for us as we ready ourselves. We can block out an hour to prepare. We can immerse ourselves in the meaning of the Days of Awe, maybe even opening up the machzor and reading a few passages. We can begin to remove the obstacles that stand in our way from being the best people we can be. We can reflect on our wrong-doing and the behaviors we'd like to release from our lives. We can begin to ask for forgiveness and sink in to the spirituality of these sacred moments.

One way to spend an hour of immersion, to enter into these days and this process is to attend our beautiful Selichot service on Saturday, September 16th. In many ways, this service captures the themes of all of the High Holy Days. It is not a long service but it is quite powerful. It helps to set the tone for your High Holy Day experience. The evening begins with a social time at 8:30pm and the service begins at 9:30pm.

The High Holy Days are meant to be an interactive experience. They don't just happen to you, while you sit and take it in. Rather, you also must put in the "work" necessary to find meaning. Let us take some time this month to prepare our souls so that when we gather in just a few weeks to stand before our God, we will be ready.

I look forward to spending these High Holy Days together.

Shlomo, Lilly, Dana, and I wish you all a sweet, healthy, and happy New Year 5778!

Yizkor Memorial Book being prepared

You should have received your invitation to be a part of our Yom Kippur Memorial Service Booklet. We ask that you review the letter and return the family names you would like included. Names will be read during the afternoon service on Yom Kippur.



Please return your list by September 15th.

Thank you.

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



The Temple Board met on August 9th, 2017. Rabbi discussed the Urgency of Now program. The Religious Action Center, which promotes Jewish values, is promoting this program. They are located in Washington D.C. where they do advocacy and teaching. Rabbi would like us to think about being part of this program and signing a Brit Olam. The Brit Olam would be our formal commitment to work for social justice. The board will discuss this at our next meeting.

Jim had Brian report on the sanctuary renovation. Brian suggested that we get a committee of 8-10 people to decide what the exact cost of the renovation would be and to run a campaign to raise the needed funds. Jim hopes to have the committee chosen before the High Holy Days. Brian said the architect is ready to go at any time we are ready. It was decided we should wait until after next year's High Holy Days. Brian is making a model for our members so we can see what the sanctuary would look like.

Rabbi caught us up on what she has been doing since May. Along with her usual duties, she attended the Security Education Session, officiated at Maddox Towne's bar mitzvah and Nora Jane Braswell's baby naming, led two special summer Shabbat services, and was on the steering committee for Compassionate Impacts. This is a group of interfaith people who try to connect people who have needs to a place that will help them with their needs. Their information is computerized. It was decided that the board installation will be on October 6. There will be a Shabbat and Israeli Dance weekend on September 15th at Cliffbreakers.

Sharon reported that this is the first month of our fiscal year. Our total income is \$94,510 with total expenses of \$16,646. Our net income is \$77,864. There was nothing unusual to report. Our pledges for this year are \$83,472 which is down from \$93,000 last year.

Brina reported that there are 48 pledges as of August totaling \$78,247. Fifteen pledges have been paid in full. We have \$45,239.34 in receivables as of July 31.

Rob reported that the Foundation is doing well. This is the first time we hit about \$1.5 million since 2015. In July, we had a gain of 1.8 % and year to date a



It is hard to believe that the High Holidays are upon us. I know that the Religious Functions Committee, under the stewardship of Brian Shore, has been working very hard these past few weeks to finalize

preparations for High Holiday Services. Brian and his committee have had much to do to organize services, from selecting members to be honored during services to making sure that security is in place during services. Likewise, Rabbi Wing and our Temple choir have been very busy in recent weeks preparing to lead us in worship later this month.

I hope that all Temple members will plan to attend the Erev Rosh Hashanah dinner on Wednesday September 20. Connie Paris is planning the dinner, and I want to thank her for offering to organize this event. Dining with our Temple family is a great way to start the High Holidays.

I am looking forward to seeing you all during High Holiday services. Please note that at Rosh Hashanah, you will hear about exciting new developments at Temple Beth-El, which arose out of the Strategic Planning that was undertaken during the past year.

On behalf of my family, I want to wish you all a happy and healthy 5778. I am looking forward to seeing my Temple family during the High Holidays.

Shana Tovah-

Jim Gesmer

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From the Temple Board cont. from page 2....
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Brian reported that High Holy Day services are going along. Stuart Bard will be our cantor again. Shabbat in the park, S'more Shabbat, and City Market Shabbat were all well attended and were good services.

David has reported on a number of items that must be taken care of. The board agreed to proceed on cleaning the floors and carpeting for the High Holy Days, fixing the concrete on the front sidewalk, and sealcoating the parking lot. The board decided to wait on fixing the lights on the front sidewalk and fixing or replacing the air conditioner in the library. Since there has been water on the southern floor of the Social Hall, David found along with a roofing contractor, that we have holes in the roof. They have been fixed, however, our roof may need other repairs soon. David has gotten bids for these repairs.

Andrea reported that the first day of Sunday School will be September 10th, 2017. Rabbi is meeting with the GRTY advisors to plan for their year. Andrea will hold an education meeting to decide how often they will need to meet.

Karen and Faye are meeting with the person from Spring Creek Church to discuss the Laundry for Love project. We will again have our annual food drive for the Rock River Valley Pantry during the High Holy Days. The next social event will be on August 26th from 7-10 at Roni Golan's Underground Studio. Jonathan Rozman will be performing. People attending will be helping paint a picture to be placed in the social hall. The theme of the painting will be Shabbat.

Mary reported that the art auction is moving along. Barbara Berney has joined the committee. Dan Cohen will be the celebrity auctioneer. There will be about 25 artists with 2-4 pieces of their work. The work should cost anywhere from \$40 to \$2000.

Ellen reported that the Ethnic Festival and Parade will be held on Sunday, August 27th from noon until six pm. The Jewish community annual barbeque will be on Sunday September 10th at 11:30 at the Temple.

Congratulations to the Zussmans. They have been in Rockford for ten years.

SCHOOL DAZE

200 Words or Less...
By Goldie & Adrian



Well, the Boone County Fair is over and in these parts that signals the official end of summer!! Hope it was a fun one and you're all ready to start back to school with some excitement!

Our Religious School begins on September 10 at 10:00. Mrs. Gordon will teach grades one and two, Mr. Sklar will have grades 3-5 and also teach Bet and Gimel Hebrew and Mr. Gesmer will have grades 6-7. Ms. Levey will teach the Alef Hebrew class and Rabbi Wing will teach Confirmation students. All students grade 7 and up are encouraged to become active Youth Group members.

You will receive (or have received) the second registration letter and information for the new school year. Please fill out the application forms and return to Temple as soon as you are able. Tuition is due by the first day of school unless arrangements have been made through the Temple office. Thank you!

Our first day of school on September 10 will include the Federation picnic lunch which begins at 11:30. We hope all our families will attend and we can all be together to kick off the school year!

Till next time, Shalom.

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Jewish Community Annual BBQ

2017/5777

Who??: *Members and Guests of the Rockford Jewish Community. People new to the community are encouraged to attend.*

Date: *Sunday, September 10, 2017
(Note change of date)*

Time: *11:30 a.m.*

Place: *Temple Beth-El,
1203 Comanche Dr. (rain or shine)*

Menu: *Kosher hot dogs & hamburgers, salads, hot/ cold veggies & desserts!!*

Price: *Donations appreciated*

Activities: *Great time to meet old friends and make new ones!! Bring pictures! Welcome New Guests to Our Community*

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September Oneg Committee

September 1

Andrea Levey
Harvey Melamed

The Temple
Beth-El

September 8

Susan and Jay Kamin
Carol and Terry Gordon

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.

September 15

Brina Grigg
Rose Gulatto

September 22

No oneg

September 29

Yom Kippur-No oneg



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September Birthdays & Anniversaries

Adults

David Dietz	9/1
Aaron Anton	9/2
Sandy Simon	9/3
Ashley Soriano	9/4
Genevieve Rubin	9/6
Elizabeth Bernstein	9/9
Jerry Grubb	9/9
Jack Simon	9/9
Tim Sage	9/11
Warren Goldsand	9/15
John Huss	9/17
Noa Levy	9/17
TL Sievers	9/17
Karen Zussman	9/18
Zachary Allen	9/19
Collier Pickvance	9/19
Adam Baird	9/20
Marc Soriano	9/21
Barb Lirtzman	9/22
Patty Kaufman	9/26
Wendy Huss	9/27
Julia Anton	9/30

Eloise Kopald	9/26/15
Carter Bagne	9/29/12

ANNIVERSARIES

Rabbis Shlomo & Binah Wing	9/3/00
Jeffrey & Diana Behr	9/5/81
John & Wendy Huss	9/8/90
Ellen & Herb Deutsch	9/9/61
Alan Foss & David Larico	9/15/95



Children

Aidan David Quimby	9/20/07
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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 September 1

William "Red" Rubin
Virginia Rosenbloom
David Mansfield
Jacob Hoffman
Belle Simon
Max Daniel
Arlene Rosenson
Sylvia Deutsch
Mary Muss Picus
Ida Wolfson

Read September 8

Michael Karakoz
Lewis Sax
Porter Lans
Fanny Rosenthal
Solomon Horwitz
Benjamin Schaider
Evelyn Rosenson
Joseph Epstein

Read September 15

Bess Dobrowsky
Morris Rosenbloom
Albert A. Liebovich
Morris Sklar
Evelyn Marcus
Bruce Vesole
Abe Rosenbloom
Esther Shanhouse Goldman
Eleanor Haiken
Louis Levy
Bessie Tzinberg
Maurice E. Nathan
Edward Aaron Price
Anne Levy
Fred Marcus
Jack Mandell
Shirley Bagus

Read September 22

Reymond Berney
Ruth Halle Lustig
Rose Seidler Lesser
Sidney I. Sachs
Louis J. Shanhouse
Constance Polcek Cohen
Sam Bamberg
Anne Goldsand

Read September 29

Jean Brady
Jennie Krojanker
William Marcus
Martha Roth
Carole Cohen Garrison
Russell Goldman
Herbert Jerome
Louisa Stone
Leah Z. Chemerow
Diane Mendeloff
Judge Max Reicher
Nancy Ruthe Hutchison
Harry Miller



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 memory of Mark Kamin
-Brina Grigg

Landscaping Fund

In memory of Karen Kaplan
-Milly Kaplan

In memory of Barry Herman
-Brina Grigg

In honor of Gail and Gregg Liebovich's 50th anniversary
-Erna and Sam Liebovich

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.

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.

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

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)

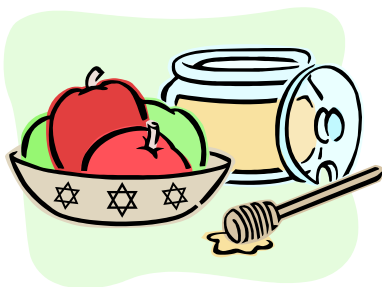
Last year Temple Beth-El donated over 225 pounds of food and over \$1300
Let's try to beat our record this year!!

Memorial and Tribute Donation Form	
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TEMPLE BETH-EL

INVITES YOU
TO JOIN US FOR

Erev Rosh Hashanah Dinner



Wednesday, September 20, 2017 6:30PM

\$10 per person, \$5 for children 10 and under,

Children 2 and under no charge

Menu: Brisket, matzo ball soup and kugel will be provided

We ask that each family bring a side dish to share.

Dinner will be served promptly at 6:30 pm to allow time for cleanup before 8:00 pm services.

Open seating unless prior arrangements have been made.

Please RSVP by Friday, September 15th

Erev Rosh Hashanah Dinner

Name _____

of adults _____ X \$10 ea = \$ _____ #of children 10 and under _____ X \$5 ea = \$ _____

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

Please make checks payable to Temple Beth-El and send with this form to Temple.
Your check is your reservation.

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GRTY NEWS

Submitted by:
Aron Tatmam
Executive Board
Member

GRTY started off the year with its annual field trip occurring before school had even begun. On August 19, GRTY and many fellow con-

gregants took a fun filled trip to Evanston where the teens had a blast at the Locked Chicago escape rooms! We had to unlock clues in a dark room to find the keys to open a treasure chest, and then we enjoyed a delicious (all- we- could- eat!!!!) meal at Lou Malnati's Pizzeria. We would like to thank all of the parents who participated in this event with us. Our day ended by seeing the play, *The God of Isaac*. The play was not only fun to watch but also really made the audience think about their own Jewish identity. After the show, we were able to meet the cast, the producer and playwright, Jim Sherman, and be a part of a discussion about the show. GRTY was thrilled that Lilly Wing, one of our newest members, was able to join us for this very busy and terrific day!

Once again, GRTY and our Jewish community helped our refugee community members start the school year off right! We collected clothes, back packs, school supplies, and hygiene products for the Refugee Program headed by director, Amy Heilman. The refugee families and kids were all so grateful for our continued help and support. Thank you to everyone who donated to this very important cause.

We hope that all 7-12 graders (and the parents of new members) will join us at our annual KICK-OFF PIZZA PARTY- Sunday, September 17 from noon-2:00 p.m. in the lower level at temple. We



have so many fun activities coming up like bowling, team building, and puppy washing. As always, GRTY will run our children's services during the high holidays. In October, we will go apple picking and then making our famous apple pies. Also in the fall, we will take part in a cooking class with Chef Laura on October 15, and we are so excited to watch the Ben Hecht Show by playwright, Jim Sherman on October 29. We will continue our fun journey throughout the rest of the year, and we are very excited for other new members to join in on the fun!



Social Gathering at Roni Golan's Underground Art Gallery

It was an outstanding night for Temple Beth-El members on Saturday, August 26th. We gathered at Roni Golan's Underground Art Gallery for a great night of conversation, music, and some tasty food and drinks. We viewed some of Roni's masterful artwork that are displayed throughout this cool venue! Rabbi led us in a wonderful Havdalah service at the start of the evening. Our own Jonathon Rozman's amazing violin playing, along with some wonderful guitar music, enhanced our evening by far! But the highlight of the evening was being able to share our creative ideas on canvas! With the theme of "the Sabbath" and Roni's encouragement, we all added our artistic talents, and a new piece of artwork was begun. Roni then adds his flair and masterful talent to the painting to create the finished product. Stay tuned, as it will be hung in the social hall for all to enjoy. We want to thank Roni for his creative talents and venue for a fabulous social gathering for TBE. Everyone at Temple Beth-El will definitely treasure the finished work of art for years to come.





**TEMPLE
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MINUTE
WITH A
MEMBER**

Dear TBE Friends:

Our next "Minute with a Member" features

Lisa and Larry Pearlman. We hope you will enjoy getting to know them a bit more!

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

Larry and I knew each other back in high school when we were in the same Jewish Youth Group (USY) and were friends. 30+ years later, we got married.

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

Since moving to Roscoe, we've fallen in love with Downtown Beloit! We love going to the Beloit Farmers Market in the summertime. There also are so many great restaurants and cute little shops! We also love hanging out on our deck and entertaining friends and family!

If you could take two weeks off from all your responsibilities, where would you go and what would you do?

We're still newlyweds so it doesn't matter where we go as long as we're together; we wouldn't complain if we were in Kauai for two weeks!

What are some of your favorite things to do around the Rockford region?

We love Nicholas Conservatory, Rock Cut State Park, Anderson Japanese Gardens, City Market, seeing performances at the Coronado, but our favorite thing to do is to take Maggy to the dog park.

What is the best advice you have ever received?

Lisa: Every so often, ask yourself, "What would you do if you weren't afraid?"

Larry: "People are funny..."

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

Lisa: I inhaled the book **Big Little Lies** and I can't wait to watch the series!

Larry: The TV series Fargo! The TV show is true to the movie's dark script with Jewish themes.

What was your first job?

Lisa: I worked at Swenson's Ice Cream Shop in Downtown Evanston right across the street from Northwestern University.

Larry: I worked at Kay Bee Toys at Northbrook Court.



What was your favorite job?

Lisa: I loved being an usher at Ravinia one summer while home from college!

Larry: My current job as a business consultant.

I have always wanted to...

Lisa: Write a children's book.

Larry: Take a train ride across Canada.



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
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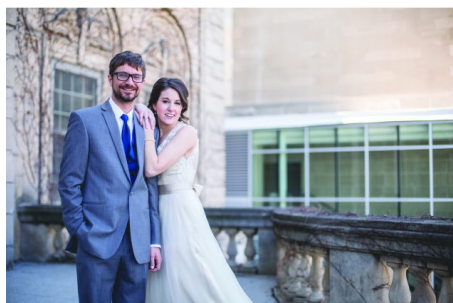
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It's a.... Car Mitzvah



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.**

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

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

October 2017

Sun. 15th Adult Ed: Chef Laura Frankel
Sat. 21st Ella Holmstrom Bat Mitzvah
Sun. 22nd Self-defense demo
Sun. 29th Adult Ed: Ben Hecht Play

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

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 2016-2017 Calendar

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

Advisors: Nanci Soriano H: 654-7677
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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

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 Karen Zussman membership chairperson at 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...

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Check it out!

**The
Yiddish
Corner**

Bays dir di tsung
(Bays deer dih tsung)

Bite your tongue!

Bays dir di tsung, before you get into even more trouble with that mouth of yours!

**A Jewish Calendar for the
New Year**

As a general principle, Jewish holidays are divided between days on which you must starve and days on which you must overeat. Many Jews observe no fewer than 16 fasts throughout the Jewish year, based on the time-honored principle that even if you are sure that you are ritually purified, you definitely aren't. Though there are many feasts and fasts, there are no holidays requiring light snacking.

The Yo-yo Diet Guide to the Jewish Holidays:

Rosh Hashanah: Feast

Tzom Gedalia: Fast

Yom Kippur: More Fasting

Sukkot: Feast

Hashanah Rabbah: More Feasting

Simchat Torah: Keep Feasting

Month of Heshvan: No feasts or fasts for a whole month. Get a grip on yourself.

Hanukkah: Eat potato pancakes

Tenth of Tevet: Do not eat potato pancakes

Tu B'Shevat: Feast

Fast of Esther: Fast

Purim: Eat pastry

Passover: Do not eat pastry

Shavuot: Dairy feast (cheesecake, blintzes, etc.)

17th of Tammuz: Fast (definitely no cheesecake or blintzes)

Tisha B'Av: Very strict fast (don't even think about cheesecake or blintzes)

Month of Elul End of cycle. Prepare for another cycle of feasting and fasting



**September 2017
Religious Services**

September 1

Family Shabbat Service 7:30 pm

September 8

Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 pm

September 15

Erev Shabbat Service at Cliffbreakers 6:30 pm

September 16

Selichot Gathering 8:30 pm

Service 9:30 pm

September 20

Erev Rosh Hashanah Service 8:00 pm

September 21

Rosh Hashanah Morning Service 10:00 am

Tashlich 2:30 pm

September 22

Shabbat Shuvah Service 7:30 pm

September 29

Kol Nidre 8:00 pm

September 30

Yom Kippur Morning Service 10:00 am

Afternoon Services/Yizkor/Neilah 3:30 pm

Break-the-fast 6:30 pm

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