



The May 2010 Shofar
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Pizza & A Movie Night
Saturday, May 15 at 7 p.m.
Kippur (2000)



In October 1973, Egyptian and Syrian armies attacked Israel on the most important Jewish religious holiday: Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement). The story is told from the perspective of Israeli soldiers. We are led by Weinraub and his friend Ruso on a day that begins with quiet city streets, but ends with death, destruction and devastation of both body and mind. Various scenes are awash in the surreal, as Weinraub's head hangs out over a rescue helicopter's open door, watching with tranquil desperation as the earth passes beneath, the overpowering whir of the blades creating a hypnotic state. It is not a traditional blood, guts and glory film. There are no men in battle, only the rescue crew trying to pick up the broken pieces.

Seeing Ourselves As Others See Us:
Jewish and Christian Views of the Other

The first presentation of the **Rabbi Richard J. Sobel Lecture Series**

Presenter: **Peter S. Zaas, Ph.D.,**

Professor of Religious Studies at Siena College

and Director of the Kieval Institute For Jewish-Christian Studies

Sunday, May 16 and Sunday, May 23

at 1 p.m.

Temple Beth El, 3 Marion Avenue, Glens Falls

Sponsored in part by the Jewish Federation of Northeastern New York

Refreshments with Question and Answer Period to follow

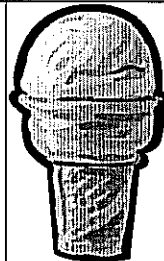
Non-Members Donation: \$5

Reservations: 792-4364



I Scream, You Scream,
We All Scream for Ice Cream!!

What would be better than an interactive, family Shabbat morning Service? Ice Cream!!! Join us on May 22nd at 10:30 a.m. on 250 Ridge Road (near Time Warner Cable) on the bike path where we will participate in an engaging and fun Shabbat morning service followed by a leisurely walk to Cooper's Cave where we will indulge and gorge ourselves with copious amounts of ice cream and milkshakes in honor of Shavuot. Shavuot is the time in which we received Torah and the spring harvest of first fruits. Please join us as we will revel in joy for Torah and the gifts God bestowed upon us as we indulge and take in the beauty of spring and consume lots and lots of ice cream! Please RSVP to Temple by May 19th to reserve a place on our ice cream and Torah expedition! Looking forward to celebrating with you all then!



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Rabbi's Message

A colleague of mine who tried to persuade a person to join his congregation was told, "Look, Rabbi, I appreciate the importance of religion, but I just don't believe in organized religion," to which the Rabbi replied, "Then you'll love our synagogue. It's totally disorganized."

We have all heard people say that "religion" is either too expensive or simply expendable. The same people would not say, "I believe in medicine but I don't believe in medical schools or hospitals." Nor would they say, "I believe in law and justice but I just don't believe in law schools, courts and police." Nor, "I believe in art and beauty but not in art schools and museums."

"Let them build me a sanctuary, so that I may dwell among them" so Torah teaches us, after our ancestors left Egypt. This was the first effort to "organize" our people and our religion.

For over 3,000 years now, our people have been builders of sanctuaries . . . and other faith traditions have done likewise.

What purpose do our sanctuaries and our "disorganized" synagogues serve? The synagogue creates the ideal Jewish setting for worship. Here we have the opportunity and privilege to reflect and seek that which is noblest within ourselves as we attempt to search for God. In a noisy and frightening world, it enables us to pause periodically to listen to the "still, small voice of the spirit within." The synagogue provides us with a place for community; for young and old, for spiritual seekers and for rationalists, for serious Jews and for secularists, for Zionists and for globalists, for political animals and for cultural junkies, for Jews and for those who live with us. It is the ultimate, recognized address of the Jewish community for Jews & non-Jews alike. It is a place for meaningful connections. The synagogue effectively transmits the teachings of the sages and the visions of the prophets, the poetry of the psalmist and the prayers of the kabbalists.

Learning is a lifelong pursuit. The synagogue is the strongest force for Jewish continuity — now, as it has been throughout the centuries. Through the seasons of the years and the life cycle of those who sit among us, it continues to creatively nourish our will to survive with purpose and hope, as well as to provide joy in living vibrant Jewish lives.

The synagogue raises to the loftiest significance the great milestones from birth to death by clothing each one of us in the warmth of sacred words and hallowed rituals. It provides community with which we can share such precious occasions and life-affirming moments. The synagogue nurtures a caring community for Jews and those who live among us who take Jewish living and values seriously by helping us to see the world through Jewish eyes and providing us with guidance, comfort, and inspiration. Through community and caring, Judaism is kept alive and we are enriched, no matter what our own background. The synagogue is a health insurance plan. Skeptics and cynics note, about a decade ago, the Center for Corporate Health reported, "Research shows that just being a member of a . . . church or synagogue drastically cuts the risk of early death. It protects against heart disease even in the persons with high blood pressure or other risk factors." Know that I wish each and every one of you good health!

As your Rabbi, I want to share with you our memories, our prayers, and our hopes. Remember, your health and the health of the Jewish people depend upon your commitment. I want to share my passions, my dedication, and my commitment with you, your family, and your friends. I really hope that you will come to understand that we want you and need you to be with us as we, like those who came before us for thousands of years, seek to travel towards a Promised Land. We are covenanted partners on an amazing journey that is simultaneously mundane and sacred. Be assured that we are ready to help you along your own journey to find meaning and perspective. Whether young or old, seasoned or novice, seeker or scholar, we are a warm, inclusive, pluralistic, and caring family of families. Temple Beth El is a home for you and your spirit.

May summer's warmth and beauty bless you and may we share our searching and our blessings with one another for many seasons to come, so that we will come to understand that ultimately, the synagogue community keeps alive and articulates our most important values and our most treasured memories, our most fervent prayers and our most cherished hopes.

Rabbi Matthew J. Durbin



Molly Lieberman

When Molly left the world of competitive gymnastics nearly three years ago, Sue and I wondered what she would now do with her free time. After all, practices were four nights a week and we worried that she might just start sitting around doing nothing. As it turns out, our fears were unjustified. Molly found plenty of new endeavors to occupy her time.

As a sixth grade student, Molly became involved in student council as she was her guideroom's (homeroom) representative. Along the way she also joined yearbook club, chorus and band. Molly continued to do well playing the clarinet as she earned a perfect score at NYSMA on a level 2 solo. And, she also found time along the way to maintain an average in the high 90s. Molly was nominated by her guidance counselor to go to a leadership workshop in Washington, D.C. Over the summer, she and a number of other children from across the United States spent a week learning about various aspects of leadership.

This year, Molly has continued on in student council although she was now elected secretary (the only office position open to a seventh grade student). She again was part of yearbook and continues to excel with her clarinet. With two other friends, she earned a perfect score on a level 2 trio at NYSMA and Molly also earned a perfect score on a level 4 solo at NYSMA. She has started modified track this spring and is looking forward to her first meet. Academically, she had her highest average during the second quarter of seventh grade. This is despite taking several extended courses and several accelerated courses. I don't want to embarrass her by stating what her exact average was but let's just say that her lowest grade was a 98! Molly received another academic honor this year when she was nominated as one of 500 girls nationwide to participate in a math and science camp this summer.

In the past year, Molly has also started her lessons to become a Bat Mitzvah. She chose to do a rather lengthy Torah passage and really demonstrated a good comprehension of what it was all about. She has really worked hard on this and we have no doubt that she will do an excellent job when she's called up to the Bimah.

When it came time for Molly to choose her mitzvah project, many of you may be aware that she wanted to do something about breast cancer. She set a rather ambitious goal of being able to donate \$2500 to this most worthy cause. Through generous donations from many people as well as a garage sale where she sold many of her own items, she was able to exceed her goal by over \$1000, raising \$3544!

We're sorry if we sound like very proud parents but that's what we are! Those of you who are fortunate enough to know Molly, know about her many amazing qualities. With all our hearts we know that she will be a great asset to society and one who gives us all hope for the future.

Dave & Sue Lieberman

9th Annual North Country Federation Event (Glens Falls/Saratoga)

We urge all members of Temple Beth El to attend the 9th Annual North Country Federation Event on Sunday, May 23, 7:00 p.m., at the Saratoga City Center.

The event features Professor Stephen M. Berk, Professor of History at Union College. He is an author, TV commentator, and spellbinding orator. The topic, "Obama, Netanyahu, and the Search for Peace" is most timely. It includes a sumptuous hors d'oeuvres and dessert reception and promises to be a most memorable and enlightening evening.

Jewish Federation of Northeastern New York is generous to the Glens Falls Jewish community and specifically to our synagogue. In addition, Federation funds many programs and services which help and serve our individual members.

Temple member, Michael Seidel, is an event chair.

The cost of the event is \$30.00 pp. Reservations can be made by calling Mary Ringwood at 783-7800 ext. 229 or on-line at www.jewishfedny.org.



President's Message

Temple has been very busy this year, as many of you who have participated know. Family Shabbat Services and Dinners, Holy Days, *Channukah* and Passover observances, led by Rabbi Durbin, were inspiring and well-attended. We have welcomed a number of new members and it is especially heart-warming to be present at baby namings, as we look toward Temple's future.

A huge thank you to all of the volunteers who have made the programs and activities work! Their help is greatly appreciated. And guess what? Several new members have responded to the call to join the Board and will appear on the 2010-11 slate in June.

Have you noticed the new draperies in the Home Room, the main foyer and Sanctuary? The matching curtains on the stage? In addition, the kitchen, Home Room and foyer have fresh coats of paint, and there is a new large-screen television in the Bubble Room. All were provided through the generosity of Temple members.

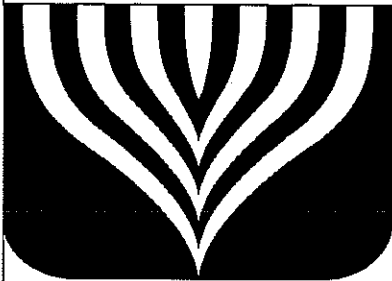
The Board will soon be reviewing a proposal for Phase II of the 21st Century Building Improvement Project. Once again, it will be funded through donations from the congregation and friends. Further details will be provided in next month's Shofar.

Finally, I wish to thank all who have already honored their dues commitment to Temple and urge those who have not, to do so by June 30th, the end of the fiscal year. Simply and to the point, Temple cannot function adequately unless we all do our parts.

Please look over the Temple's Treasurer's Report (on page 12). We are a small community and it is critical that all members understand how integral their membership dues are to the financial health of the Temple.

If you have any questions/suggestions, please contact me (sga333@hotmail.com) or one of the Treasurers (Karen Marks: karojo@nycap.rr.com; Allison Levin: northallison@hotmail.com) directly.

Steve Adler



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The Reform Movement is the largest Jewish religious movement in North America, with 1.5 million Reform Jews and more than 900 congregations that are part of the Union for Reform Judaism. Although each congregation is autonomous and very individual in its programs, worship style, and culture, all are characterized by the same core values:

- * A God-centered Judaism that combines respect for Jewish law and Jewish tradition with a progressive religious outlook designed to remain relevant and meaningful to contemporary North American Jews
- * A commitment to Torah (lifelong Jewish learning), *Avodah* (worship of God through prayer and observance), and *G'milut Hasadim* (the pursuit of justice, peace, and deeds of loving kindness) – expressed in lifelong study of the sacred Jewish texts, creativity and spirituality in worship, and social action fulfilling the vision of the Prophets
- * A commitment to *klal Yisrael*, the entirety of the Jewish people, with special focus on the people and the state of Israel, and on world Jewry, particularly on the needs of Progressive congregations everywhere
- * A community-focused religion that honors the personal autonomy of the individual and the institutional autonomy of the congregation, within a framework of egalitarianism and inclusiveness



***Kvell: Odyssey of the Mind**

According to a report from the Odyssey of the Mind (OotM) organization, students from around the world will compete in the 31st Odyssey of the Mind World Finals at the University of Michigan this month. Lois and Jack Hellman are proud to report that their ten-year-old granddaughter, Mary, will be one of them.

Odyssey of the Mind is an international educational program that provides creative problem solving opportunities for students from kindergarten through college. Team members apply their creativity to solve problems that range from building mechanical devices to presenting their own interpretation of literary classics. They then bring their solutions to competition on the local, state, and world level. The problems are designed for competition, with scoring components and limitations, or rules to be followed. The long-term problems change every year. They fall into five general categories. These are mechanical/vehicle, technical performance, classics, structure and performance.

Mary has been competing in OotM since third grade when her team came in third. Each year their ranking had come up one level. In her own words Mary explains that OotM is where "you get to meet new people and learn to think outside the box." Each competition has three parts: a long term problem which, this year, was a skit written and performed by the group; a spontaneous problem which they cannot disclose until after the World Finals and then the awards ceremony.

In March Mary and her team of seven fourth and fifth grade students (including her best friend Lauren McClure) came in first for their division at their school. Competing at the state level competition in Binghamton, they came in second, securing an invitation to the World Finals. The team coaches, Jon and Nancy Hellman (Mary's parents), and the team members and their parents will be traveling there along with the "props" which they created for their skit. In the meantime the group will be raising money to subsidize the amount provided by the Averill Park School District to cover the traveling expenses of the students. These "kids" work hard for their achievements.

Good luck to Mary (front row of picture), Lauren and their teammates from West Sand Lake Elementary School!

*kvell: "to beam with intense pride and pleasure, most commonly over the achievement of a child or

Would you like to Kvell?

Please tell us about your children, grandchildren, nephews, nieces or even those of your friends. If they are alumni of our religious school we can share your pride. If not, we can share your happiness.

Among the things you might wish to tell us are - where they went to school and any degrees or accomplishments, military service, travels, current place of residence, names of spouses or partners and names and ages of their children. Tell us about their careers and any adventures they have had.

Just type them up and send them to the Temple office for inclusion in a future edition of the Shofar.

National Day of Prayer

The National Day of Prayer is designated by the United States Congress as a day when people of all faiths are asked to come together and pray, especially for their country.

Glens Falls Family YMCA, 600 Glen Street, Glens Falls, New York

Thursday, May 6, 2010

Deluxe Continental Breakfast starts at 7 a.m.

Meeting begins at 7:30 a.m.

For more information, please contact Tammy Morey at 518-793-3878.

**MAY 2010**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	*SAT
						1 No Torah Study <i>Rabbi Away</i>
2 9:20 a.m. TSRS at Temple Lag B'Omer	3	4 5:30 p.m. Beginner Hebrew	5 6 p.m. Hebrew School at synagogue	6 No Intermediate Hebrew Study <i>Rabbi Returns</i>	7 7 p.m. Family Service / Oneg hosted by the Gartner / Seay Family	8 10:30 a.m. Torah Service
9 9:20 a.m. TSRS at Temple Mother's Day	10	11 10 a.m. Book Club Meeting (<u>The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo</u>) 5:30 p.m. Beginner Hebrew 7 p.m. Ritual / Pulpit Committee Meeting	12 6 p.m. Hebrew School at synagogue	13 2 p.m. Intermediate Hebrew Study	14 7 p.m. Shabbat Service (Guest sermon by Rabbi Rose Durbin) / Oneg hosted by Paul & Ann Silk	15 10:30 a.m. Torah Study 7 p.m. Pizza and a Movie (<u>Kippur</u>)
16 9:20 a.m. TSRS at Temple 1 p.m. Rabbi Richard J. Sobel Scholar-in-Residence Lecture (Professor Peter Zaas)	17	18 5:30 p.m. Beginner Hebrew	19 Shavuot	20 2 p.m. Intermediate Hebrew Study	21 7 p.m. Torah Service / Oneg host to be announced	22 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Experience (see page 1)
23 9:20 a.m. TSRS at Temple 1 p.m. Rabbi Richard J. Sobel Scholar-in-Residence Lecture (Professor Peter Zaas)	24	25 5:30 p.m. Beginner Hebrew 7 p.m. TBE Board Meeting	26	27 2 p.m. Intermediate Hebrew Study	28 7 p.m. Service / Oneg hosted by the Schwartz Family IHO Daniel becoming a <i>Bar Mitzvah</i>	29 10:30 a.m. Daniel Schwartz <i>Bar Mitzvah</i>
30	31 Memorial Day		*Saturday Services: Unless noted otherwise, there will be a <i>Shabbat</i> Service and Torah Study every Saturday. When a " Torah Service " is scheduled, the Torah will be removed from the Ark, we will read from the Torah and one or more individuals will be called to the Torah for an Aliyah.			



JUNE 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	*SAT
		1 5:30 p.m. Beginner Hebrew	2	3 2 p.m. Intermediate Hebrew Study	4 7 p.m. Service / Oneg hosted by Board of Trustees (Annual Congregation Meeting)	5 10:30 a.m. Torah Service
6	7	8 10 a.m. Book Club Meeting (The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay) 5:30 p.m. Beginner Hebrew 7 p.m. Ritual / Pulpit Committee Meeting	9	10 2 p.m. Intermediate Hebrew Study	11 7 p.m. Service / Oneg hosed by the Silverberg Family ICO Elena becoming a Bat Mitzvah	12 3:00 p.m. Elena Silverberg Bat Mitzvah
13 3:30 p.m. Rabbi Richard Sobel Unveiling at Temple Cemetery	14	15 5:30 p.m. Beginner Hebrew	16	17 2 p.m. Intermediate Hebrew Study	18 7 p.m. Torah Service / Oneg host to be announced	19 10:30 a.m. Torah Study
20 Father's Day	21	22 5:30 p.m. Beginner Hebrew 7 p.m. TBE Board Meeting	23	24 2 p.m. Intermediate Hebrew Study	25 6 p.m. Family Service 7 p.m. "Hello Summer" Pot Luck Dinner	26 10:30 a.m. Torah Study 1 p.m. Chai Society Program (Rabbi Rose Durbin)
27	28	29 5:30 p.m. Beginner Hebrew	30	*Saturday Services: Unless noted otherwise, there will be a <i>Shabbat</i> Service and Torah Study every Saturday. When a " Torah Service " is scheduled, the Torah will be removed from the Ark, we will read from the Torah and one or more individuals will be called to the Torah for an <i>Allyah</i> .		



Temple Beth El History: "A Good Doctrine"

[Following is an excerpt from the early history of Temple Beth El, written by Ella Cline. "A Good Doctrine" is the chapter for 1926-1927.]

There was no presentiment of calamity in any heart, when suddenly we were all together in the valley of the shadow – an incredible sorrow had befallen us. The confirmation exercises of our religious school were held on June 5. That friendly intimate afternoon was still fresh in our minds. The tall, slender fifteen-year old Robert had seemed, then, vigorous and happy; delighted with the gifts showered upon him, eager for the adventure of living. He died, after a brief illness, on Saturday, July 23, 1927, just forty-one days after his confirmation.

We had loved him so much, felt such great pride in his promising youth, that we were all bereaved and stricken, shared the anguish of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gelman, felt their loss and sorrow, suffered their aching void.

Rabbi Alpert came from his summer home at Winthrop, Mass., to New York to conduct the last, sad rites for Robert. On the following Friday, July 29, a heart-broken and weeping congregation crowded our Temple for the memorial services of Robert Morris Gelman Kempner.

To Mrs. Julius Jacobson we owe the beautiful thought that members of the congregation furnish the rabbi's study in memory of Robert. This was done immediately and completely. There let his memory be enshrined, as in our hearts.

Sad tidings came to us in August of the loss of our steadfast friend Dr. Adolph Guttman, brother-in-law of Mrs. Julius Jacobson. In 1920 he had explained to us our need of a religious school and had encouraged us to start one. In 1922, he led our first High Holyday services, a gift beyond price. In 1925, on Rosh Hashonoh, he preached the first sermon in our not-yet-completed Temple and presented us with an eternal light. Dr. Guttman died in New Haven, Conn., after an illness of only three days, on August 3, 1927, aged 73, full of good deeds and greatly honored. Of him our rabbi said, "For a good name is more fragrant than perfume. The day of his death is better than the day of his birth."

The picnic for the children of the religious school, to be held before Rabbi Alpert left, could be only on June 26 that year. That day happened to be the third anniversary of the death of one of our religious school children, Ruth Harriet Marks, seven-year old daughter of Mrs. Sarah Marks. The picnic was postponed to the last of August to be a reunion outing of the congregation and the children when Rabbi Alpert returned; but by that time, out of consideration for the bereaved families, the idea of merry-making was entirely abandoned.

The Sisterhood met in September, re-elected all the officers, and resumed work. It was decided to make up by a party, or prizes, for the picnic the children had missed.

Some members had been busy sewing one pleasant afternoon in the garden of the Gelman home with the result that there were new curtains on the windows of Robert's room, the choir, and the rest room.

The report of our treasurer, Mrs. Maslon, was very interesting, showing a grand total of \$1,204.14. Of that sum, \$400.00 had already been given to the congregation.

We now voted to give \$500.00 more, half of our \$1,000.00 pledge. Chances on the hope chest were selling well and we felt prosperous.

Our Sisterhood was richer by four new members: Mrs. Samuel Kohn, Mrs. Kornreich, Mrs. Max Weiner and Mrs. Charles Schulman.

PLEASE HELP CLOSE THE BOOKS

As the fiscal year ends, the Temple is very short of cash.

1. If you have not fulfilled your dues commitment, please do so immediately.
2. If you are making a donation to the Temple, please make it to the general fund, rather than to the Temple Beth El Endowment.
3. The Metzner family announces that it will match all unrestricted donations to the Temple (exclusive of dues payments), made by June 30, 2010, to a maximum of \$5,000.00



Contributions

GENERAL FUND

Florence Handen

In memory of Gerald Miller

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In memory of Ruthann Spaulding

Carole Wells

In memory of Gerald Miller

Hilda Grunblatt

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In honor of Mattea Rose Rice

Leah Conklin

In memory of Gerald Miller

Barbara Plasse

In honor of Ralph Leinoff

Dorothy Creager

In memory of Gerald Miller

Orel Friedman

In honor of the Rice Family

Marilyn Bazan & George Conable

In memory of Gerald Miller

BankAnnapolis

In memory of Gerald Miller

Patsy Houck

In memory of Gerald Miller

Judith Metzner Shepherd

In memory of Judy Sobel

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Albert J. Beson

General Donation

Judith Metzner Shepherd

In celebration of Molly Lieberman's Bat Mitzvah

Meredith Rosoff

In honor of Sofia Rae Rice becoming a big sister!

Meredith Rosoff

In honor of Mattea Rose Rice

Barbara & Robert Rosoff

In honor of Mattea's Baby Naming

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND (Cont.)

Helen Kraus

In memory of Rabbi Richard Sobel

Meta Murray

In memory of Norman Smoller

ENDOWMENT FUND

Norman & Sylvia Kudan

In memory of Rae Lazarus

CEMETERY FUND

Kaye Grossman

In memory of Gerald Miller

Annual Congregational Meeting

All members of the congregation are invited and urged to attend the Temple's annual congregational meeting on **Friday, June 4th** following 7 p.m. services. Members attending will be asked to vote for officers and trustees to lead the congregation in the upcoming year (2010-2011). A budget will also be presented for approval.

The proposed slate is:

President: Steve Adler

Immediate Past President: Vacant

Vice President: Jack Hellman

Treasurer: Karen Marks

Recording Secretary: Kathy Naftaly

Assistant Treasurer: Ami Goldstein

Trustees: Sandy Searleman, Fred Fagelman, Mike Seidel, Judy Metzner Shepherd, Larry Silver, Jeff Hill, Phyllis Brown, Jennifer Nadler

NEW CONSTITUTION

A committee led by Trustee Sanford Searleman has proposed a new Constitution for Temple Beth El, and the Board of Trustees has directed a vote at the Annual Meeting on June 4, 2010. Copies of the old and proposed Constitutions are posted on the bulletin board and are also available by e-mail on request or at the Temple office.

Unveiling for Rabbi Sobel

The Sobel Family invite you to attend the unveiling for Rabbi Richard J. Sobel on Sunday June 13, 2010 at 3:30 pm at the Temple Cemetery on the Gansevoort Road.



We Remember

Mourners Kaddish for the following individuals will be recited in Temple on the noted dates:

May 7

*Sidney A. Adler, Stella Chanin, *Lester Erlanger, Nancy Gancher, Marie Gruber, Bernard Jaffee, *Bessie Kohn, *Florence Zinn Krantz, *Harry Lustig, Grace Muller, Micky Schultz, *Minna F. Wein, Joseph Werblow

May 14

*Jennie Bassock, Sandra Lee Campbell, Savino Cipri, *Jennie Erlanger, *Regina Katz Goldberger, *Alfred Kohn, Mary Levin, Gussie Million, Max Newmark, Preddie Sijerkovich, Sam Silk, Aaron Slawsby, Janet Ruth Wein, Lillian Weitsen

May 21

Joan Ruth Berger, Louisa Buyer, *Lillian Kaufman, Lee William Sanford, Keva Schectman, Irving Schorr, *David Schulman, Buby Schultz, *Daniel W. Sovetts, Abraham Steinberg, Dr. Morris Yaffee

May 28

Melvin Becker, *Frieda Bronne, John Brunnell, Hattie Cohen, Sidney Colb, Minna Slater Feldman, *Leonard Handen, Harry Kirschenbaum, *Harriet Nisoff, Jay Rutstein, *Max Schwartz, Nettie Slawsby, Mollie Stewart, Bessie Wein

(*name appears on yahrzeit plaque in the sanctuary)

Book Club

Here are the next books that our book club will be reading:

May 11: The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo by Stieg Larsson

June 8: The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay by Michael Chabon

(We will not be meeting in July and August.)

September 14: The Help by Kathryn Stockett

Don't forget, we meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. at the Temple. All are welcome and happy reading! Karen Marks



Torah Portions

May 1

Lev. 21:1-24:23

Pr. Ez. 44:15-31

May 8

Lev. 25:1-27:34

Pr. Jer. 16:19-17:14

May 15

Num. 1:1-4:20

Pr. Hosea 2:1-22

May 22

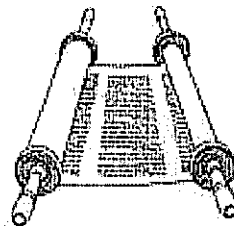
Num. 4:21-7:89

Pr. Judges 13:2-25

May 29

Num. 8:1-12:16

Pr. Zech. 2:14-4:7



Officers & Board of Trustees

President, Steve Adler

1st Vice President, Jack Hellman

Co-Treasurers, Karen Marks & Allison Levin

Recording Secretary, Kathy Naftaly

Corresponding Secretary, Allison Levin

Immediate Past President, Lois Hellman

Three Year Trustees: Fred Fagelman, Larry Silver, Steve Smoller

Two Year Trustees: Michael Seidel, Sanford Searleman, Judith Metzner Shepherd

One Year Trustees: Phyllis Brown, Alexander Katz, Jeffrey Hill

Temple-Synagogue Religious School

President, Dave Lieberman

Director, Adam Fine

Temple Board Members: Elissa Eichen, Ellen Katz, Marcia Krantz, Scott Schwartz, Dave Lieberman

Synagogue Board Members: Ben Cohen, Monica Guglielmo, Melissa Korot, Dolly Morrissey

Treasurer ex-officio, Linda Friedman

Committees

Ritual/Pulpit Chair, Jack Hellman

Fundraising Chair, Mike Siegel

Cemetery Chair, Michael Seidel

Membership Chair, Lydia Adler

Personnel Chair, Kathy Naftaly

Musical Director, Diane Martin

History Chair, Judith Metzner Shepherd

Rabbi Durbin and President Adler will be ex-officio members of all committees.



Ritual Pulpit Committee meeting

Tuesday, April 6, 2010

Attending: Jack Hellman (chair), Rabbi Durbin, Steve Adler, Florence Handen, Lois Hellman, Karen Marks, Barbara Rosoff and Judith Metzner Shepherd

Agenda items

1. Review of the Passover *Seder*. Generally people in attendance enjoyed themselves. Committee members will continue to consider ways to improve. Most people who worked to insure the success are willing to continue helping. **There is no designated chair for next year. We are looking for an individual or group of individuals to chair *Seder* 2011.** This year's leaders are committed to mentoring any new leaders who are willing to "carry the baton" for future Seders. Fresh ideas and younger volunteers are needed! Please notify Steve Adler if you have a interest in chairing the event next year.

2. *Yom Hashoah* will be observed on Sunday, April 11, 2010 with Congregation Shaaray Tefila hosting and with Rabbi Boaz Marmon leading the service.

3. *Bar* and *Bat Mitzvah*. Several young people are preparing for *Bar* and *Bat Mitzvah*. The committee has decided to present the same congregational gifts to all regardless of gender.

Rabbi is preparing and disseminating a booklet about requirements for students to become *Bar* and *Bat Mitzvot*. The committee will review, advise and consent on these requirements.

4. Confirmation. There will be no Confirmation class in 2010 but there will be one in 2011.

5. Rose Durbin will be ordained at HUC-JIR in New York City on Sunday, May 2. Subsequently she will deliver a guest sermon at Friday Shabbat services on May 14. On Sunday, June 26 Rabbi Rose Durbin will address a gathering of The Chai Society, speaking of her experiences in Africa this past summer.

TSRS Update

Due to the spring break from school, this was a short month for the religious school as we only met for two Sundays. Those two weeks, however, were very eventful for the children.

The religious school held its Passover *Seder* on March 21st, and the students learned about the meaning of the holiday both in class and during the *seder*. Holding the *seder* a week early provided the students with a taste for the holiday (pun intended) that could be transferred to their own family *seders* and to those held at the Temple and Synagogue the following week.

I would like to thank Bonnie Yanklowitz for returning the following Sunday to read and share two books with our students. She shared a timely story about the holiday of Passover with the younger students. It was an interactive experience, which I could tell was enjoyed by the students. The older students heard an excellent story about a little Jewish girl's experience of immigration through Ellis Island written by a local author.

We only have a month and a half of Sundays left in the year but there will be more exciting events to look forward to.

B'Shalom, Adam Fine, TSRS Director

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Statement of Activity and Budget July 2009 through March 2010

	<u>Jul '09 - Mar 10</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Endowmen Fund	1,950.00		
Dues	71,568.51	88,300.00	-16,731.49
Fundraising (Net)	3,724.14	6,000.00	-2,275.86
Memorial Plaques (Net)	751.88	3,000.00	-2,248.12
Rental Revenue	3,555.00	7,000.00	-3,445.00
Unrestricted Donations (Net)	29,877.03	20,000.00	9,877.03
Yiskor (Net)	3,466.00	3,400.00	66.00
Total Income	<u>114,892.56</u>	<u>127,700.00</u>	<u>-12,807.44</u>
Expense			
Legal and Accounting Fees	55.00	500.00	-445.00
Health Insurance (net)	5,495.84	6,000.00	-504.16
Charitable donation	100.00		
Bldg Maint, Repairs, Supplies	6,202.29	6,500.00	-297.71
Cemetery Expenses (Net)	3,086.76	2,000.00	1,086.76
Insurance	3,068.11	4,500.00	-1,431.89
Office Supplies & Misc Exp	8,518.59	7,000.00	1,518.59
Professional Dues/Activities	3,125.97	3,300.00	-174.03
Religious School & Youth Grp	3,546.47	4,200.00	-653.53
Relig, ritual, books (Net)	77.69	1,000.00	-922.31
Telephone	1,409.85	1,600.00	-190.15
Union for Reform Judaism	1,830.25	2,500.00	-669.75
Utilities	9,756.12	17,000.00	-7,243.88
Wages and Payroll Taxes	91,937.47	103,600.00	-11,662.53
Total Expense	<u>138,210.41</u>	<u>159,700.00</u>	<u>-21,489.59</u>
Net Ordinary Income	-23,317.85	-32,000.00	8,682.15
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
Temp Restricted Donation	16,128.95		
Total Other Income	<u>16,128.95</u>		
Net Other Income	<u>16,128.95</u>		
Net Income	<u><u>-7,188.90</u></u>	<u><u>-32,000.00</u></u>	<u><u>24,811.10</u></u>



Mazel Tov

Mazel Tov to Ben Brown, son of Temple members Phyllis and Dan, who is one of 15 students recently awarded a Syracuse University Summer Internship to participate in a six-week entrepreneurship program through Stellenbosch University in Capetown, South Africa. While there, Ben and his fellow interns will be matched with struggling businesses to help them develop and grow.

Known as EESA (Entrepreneurship Empowerment in South Africa) the program's "focus is to support the survival and growth of existing small businesses that are owned and managed by historically disadvantaged South Africans. We strive to make these ventures sustainable through hands-on consulting engagements completed by highly motivated and talented students."

Ben is currently completing his junior year at the University of Rochester where he is majoring in Entrepreneurship (a self-developed interdisciplinary major) with a minor in Music, so this internship should be a perfect fit for him.

Not only will this experience be a great enhancement to Ben's formal curriculum but he will also have an opportunity to meet and connect with some extended family who live in the Johannesburg area of South Africa. He will spend an additional two weeks in South Africa when the University program is complete, most of it with Dan's nephew (also named Dan Brown) and family, who have promised to give Ben the experience of a lifetime. Knowing Ben, he will likely be hiking, climbing mountains, and taking every opportunity to see and do things new and exciting.

Phyllis notes that "with Ben's passion for photography and music, I expect he will return immersed in both the images and sounds of South Africa. Maybe we'll be able to get him to stay in Glens Falls long enough to share his adventure with us!" We look forward to Ben's safe return and to hearing of his experiences in the program, meeting family, and exploring South Africa.

Tree of Life

We have two new leaves on our Tree of Life. Rachel Gartner and Suzanne Seay each have a leaf, given by Elaine Sobel, on the Tree of Life. Thank you, Elaine.

Is there someone you would like to honor? For information, call me at 792-1023 or e-mail me at barbnbob24@yahoo.com.

From the Family of Gerald Miller

Dear Temple Members and Friends,

A friendly smile,

A casual touch,

These are things that mean so much.

To know you are with us

In our time of sorrow,

Sharing our prayers,

Today and tomorrow.

God gives us comfort

In the form of good friends,

May His peace be with you,

His love never ends.

Thank you for being there in our time of sorrow. It was greatly appreciated.

Love,

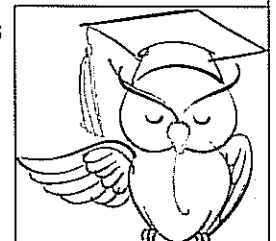
Phyllis, Clarissa and Linda Miller

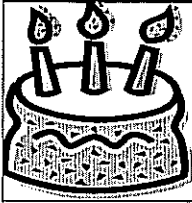
Mazel Tov

Mazel Tov to Rabbi Rose Durbin who will graduate from URJ-HUC and become ordained as a Rabbi on Sunday, May 2nd.

Calling All 2010 Graduates!

We would like to recognize and congratulate all those who will be earning diplomas or degrees in the next few months. Please notify the Temple office if you know of any members, relatives of members or friends of Temple Beth El in the Glens Falls Area Jewish Community who will be completing a course of study this Spring or Summer and let us know of their achievements so that we might honor them in this way.



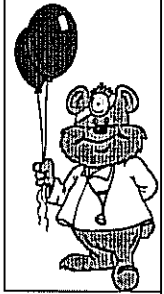


Happy Birthday!

Sybil Waimon-Kaphan (5/1), Barbara Plasse (5/2), Jennifer Steuer (5/4), Larry Waimon (5/5), Frann Flatley (5/10), Robert Rosenkranz (5/13), Meredith Rosoff (5/13), Susan Lieberman (5/13), Melvin Bittman (5/13), Marilyn Bazan (5/14), Jeffrey Hill (5/26), Stuart Leinoff (5/28), Sofia Rae Rice (5/31 - 2 years old!), Ruth Ginsburg Lichtman (5/31), Suzanne Seay (5/31)

Get Well Soon!

Helen Ahern, Rabbi Jeffrey Ballon, Ronald Binns, Paul Cattabiani, Maryann Charlabois, Mariella Cohen, Mia Corton, John Dessingue, Victor Friedman, Gayle Goldstein, Allan Gordon, Jacqueline Gordon, Hilda Grunblatt, Mark Grunblatt, Jack Hellman, Mike Jucowics, Chris Kobel, Jack Kornblum, Paula Knight, Linda Leinoff, Diane Martin, Karen Muller, Vinnie Muselli, Sade Paige, Dave Peyton, Edie Rudnick, Alan Schwartz, Sonny Segan, Ariel Sharon, Frank Sheridan, Helen Silverstein, Iaian Simmons, Walter Stern, Carol Wells, Jarod Winchell, Bertel Wolfe



Happy Anniversary!

Howard & Jennifer Nadler (5/30 - 11 years!)

Condolences

Judith R. Sobel, mother of Rabbi Sharon Sobel, Isaac Sobel, David and Marilyn Sobel, Michael Sobel, Ari and Christina Sobel Drumm, Naomi and Jonathan Marks, grandmother of Heather Ward, Katie and Samantha Sobel, Sarah Sobel, Zoe and Max Sobel Drum and Sydney and Xavier Marks, died unexpectedly after a short illness, on Monday, March 15, 2010 in Tampa Florida. The funeral was held in Tampa Florida on Thursday, March 18.

Norman Smoller, beloved husband of Beatrice Smoller, devoted father of Joyce (Michael) Smith, Stephen (Sandra) Smoller and Bruce (Cosette) Smoller, passed away on March 24, 2010. A graveside funeral was held on March 28, 2010 in Maryland.

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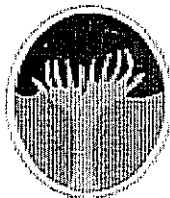
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