



The Shofar

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Havdallah & Mitzvah Plaque Ceremony

On **Saturday, November 21st at 5:30 p.m.**,

we will be honoring

Sandy Searleman and Fred Fagelman

as their names are added to the *mitzvah* plaque in the hallway of Temple Beth El.

The evening will begin with a *Havdallah* Service followed by a dinner catered by Monahan Chase Caterers.

Please choose from the menu below and make your reservations by either mailing your check or by calling Katie in the Temple office on weekday mornings with your credit card information.

Since this is a catered affair, we cannot accept any reservations after

Thursday, November 12th.

The menu for the night includes your choice of:

Chicken Roulade

Tenderloin of Beef

Vegetarian Rollatini Primavera

Each dinner includes salad, rolls, beverage (including wine), dessert and coffee.

Price: \$45/person

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RABBI'S MESSAGE

The following is a revision of Rabbi Durbin's *Yom Kippur* sermon. It is included here for the benefit of those who were not able to hear it in Temple on *Yom Kippur* or those who wish to share it with others.

"The days of our lives are like scrolls. Write on them only what you want to be remembered about you." These words were spoken by Bachya Ibn Pakuda, one of our great medieval sages. As we enter into this New Year, we find that we must honestly and directly ask ourselves that very important question: not the passive "what will be written on our scrolls" but the active "what will we write on our scrolls this year?" Have we improved since last *Yom Kippur* or are we on the same path as before? Is that our path forever, or is THIS the year when we will move forward?

Rabbis teach that every human being possesses two tendencies; a *yetzer hatov*, the good inclination, and a *yetzer hara*, the evil inclination. This means all of us are capable of good as well as evil. Each of us is a Dr. Jekyll and a Mr. Hyde. Each of us, says famed psychologist Carl Jung, has a shadow, a side of ourselves we are not proud of and do not like. In asserting the duality of human nature, Judaism insists our fate is not predetermined by original sin, the belief that human beings are innately flawed. Judaism insists we are free to choose whether we will turn in the direction of our *yetzer hatov* or our *yetzer hara* because God endowed human beings with the greatest gift: the ability to choose our actions; the gift of free will. Each of our choices is ours to make. With each decision we have to remember that we have the God-given power to choose to follow our *yetzer hatov* or our *yetzer hara*.

Yom Kippur embraces both sides of our human dialectic. On the one hand, this sacred day proclaims we are always capable of change. We can always choose to make a different choice in the present. Our future is never completely defined by our past. On the other hand, we readily confess many times over during the 24 hours that we say, "*Ashamnu, b'gad'nu, g'zalnu...*" "We have gone astray, we have sinned, we have transgressed."

Do you remember the Woody Allen line "In my family, the worst sin was paying retail?" In truth, each of us has paid retail – and done far worse. We have compromised our integrity, done things we knew were wrong, and given in to more temptations than we care to admit.

On *Yom Kippur*, we acknowledge the real truth about ourselves. Notice, however, that none of us is forced to say publicly, "This is what I did." Our liturgy of confession, named the *vidui* prayer, the one which begins, "Our God, God of our mothers and fathers, grant that our prayers may reach You. Do not be deaf to our pleas, for we are not so arrogant and stiff-necked as to say before You, Lord our God and God of all ages, we are perfect and have not sinned, rather do we confess; we have gone astray, we have sinned, we have transgressed," presents us with powerful and meaningful insights and yet contains an element of mystery and is shrouded in thought-provoking language which aims to place individuals and community accountable for our transgressions. This prayer is invariably couched in the plural, never the singular. We have sinned against You..., rather than I have transgressed. Thus, our individual misdeeds are subsumed into the collective "we." This is our Jewish tradition's sensitive way of helping each of us to save face, and also serves for each of us to recognize that we are not perfect, that we are called into account as a community who are in need of reconciliation and acceptance.

This notion of the collective has always fascinated and intrigued me. Why the plural when on *Yom Kippur* I am asking for personal forgiveness from God? I suspect that the reason is that we are all responsible for each other and each of our actions and deeds have massive repercussions and can directly affect one another. Therefore, we recall our sins collectively and ask for personal forgiveness on behalf of the community. The sages teach us, "All Israel is responsible for each other." Therefore, no one is free to desist from work which impacts each other. As Rabbi Hillel said, "If I am not for myself, who will be for me? But if I am only for myself, what am I? If not now, when?"

And perhaps also, the collective "we" is also our tradition's way of saying that life is a journey, and it is far better to go on that journey together, rather than alone.

This reminds me of a beautiful story told by Rabbi Harold Kushner: "I watched two children who had been building an elaborate sandcastle by the sea. The castle had gates and towers and moats. What a huge and utterly neat creation. But, just when the children had nearly finished their project, a wave came and washed away all their work. I expected the children to burst into tears, devastated by what



RABBI'S MESSAGE (Continued)

had happened to all their hard work. But they surprised me. Instead of lifting up cries of protest, they ran up the shoreline, laughing and holding hands, and sat down to build another sand castle." Rabbi Kushner concludes, "All things in our lives, all the complicated structures we spend so much time and energy building, are built on sand. Only our relationships to people endure. Sooner or later, the waves will come along and knock down what we have worked so hard to build up. When this happens, only the person who has somebody's hand to hold will be able to laugh and endure."

Kol Nidrei summons us to reflect seriously on our sand castles – to revisit our personal triumphs and our tribulations during the past year. Looking back is never easy. But if we want to move forward with our lives, we must first look back.

On Kol Nidrei night, we revisit our choices over the past year, and the prices we paid as the consequence of those choices. We ask ourselves: What brought me the most joy in the past year? What brought me the most regret? Of what am I the most proud? Of what am I not so proud? On the Day of Atonement, we restore the balance of our humanity. We bring ourselves back to the core of our being. We take back responsibility for the future direction of our lives. We summon up the resolve to change those things in our lives that have really got to change. How do we make sure that this New Year will not be just a repeat of the last? How do we make this New Year truly different? How do we access the best that is within us? Where do we find the inspiration and the strength to change the direction of our lives?

Let me illustrate with a story:

In a European shtetl a prominent citizen once made extremely disparaging and libelous public comments about the town's rabbi. The rabbi heard and summoned the man to his study. The rabbi confronted the man with his misdeeds, and the man immediately apologized and begged the rabbi's forgiveness. The rabbi said, "I will forgive you on one condition: that you go to your home and bring me one of your pillows." The man was puzzled but immediately complied. When he brought the pillow to the rabbi's study the rabbi ordered him to rip it open and let its feathers fly in the wind. The man was even more puzzled, but he did as ordered. The rabbi then said: "I will forgive you for speaking ill of me once you gather all of the feathers and stuff them back in the pillow." The man was stunned. "But rabbi," he said, "the feathers are already spread over half of the shtetl, if not beyond. It is not possible to gather them all back!" "So it is with your words," the rabbi concluded. "Once you let them out of your mouth there is no telling where they went and upon whose ears they will fall. Once you utter them there is no way to get them back."

The same holds true for everything we do. Once we act there is no way of telling who will ultimately be touched, or of undoing that which has already been done. We never truly know what effect our acts will have on those around us and future generations. The ultimate effect and influence we have on our children, grandchildren, loved ones, family, friends and society at large is largely ephemeral and impossible to quantify. But there can be no doubt that who we are, how we see the world, and the deeds we perform are like ripples in a pond, spreading ever outward from where they began.

I encourage you to reflect on the times this past year when you followed your *yetzer hara* instead of your *yetzer hatov* — and how you can be stronger this year. Reflect on how you can help your community be stronger this year. Then, think about those closest to you. Please think about who has kept you warm. Think about all the goodness you've been given, all the blessings you've received. Take this warmth and share it with others. All of Israel is responsible *zeh le zeh*, responsible for each other. Feel this warmth and become the change you most want to see in this world.

How do you wish to be remembered this year?

"The days of our lives are like scrolls. Write on them only what you want to be remembered about you."

Amen!

Rabbi Matthew J. Durbin



Stories Wanted!

It has come to our attention that many of our members and friends have visited places of Jewish interest while on vacation. If any of you have photos or would like to write a brief article, we would be pleased to publish them in future issues of the Shofar. Please e-mail (tbegfny@gmail.com) or drop them off to Katie in the Temple office.

Pot Luck Dinner

On November 13th at 6 p.m., there will be a Pot Luck Dinner followed by a Family Service at 7 p.m. Please e-mail Katie in the Temple office to let her know what dish you will be bringing to share or if you need some ideas of what to bring. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Hometown Thanksgiving "A Community Dinner for All"

Dear Temple Beth El,

Fall weather brings thoughts of holidays and of family, as well as the upcoming Hometown Thanksgiving Dinner, a fixture in the greater Glens Falls area for well over 20 years. The dinner will be held again this year at the Christ Church Methodist, located at the corner of Bay and Washington Streets in Glens Falls.

This year's need is expected to be even greater than in recent years due to economic conditions. As such, the Hometown Thanksgiving Committee needs volunteers and money to assist with the procurement of food and supplies for the event. Historically, upwards of 1,000 to 1,500 meals are served at the Church or delivered to area homes.

If you know of someone who can donate time to help solicit food and supplies, or if you wish to donate money for that effort, please contact Hometown by phone at 518-636-9679 or my mail at PO Box 2445, Glens Falls, NY 12801. Hometown Thanksgiving is a registered not for profit corporation so all contributions and volunteer efforts are tax deductible.

With special thanks and a welcome to share the festivities,

The Hometown Thanksgiving Dinner Committee

Chai Society Breakfast Program

Topic: The Graven Image

Speaker: Dr. Robert Arnold

Date and Time: Sunday, December 20 at 9:15 a.m.

Summary: The second commandment against worshiping graven images is the only commandment where God threatens retribution upon the parents who break it and also "upon the children, upon the third and the fourth generation." While murder, adultery, stealing, bearing false witness, dishonoring your parents are clearly bad, as well as destructive to human society, and while the commandments prohibiting this behavior are self-evident, it is not so clear what is wrong with idolatry, how it is destructive, nor why, in light of the punishment down to the "fourth generation," God is so angry with those who break the commandment. This talk will try to answer these questions.

About the Speaker: Robert Arnold received his doctoral degree in philosophy from the University of Texas at Austin. He has taught at several colleges and at a private school in the Boston area as an instructor of philosophy and Spanish.

The chefs for the breakfast will be Mike Siegel and Larry Silver.



Ritual Committee Report

Tuesday, October 13, 2009

Sukkot: The evening was wonderful. 82 people made reservations for the Pizza in the Hut supper. Perrin Tanimoto (daughter of Beth Serlin and Craig Tanimoto) was named. Orel Friedman received a birthday blessing.

Simchat Torah: The Saturday morning service was lively. Many children were on the Bimah and got to see the Torah unrolled "up close." A small group went apple picking at Hick's Orchard in the afternoon.

Channukah: A *Channukah* Family Service and latke dinner is scheduled for December 18th.

Hebrew Naming Ceremony: There will be a *Shabbat* Service on January 15th with Hebrew Naming for those who wish to be given a new Hebrew name. Those who wish to participate are asked to set up a meeting with Rabbi Durbin in the weeks preceding the service.

Rabbi Durbin will attend the URJ Biennial in Toronto from November 6th to November 10th.

Rabbi Durbin is working on a new *Haggadah* for the Temple Seder. It will be ready for review by the committee by March 1st. It will be printed and bound and kept for future Seders.

Pizza in the Hut & Sukkah Decorating Party

Families and friends of Temple Beth El shared a festive and fun evening celebrating the holiday of *Sukkot*, on Friday October 2. A sturdy *Sukkah* was decorated by the children of the congregation, Rabbi Durbin led us all in fulfilling the *mitzvot* of shaking the *lulav* and *etrog*, and in answer to our prayers, a fine misty rain contributed to the festivities. Delicious pizza and salads were served and we celebrated a family *Shabbat* service.

Sukkot, or the Festival of Booths, is the third holiday in the month of *Tishrei*. It is one of the three pilgrimage holidays, and in Great Temple days the whole Jewish people would come to the Great Temple in Jerusalem to offer animal and grain sacrifices. Today we celebrate this joyful holiday by offering up our voices in song and prayer.

Sukkot is mentioned in the Torah and commemorates the booths in which the Israelites lived in the desert after the Exodus from Egypt. It also reminds us of the divine Clouds of Glory that God caused to shelter the tribes in the desert; keeping them cool in the daytime and warm at night. A *sukkah* is a temporary dwelling, usually with wooden or cloth walls on at least three of its four sides and a roof made of tree branches through which the sky can be seen and rainwater can penetrate.

Sukkot is also known as the Harvest holiday and lasts for seven days, from the 15th to the 21st of *Tishrei*. The custom of shaking the *lulav* and *etrog* fulfills the *mitzvah* of the Four Species. The *lulav* consists of four types of plants held together; palm shoots, willow and myrtle branches and a lemon type of fruit called an *etrog* or citron, reflecting a variety of characteristics in nature and in man. A special blessing is recited and we shake the *lulav* and *etrog* in all directions, reminding us that God is everywhere. When we shake the branches and fruit in all directions we also spread our gratitude for our many blessings spread throughout our wonderful world.

The camaraderie and fellowship of our fellow Congregants in sharing the beauty of our Jewish customs, a joyful service, and a wonderful meal makes us appreciate living in the glorious Adirondacks and being part of the family of Temple Beth El.

Ellen Katz

Our Condolences

Genevieve Mattison, mother of Temple's Cathy (and Chuck) Viele, grandmother of Genevieve Viele, passed away on Sunday, September 27, 2009 at the age of 85.

Jeannette Yaffee, mother of Joyce Yaffee and Ira Yaffee, passed away on Thursday, October 1, 2009.

Madeline F. Bassin, mother of Dr. Jeffrey (and Lynda) Bassin, Dr. Stephen (and Tish) Bassin, Dr. Elise (and Roger) Bassin, and Dr. Alfred (and Phyllis) Bassin, passed away on Friday, October 9.



NOVEMBER 2009

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<p>1</p> <p>9 a.m. Pedlar's Fair</p> <p>9:20 a.m. Religious School</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7 p.m. USA Dance Board Meeting</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10 a.m. Text Study</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Hebrew School</p>	<p>5</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Intermediate Hebrew Study</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7 p.m. Ser-vice / Oneg hosted by Ralph Leinoff in memory of Lillian Leinoff</p> <p><i>Rabbi Away (URJ Bien-nial)</i></p>	<p>7</p> <p>No Torah Study</p>
<p>8</p> <p>9:20 a.m. Religious School</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10 a.m. Book Club Meeting</p> <p><i>Rabbi Returns</i></p>	<p>11</p> <p>10 a.m. Text Study</p> <p>Veteran's Day</p> <p>No Hebrew School</p>	<p>12</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Intermediate Hebrew Study</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6 p.m. Pot Luck Dinner</p> <p>7 p.m. Fam-ily Service / Oneg host to be an-nounced</p>	<p>14</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Torah Ser-vice</p> <p>6:30 p.m. USA Dance</p> <p>Use your Bon Ton Coupons!!</p>
<p>15</p> <p>9:20 a.m. Religious School</p> <p>Noon Dairy Pot Luck Luncheon</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Shofar Deadline</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7 p.m. Rit-ual/Pulpit Committee Meeting</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10 a.m. Text Study</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Hebrew School</p>	<p>19</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Intermediate Hebrew Study</p>	<p>20</p> <p>7 p.m. Torah Service / Oneg hosted by the Wasserman Family in honor of S. Searleman and F. Fagel-man</p>	<p>21</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Torah Study</p> <p>5:30 p.m. <i>Havdalah</i> Service / Mitzvah Plaque</p>
<p>22</p> <p>9:20 a.m. Religious School</p> <p>1 p.m. Un-veiling (Elliot Pearl)</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7 p.m. TBE Board Meeting</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10 a.m. Text Study</p> <p>No Hebrew School</p>	<p>26</p> <p>No Int. Hebrew Study</p> <p>Thanksgiv-ing (Office Closed)</p>	<p>27</p> <p>7 p.m. Ser-vice / Oneg host to be announced</p> <p><i>Rabbi Away</i></p>	<p>28</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Torah Study</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Contra Dance</p>
<p>29</p> <p>No Reli-gious School</p>	<p>30</p>					



DECEMBER 2009 (Preliminary Calendar - subject to change)

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1 11 a.m. Intro to Midrash 5:30 p.m. Beg. Hebrew 7 p.m. USA Dance Board Meeting	2 10 a.m. Text Study 6 p.m. Hebrew School	3 5:30 p.m. Intermediate Hebrew Study 7 p.m. Doing Jewish	4 7 p.m. Service / Oneg host to be announced	5 10:30 a.m. Torah Study 7 p.m. Pizza & a Movie
6 9:20 a.m. Religious School	7	8 10 a.m. Book Club Meeting 11 a.m. Intro to Midrash 5:30 p.m. Beg. Hebrew 7 p.m. Ritual/Pulpit Committee Meeting	9 10 a.m. Text Study 6 p.m. Hebrew School	10 5:30 p.m. Intermediate Hebrew Study	11 7 p.m. Service / Oneg host to be announced 1st Channukah Candle	12 10:30 a.m. Torah Study 6:30 p.m. USA Dance 2nd Channukah Candle
13 9:20 a.m. TSRS Channukah Party 3rd Channukah Candle	14 4th Channukah Candle	15 11 a.m. Intro to Midrash 5:30 p.m. Beg. Hebrew Shofar Deadline 5th Channukah Candle	16 10 a.m. Text Study 6 p.m. Hebrew School 6th Channukah Candle	17 5:30 p.m. Intermediate Hebrew Study 7th Channukah Candle	18 6 p.m. Latke Dinner 7 p.m. Channukah Family Service / Oneg hosted by the Paige Family ICO Sade's 18 th birthday 8th Channukah Candle	19 10:30 a.m. Torah Study
20 9:15 a.m. Chai Society Breakfast (Dr. Robert Arnold) 9:20 a.m. Religious School	21	22 7 p.m. TBE Board Meeting	23 10 a.m. Text Study No Hebrew School	24	25 7 p.m. Service / Oneg host to be announced Christmas Rabbi Away	26 No Torah Study
27 No Religious School	28	29	30 No Text Study No Hebrew School	31 New Years Eve		



Contributions

GENERAL FUND

Roger & Myriam Friedman

In honor of Dr. Orel Friedman's birthday

Beverly Friedman Seligson

General Donation

Harold Poster

In honor of the 50th wedding anniversary of Carol & David Aronson

Harold Poster

In memory of Myrna Poster

Sid & Lina Hellman & Family

In memory of Frances Stern

Eleanor Elliott

In honor of Orel Friedman's birthday: I look up to you and hope I reach your place.

Eva & Ronald Pierce

In memory of Sandra Suckman

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In honor of the high holidays

Maxine & Martin Wasserman

With thanks to Larry Silver

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In memory of Abram Corton

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In honor of the high holy days

Robert & Barbara Rosoff

In appreciation of the choir for the holy days

Robert & Barbara Rosoff

In appreciation for the privilege for participating in the holy day services

Phillip & Charlotte Lefton

In honor of David & Rachel Coleman

Florence Infantino

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In memory of Sharon Coleman

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In memory of Rena Berkowitz

Ronnie Serlin

In honor of the baby naming of my granddaughter Perrin Skylar

Deena Gill

In loving memory of Camille Wodicka's mother, Frances Stern

Deena Gill

Happy anniversary Rabbi Matt and Rose Durbin

Philip & Erma Gordon

In appreciation of Rabbi Durbin remembering their son Allan Gordon and for his prayers

Charles & Ann Dolin

In appreciation of Temple Beth El

Jonathan & Dale Nemer

In memory of Madeline Bassin

KITCHEN FUND

Arnold Slawsby

In memory of Eileen Slawsby

Book Club

Here is the list of the next few books that we will be reading.

November 10, 2009: The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer & Ann Barrows (There is a possibility this date will be changed. Please e-mail Karen Marks at karojo@nycap.rr.com.)

December 08, 2009: The Forgers Spell by Edward Doinick

January 12, 2010: The Book Thief by Markus Zusak

All are welcome to join us at the Temple from 10 a.m. until noon. Happy reading to you all,

The Tuesday Morning Turning Points Book Club



TSRS Update

Due to the large number of Jewish holidays that fell during the months of September and October, the religious school has had a somewhat disjointed start to the year. However, the reactions that I have received so far have been overwhelmingly positive. I am very much looking forward to the fact that we will now be meeting on a weekly basis for the next few months.

During our first week back, the religious school recreated a traditional *Shabbat* dinner for the students as an activity and a mid-morning snack. I would like to especially thank Scott Schwartz and his 6-7 class for organizing and running the program. We had an entire meal for each of the students to go along with the traditional prayers and customs that accompany the meal. The program was highly educational and the food was quite enjoyable. In the future, the religious school would like to recreate this event for the larger community. Special thanks to Rabbi Marmon as well for playing the guitar and leading us in a few traditional *Shabbat* evening songs and for explaining the meaning of Rosh Chodesh to us.

The next TSRS community luncheon will be on Sunday November 15th at the Temple immediately following school at noon. These luncheons are open to the entire Jewish community, and I hope to see many of you there. The first luncheon last month was highly successful and gave members of the community an opportunity to socialize and enjoy a meal with our students, their families, and their friends.

The religious school's family Chanukah celebration is scheduled for December 13th. I am pleased to announce that I have hired Eve Cameron as an Israeli dance instructor for the occasion. She is a very experienced specialist in children's Israeli dancing. She is the director of the Israeli dance programs at the Sinai Academy of the Berkshires and Kneset Israel Synagogue in Pittsfield, MA and the Hebrew Academy of the Capital District and Temple Israel Hebrew School in Albany. I'm sure that she will create a wonderful program for our students and families.

I appreciate the support that I have received so far from members of both congregations, and I am looking forward to the rest of the school year. I hope that everyone had meaningful high holy days.

Adam Fine, TSRS Director

Dairy Pot Luck Luncheon

There will be a Dairy Pot Luck luncheon Sunday November 15th at the Temple from 12:00 till 1 p.m. Everyone is invited and encouraged to bring friends. Please call Scott or Michele Schwartz at 792-3408 to let us know if you will be able to attend and what you will be bringing.

Thank you. Scott Schwartz

Torah Portions

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7:

Gen. 18:1-22:24

Pr. II Kings 4:1-37

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14:

Gen. 23:1-25:18

Pr. I Kings 1:1-31

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21:

Gen. 25:19-28:9

Pr. Mal. 1:1-2:7

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28:

Gen. 28:10-32:3

Pr. Hosea 12:13-14:10

Go shopping to support Temple Beth El!

From now until November 14th, Temple Beth El is partnering with Bon-Ton stores through the sale of coupon booklets, good toward store merchandise. With 100% of booklet sales benefiting the organizations, you can feel good going shopping and great about giving back!

These valuable coupon booklet can be purchased for just \$5 each, good toward great merchandise at the Bon-Ton family of stores during the special **One Day Community Day Sale on November 14th**.

In this coupon booklet, is a \$10 off coupon good towards any item priced \$10 or more, plus an Early Bird Coupon of 30% off, and many more!

For more information or to purchase a coupon booklet, please contact Katie at the Temple office.



We Remember

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

November 6

*Abraham Bronne, Anne Daniels Goldberg, Julia Goldman, Bernard Grablow, *Marcos Hellenberg, Elsie Jarret, *Herman Metzner, Esther Rome, Rose Leah Rosoff, Charles Searleman, Michelle Shapiro, Andrea Silver, *Glenard Turner, *Ruth Turner, *M. Michael Yaffee

November 13

*Carl Bronne, Rose Drew, *Dorothy Fagelman, *Herman Feigenbaum, William Fine, *Leslie Klein, *Alexander Lazarus, *Lillian Leinoff, *Joshua Lowe, Pearl Munzer, *Esther Nachman, *Samuel Nathan, *William Parker, *Isabella Schwager

November 20

*Louise Bronne Baer, *Louis Bassock, David Bittman, *Flora Bronne, Charles Garlen, Joseph Gladstone, Mary Hellman, Dr. Harrison Karp, Joseph Kmiecik, *Ruth Bronne Nathan, Benjamin Rothblatt, *Shirley Segan, Sam Swirsky, *Bertie F. Task

November 27

Paul Arnstein, Billy Dopreen, Alice Doran, *Vilma Gelman, Robert Gordon, Marie Handen, *Sol Koch, Gertrude Lebowich, Dr. David Lawrence Little, Hannah Robbins, Marcia Schmitt, William Shapiro, *Edward Sommer, Anna Waterman

(*name appears on yearzeit plaque in the sanctuary)

November Oneg Hosts

November 6:

Ralph Leinoff in memory of Lillian Leinoff

November 13:

Host Needed

November 20:

Martin and Maxine Wasserman in honor of
Sandy Searleman and Fred Fagelman

November 27:

Host Needed

Oneg Hosts

Thank you to those who hosted Onegs in October: specifically, the Serlin Family, the Lieberman Family, and the Durbin Family. Please remember that there are still many open dates that need hosts!! Sign up today!!

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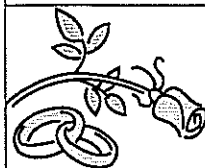


Happy Birthday!

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Happy Anniversary!

William & Amy Brender (11/3)

Steve & Lydia Adler (11/12 - 44 years)

Jon & Naomi Marks (11/15 - 6 years)

Robert & Stephanie Kaufman (11/18 - 36 years)

Eric & Dara Amengual (11/23 - 21 years)



Mazel Tov To

Ellen & Bruce Katz. They moved into their new home at 12 Wings Falls Court, Queensbury.

Martha & Sandy Searleman. They moved into their new home at 12 Pollazzo Court, Queensbury.

Mia Corton. She relocated to her new home at the Hebrew Rehabilitation Center, 1200 Centre Street, Room 436 West, Boston, MA 02131.



Welcome New Member!

Bari Nisoff Mattison

Mazel Tov

David Martin (son of Temple Beth El's Musical Director Diane and Bill Martin) and **Dorothy Liftig** who married on Sunday, October 18, 2009 in Westbrook, Connecticut.



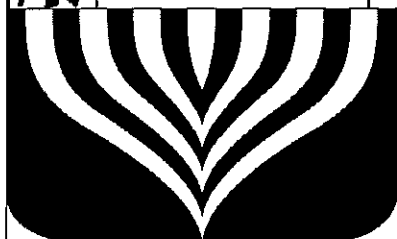
Appreciation

- Thank you to everyone who participated in building (and taking down) our new *Sukkah*!
- Dear Temple Beth El, My family and I are members of Temple Emanu-El, a Reform Congregation in Livingston, New Jersey. We spent Rosh Hashanah in the Glens Falls region. Your Temple was gracious enough to provide us tickets to your service. The service was wonderful, and Rabbi Durbin was very inspiring. Thank you again for having us. As the years go on, we plan to spend more time in your region. We hope that Temple Beth El will always be there for us. Sincerely, Charles Dolin and Family.



- We enjoyed the [high holy day] services very much. Rabbi Durbin did an excellent job! Thank you! Rachel Murray & Liz Giblin
- Allison Levin and Rachel Gartner for chairing Pizza in the Hut
- Rabbi Durbin would like to thank those who helped celebrate *Sukkot* by picking apples with him at Hick's Orchard after the *Simchat Torah* Service on October 10th.
- Thank you to Suzanne Seay, Rachel, Henry and Charlie Gartner for providing the corn stalks for our *sukkah* roof.





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Doing Jewish

Thursdays: November 12, 19 and December 3 at 7 p.m.

Introduction to Midrash

Tuesdays: December 1, 8 and 15 at 11 a.m.

For more information, please call or e-mail the Temple.



Temple Beth El History: "The Mansion of My Soul"

[Following is an excerpt from the early history of Temple Beth El, written by Ella Cline. The second volume, "The Mansion of My Soul," covers the year 1926.]

Now comes the magic month of June. Our city becomes a garden spot, a delight to one's senses, a vista of green lawns, flower-bordered streets gently shaded with elms and maples planted long and long ago. The entire town takes on the glorification of a sunlit flowering garden. It is enough just to be conscious of the gracious beauty all about one to make one blissfully thankful for life.

Landscape gardeners are making lawns around the Temple. The Sisters are planning the annual picnic for the children of our Religious School.

Anna Maslon and Ella Cline took charge of a food sale in Erlanger's store on June 16 that earned for us fifty dollars so that Lillian Bronne and the Sunday school committee could go right ahead with the picnic on June 23 in Fort George Park.

We had a glorious time. It could not be otherwise when our rabbi was directing the games. Byron Jacobson broiling the "dogs," Isabelle and Lillian "bossing" the refreshment table. All this on a day in June, amid fragrant pines, on the shores of Lake George, with the hills misty in the distance.

During June our Home Room was utilized for a new purpose. Anna Pickard gave a party there for the congregation in honor of her son's birthday. We should look upon the Home Room as our larger home.

In June a committee came here for the joint drive for Jewish relief in the Near East and Palestine. The Hebrew Ladies Aid gave to this drive all it had in its treasury, \$213.22. It had suspended in May. There are no destitute among our people here. The other activities of the organization had been taken over by the Sisterhood or the Women's Assembly. Still the H.L.A. had been the root from which all other activities have grown. The active members voted to hold a reunion meeting each May as long as their president, Mrs. Julius Jacobson, was spared to them, but not to disband entirely. They then voted all that they had in their treasury to be given to the first drive made for Jewish relief.

Could there be an extraordinary meaning in the fact that about three per cent of the population here are Jews? Our relations with our neighbors are cordial and friendly. All our institutions have been partly built with Gentile donations; all our public affairs are made successful by Gentile patronage. The phrase "the brotherhood of man" has practical meaning here.

Rabbi Parker invited the Sisterhood to be his guests at Lake George for our July meeting. We gladly accepted and had an exceptionally well-attended meeting. Plans were there made for a supper and bridge at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bronne on July 22 which proved a very charming affair. At this meeting Mrs. Carl Bronne read several beautiful poems after the business of the meeting was finished and just before the social half-hour when refreshments are usually served. At each meeting of the Sisterhood after that an article of interest about Judaism, or a poem, was read by one of the members and so a note of intellectual activity was given to our gatherings.

On July 29 the Sisterhood gave a bridge and dance at the Fernwood Inn by courtesy of Mrs. Dessaur, the owner. Anna Maslon was chairman of this affair which was well conducted in every way. The money made at these two affairs enabled us to pay the last two hundred dollars due on the pianos and left something in the treasury.



Message from Monica Corton

Dear Temple Beth El Family:

On behalf of my entire family, I wanted to thank you for your incredible outpouring of love and support during this time of grieving for my father, Abe Corton. We have all been so touched by your kind words and generous donations to the Temple. Many of you shared stories with us and I wanted to see if you might share those with me in writing by sending them to my e-mail at momusing@aol.com. I want to put together a memory book for my nephew, Will and my niece, Mollie so that they will have some idea about who their grandfather was and how he touched the people in his community.

On another note, many of you know we have been waiting to move my mom, Mia, to the Hebrew Rehabilitation Center in Boston, MA so that she can be closer to her grandchildren. We finally got the thumbs up on September 25 and she is now in her new home...adjusting slowly. If you would like to contact her either by writing or phone...here is her contact information: Mia Corton, Hebrew Rehabilitation Center, 1200 Centre Street, Room 436 West, Boston, MA 02131, Ph: 617-327-0696.

May you all have a very healthy, happy and sweet 5770!

All the best,
Monica Corton



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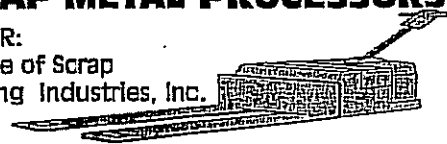
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