Mark Your Calendars:

Meet and Greet Rabbi Norman Mendel Service
Friday, September 8 at 7 p.m.

Chai Society Breakfast Program (Dr. Norman Enhorning)
Sunday, September 10 at 9 a.m.

Havdalah & Selichot Service
Saturday, September 16 at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at Bogey’s Pub & Grill

First Day of Temple Beth El Religious School
Sunday, September 17 from 9:15 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

Erev Rosh Hashanah & Oneg
Wednesday, September 20 at 8 p.m.

Rosh Hashanah
Thursday, September 21 at 10 a.m.
Tashlich (Hovey Pond) at 1 p.m.
Children’s Service at 3:30 p.m.

Memorial Service at Temple Beth El Cemetery
Sunday, September 24 at 11:30 a.m.

Erev Yom Kippur (Kol Nidre)
Friday, September 29 at 8 p.m.

Yom Kippur
Saturday, September 30 at 10 a.m.; Children’s Service at 2 p.m.;
Afternoon Service at 3 p.m. followed by a Yizkor Memorial Service, Neilah,
Closing Service and then “Break-the-Fast”

Family Sukkot Service / Pizza in the Hut
Friday, October 6 at 6 p.m.

Simchat Torah Service
Friday, October 13 at 7 p.m.
Rabbi’s Message

The chasid said “I pray that when I pray I may pray with a whole heart.” Simply stated, that means that prayer needs preparation. The genius of Judaism was to set the month of Elul as a time for preparation before the High Holy Days. This year, as always, we have a lot to think about. In our own personal lives, perhaps we need to think of our relationships. The same could be said for our lives outside the home. As the summer ends, these weeks before the Holy Days give us a quiet time to reflect upon our lives, our values, and our relationships. Heather joins me in wishing you and yours a thoughtful period of preparation and a beautiful New Year season.

Rabbi Norm

President’s Message

As we near the High Holidays, the beginning of our New Year, 5778, I am struck by what Temple has accomplished this year. For the first time in my memory, we have come together in strength to discuss, plan and act for the future of our Congregation.

We met and conducted extensive discussions, in the Congregation, and at our Pulpit Committee and Board of Trustees Meetings, to clearly define Temple’s needs and our current resources.

Looking back, I am amazed and proud of the manner in which we examined our needs, our history and our identity, at times contentiously, but always in earnest and with respect. As a result, we made decisions that will enable us to maintain our full annual schedule of programs with Rabbi Mendel fully involved in all of them, within a balanced budget.

With your help and dedication to a bright future, Temple will no longer mortgage that future in service of the present.

In truth, with our declining membership, there has been little need for the full-time presence of a Rabbi for many years. A careful review of our annual calendar, and an extensive discussion with our congregants, revealed that our present calendar meets the needs of our members, and, unchanged for many years, will continue to do so well into the future.

In our next issue, I will discuss the improvements in Temple’s physical plant, and in our technology and outreach. Further, I will describe our plans going forward, and detail how you can help, during my High Holiday address.

Karen and I look forward to spending time with you.

L’shana tova!

Steve Adler

L' Shanah Tovah

Have a sweet year!
Thank you to the Jewish Federation of Northeastern New York for their generous support of Temple Beth El and Temple Religious School.
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Chai Society Breakfast Program

Title: Never Again: The Presidential Election of 1940
Speaker: Norm Enhorning, Distinguished Professor Emeritus of History at SUNY Adirondack
Date/Time: Sunday, September 10, 2017 at 9:15 a.m.
Place: Ralph and Lillian Leinoff Community Room
Summary: The emphasis of this talk will be on why the election of Franklin Delano Roosevelt was the last time a three-term President was a reality. Also discussed will be why there was so much anti-Semitism in the 1940 election, as well as the reasons behind F.D.R. losing both the German-American and the Italian-American votes.

Sandy Searleman will be the head chef for this Chai Society event. A full, sumptuous breakfast will be served.

Temple Religious School

Find out what's new at Temple Beth El Religious School!
REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR

Temple Beth El Religious School (TRS) is a fun and nurturing place where our children in grades K-7 meet twice a month for classes, enjoy monthly Family Shabbat Services and Potluck Dinners, and take part in ongoing Jewish enrichment activities. Together we make wonderful Jewish memories that will last a lifetime. Our curriculum provides students with a variety of Jewish and Hebrew learning experiences that are welcoming to all types of learners, from many different Jewish backgrounds and family structures. We are sensitive and accommodating to the individual diversity, knowledge and skill levels each student brings to our school. We take pride in making Judaism relevant to modern day living.

New and returning TRS families are invited to join together from 9:15AM –12 Noon, Sunday, September 17th for our first morning of Religious School. We will reconnect with old friends, meet new ones, and learn more about what is planned for our 2017-2018 school year. Parents and children will have the opportunity to meet with our Rabbi, Director, Teachers and Teen Assistants. We will celebrate, “snack and schmooze” and engage in a family project for Rosh Hashanah.

If you and your child/children are not yet part of our TRS family and you are interested in learning more about our Temple Religious School, please join us the morning of September 17th. Please contact TRS Director Christine Levy at cmlevy@iname.com or (518)-796-8808 to let us know you will be attending the first day of class; or for any inquiries about our religious school program, registration, preschool activities, b’nai mitzvah and confirmation instruction, or teen activities.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU!

Christine Levy
Religious School Director
We Remember

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

September 1

September 8

September 15

September 22

September 19

(*name appears on yahrzeit plaque in the sanctuary)

Torah Portions

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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 their lives.

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

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

**Phyllis & Dan Brown *Kvell***

Phyllis and Dan Brown are thrilled to announce the engagement of their son Benjamin Brown to Lauren Oliva, originally from East Brunswick NJ.

Lauren is employed at Biogen in Cambridge MA as Global Regulatory Policy, Senior Manager, and Ben is currently a Consultant at Forrester Research, also located in Cambridge. Ben and Lauren currently reside in Somerville, MA and are looking forward to an exciting future together. 

*Mazel tov* to the wonderful couple!!

**The Levin Family *Kvels***

Jonah Levin recently attended the Junior National Young Leaders Conference in Washington, DC.

From their website: During this six-day Envision program, students develop leadership skills while having the educational experience of a lifetime. With a focus on influential figures from American history and social advocacy, JrNYLC is an experience that is packed with fun and engaging site experiences as well as engaging activities that bring the concepts and skills of effective leadership to life. Students at JrNYLC learn to work together and collaborate as they develop action plans that they can put into practice in their homes and communities, continuing beyond their conference experience.

Jonah was nominated by one of his teachers to the program, where students work on leadership skills, communication, problem-solving, and more, while learning about U.S. history. One day, at Harpers Ferry, was spent learning about the Civil War. Another day, the students visited the Capitol and various war memorials in the Capital. They spent a night at the Maryland Science Center. As a highlight of the program, the students elected their own president and simulated a day in the Oval Office.
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TEMPLE HISTORY

The First Reform Services in Glens Falls

The first Reform religious services in Glens Falls were conducted during the High Holy Days of 1922, before there was a Reform congregation here. Indirectly, this religious observance led to the founding of Temple Beth El.

The first Jews to settle in Glens Falls, mostly immigrants from Eastern Europe, arrived in the late 1880's, and by 1892, were sufficiently numerous to establish a synagogue and a Hebrew school. As of 1920, the Jewish population had increased significantly and included English-speakers whose families had been in the United States for some time. Many of them, unlike their more traditional counterparts, chose to be involved in the secular community in their social and professional lives. Merchants, factory owners, and professionals, some became civic leaders. Julius Jacobson, a German immigrant and retired owner of the Eagle Clothing Company (established in 1899, on Glen Street) chaired the Chamber of Commerce and then served in city government as Councilor-at-large and in 1920 as interim Mayor. Another Jewish businessman was a long-time Trustee of the local YMCA, beginning in the early 1920's.

Influenced by the progressive movement that had taken root in Germany in the nineteenth century, the more liberal Jews decided to establish a religious school for their children, where boys and girls would be taught together, in English, and the curriculum would focus on Jewish history, ethics, and culture. The new religious school was a success, with volunteer teachers, free tuition, holiday celebrations, and many activities for students and their families. Soon, the families sought other opportunities to express their Judaism outside the community of traditional Jews and the existing synagogue. At the same time, there was a national effort by Reform organizations to connect small, isolated Jewish communities with the nearest Reform or Free synagogue, in hopes of fostering the development of new congregations.

Julius Jacobson's wife, Julia, was the sister-in-law of Adolph Guttman, Rabbi Emeritus of the historic Temple Society of Concord in Syracuse, NY. Rabbi Guttman's advice had been instrumental in establishing the religious school. In 1922, at the request of Mrs. Jacobson, Rabbi Guttman conducted High Holy Day services in Glens Falls in the upstairs hall at the Eagle Clothing Company store.

Dr. Guttman's service was his gift to the Jews of Glens Falls, to encourage them to form their own congregation. Another gift was his definition of Reform Judaism, “creed and deed,” as expounded to his own congregation in Syracuse, whose archives recorded him as saying: “In our religion we are Jews, but in every other respect we are part and parcel of this great country, which we love with heart and mind. Its flag is our flag, its victories our victories, its defeats our defeats.” Thus he confirmed the mission of Reform Jews to be faithful to their religion and to carry their ethics into their lives in the secular world. When our Temple was built in 1925, Rabbi Guttman enforced his message with the gift of the ner tamid, “Eternal Light,” which still hangs above our bimah today.

Judith Metzner Shepherd, Historian

[Sources for this article included Ella Cline's Temple history, The History of the Sisterhood of Temple Beth-El of Glens Falls, New York, vol. 1 (1925); Gwen Palmer et al., Images of America, GLENS FALLS (Arcadia Publishing, 2004), pp. 28-30; the website of Temple Concord, Syracuse, NY; and other Internet resources.]
Happy Birthday!

Tanis Ives (9/3 – 9 years old!)
Dan Rice (9/4)
Kai Wodicka (9/9)
Leah Conklin (9/11)
Steve Adler (9/11)
Steven Binns (9/13)
Aaron Friedman (9/16)
Elaine Charhon (9/18)
Grant Levin (9/20 – 10 years old!)
Karen Marks (9/21)
Cooper Nadler (9/21 – 12 years old!)
Katie Weaver (9/22)
Elissa Fagelman (9/24)
Cara Schwartz (9/27)
Camden Wolffield (9/28 – 11 years old!)
William Breider (9/29)
Linda Friedman (9/30)

Happy Anniversary!!

Mike & Lynn Seidel (9/1 – 50 years)
Joel & Gail Solomon (9/8 – 43 years)
Jonathan & Dale Nemer (9/13 – 36 years)
Phil & Erma Gordon (9/26 – 48 years)

Oneg Appreciation

Temple Beth El Families and Friends in honor of Rabbi Norman Mendel
Karen Marks & Steve Adler in memory of Serri Schectman
Jack & Lois Hellman and Helene Rudnick in memory of Jack Brown
Bruce & Ellen Katz in memory of Samuel Katz
Jack & Lois Hellman in honor of Rabbi Mendel
Glens Falls Chapter of Hadassah
Naftali Rottenstreich in honor of Susan Fox’s birthday

Book Club

After taking the summer off, the book club will resume meeting as usual on the second Tuesday of the month in September at 10 a.m. in the Ralph and Lillian Leinoff Community Room at Temple Beth El. The next books we will be discussing are:

September 12: Small Great Things by Jodi Picoult
October 10: Commonwealth by Ann Patchett

Karen Marks Adler
karoho41@gmail.com

Mazel Tov

Daisy Rhonda Nason, the daughter of Michael and Alyssa Nason (and baby sister of Knox, who was named at Temple Beth El two years ago) was named in the Sanctuary of the Temple on Sunday, July 9, 2017 (15 Tamuz 5777) and given the Hebrew name "Edus bat Hannah". She is the granddaughter of Temple members Richard and Jane Reisman.

Mi Shebeirach

These comforting words can be said on behalf of those who are ill. Whether friends or loved ones are struggling with physical, emotional or spiritual challenges, this prayer speaks to our desire for their healing.

May the one who blessed our ancestors, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah, bless and heal those who are ill [names]. May the Blessed Holy One be filled with compassion for their health to be restored and their strength to be revived. May God swiftly send them a complete renewal of body and spirit, and let us say, Amen.

Please include in your healing prayers: Marcus Berg, Michael Berg, Vanessa Bishop, Patricia Brie, Mitch Frasier, Victor Friedman, Catherine Gericke, Jacqueline Gordon, Diane Grant, Lina Hellman, Valerie Hope, Josh Israel, Michael Israel, William B. Johnson, Sheldon Kramer, Norman Kudan, Libby Levine, Elizabeth Levy, Jeff Levy, Mark Lipschitz, Phyliss Miller, Ed Milch, Sylvia Milch, Richard Muller, Rachel Mulligan, Jessica Panebianco, Paul Pines, Ian Quillian, Ed Rudnick, Bob Savarin, Jennifer Schultz, Hilda Schwartz, Joel Schwartz, Harlan Steuer, Kristen Temple, Bruce Townsel, Tammy Whitty, DeAnna Williams, Eliyahu ben Rachel
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*Temple’s rabbi and president will be ex-officio members of all committees.*

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Writing for the Shofar? Think Ahead!

Writing something for the Shofar? REMEMBER YOUR DEADLINES. Articles and announcements for the Shofar should be sent to the Temple Administrative Assistant, Katie Weaver, well in advance of the desired publication date. The deadline for each issue (usually the 15th day of the preceding month) is shown on the Calendar page, but your article should arrive as early as possible. The Shofar is published before the first day of each month, and PUBLICATION WILL NOT BE DELAYED for late articles and announcements.

Remember: If your article will be timed to coincide with a holiday or event, you will want it to appear at least as early as the issue preceding the event. And if you are asking for volunteers, for reservations, or for advance ticket or merchandise purchases, your article or announcement may need to appear several months in advance. Even for something that is several months away, it is never too early to submit an announcement to get the Shofar readers to “save the date”!

The Editors welcome letters and other reader contributions. E-mail submission (Office@GlensFallsTemple.com) is preferred. Submit your article as an e-mail message or as an attachment. If you lack internet access, you may deliver or mail your submission to the attention of Katie Weaver at Temple Beth El, 3 Marion Avenue, Glens Falls, NY 12801, timed to arrive prior to the deadline.

The deadline for getting articles to Katie for the October issue of the Shofar is Friday, September 15!