



**The April 2012 Shofar**  
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**Rabbi Richard J. Sobel Lecture Series**

"Footsteps in the Sands of Time: Why Jews and Christians Still Care about Ancient Judaism," with Dr. Peter Zaas

On Sundays, April 22 and 29 at 1 p.m., Temple Beth El will host the second Rabbi Richard J. Sobel Scholar-in-Residence Lecture Series, supported by a grant from the Jewish Federation of Northeastern New York.

Dr. Peter Zaas was educated at the Cleveland College of Jewish Studies, Oberlin College, and the University of Chicago, where he earned the Ph.D. in the Department of New Testament and Early Christian Literature. His publications concern the letters of Paul, the birth story of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew, and other aspects of the relationship between Christianity and Judaism in the first millennium, C.E. He is one of fifty Jewish New Testament scholars to have contributed to the recent Jewish Annotated New Testament, published by Oxford Press, writing the chapter on the Letter to the Colossians.

Dr. Zaas is the Chair of the Kieval Institute for Jewish-Christian Studies at Siena College, where he has taught since 1982.

**Wanted: Religious School Director**

The Joint Religious School of Temple Beth El and Congregation Shaaray Tefilia is searching for a new Director for the 2012-13 school year. The position entails working with the teachers and children on Sundays and Wednesdays, as well as greeting the parents and children as they arrive. The Director also attends the monthly Religious School Board meetings and will work with the two Rabbis and the Religious School Board in organizing the curriculum and program planning. We are looking for a dedicated person who enjoys helping young people further their knowledge and love of Judaism.

If you are interested, please contact Ellen Katz, Board President at either 793-3216 or by e-mail [LNKatz@gmail.com](mailto:LNKatz@gmail.com).

**Glens Falls/North Country Federation Event**

We urge all members of Temple Beth El to attend the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Glens Falls/North Country Federation event on Sunday, May 20, 7:00 PM, at the Saratoga City Center.

The speaker is the dynamic Professor Stephen Berk, author, TV commentator, and internationally renowned speaker. The timely topic is "Iran, Israel, and the American Election." The event includes wine, a sumptuous catered light dinner and dessert reception catered by "As You Like It." It promises to be a most memorable and enlightening evening.

Federation is very generous to the Glens Falls Jewish community and specifically to our Temple. In addition, Federation funds many programs and services which help and serve our individual members. Participation is a beautiful way to "give back" and say thank you.

Temple Beth El's Michael Seidel is an event co-chair.

The cost of the event is only \$30.00 pp. Reservations can be made by calling Sara Richards at 783-7800 ext. 232 or on-line at [www.jewishfedny.org](http://www.jewishfedny.org).

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## Ask the Rabbi

Instead of a Rabbi's message, Rabbi Durbin often will host an "Ask the Rabbi" column where he responds to questions from our readers. We look forward to receiving your questions sent to Katie in the Temple office. Or you might have questions for the Temple's historian or board members or various committees of the Temple. Send them in! If you wish to express an opinion or idea instead of a question, we welcome "guest editorials." Help us to make *The Shofar* more interesting.

Question: *Why does the rabbi or service leader not respond with "Amen" after reciting the Kiddush, but rather "L'chayim"?*

Answer: For years, it has been the custom to stand for the *Kiddush*. Generally, the head of the household recites *Kiddush* on behalf of all assembled community, and they (the community) must intend to fulfill the Commandment by listening and responding "Amen" at the appropriate times. The person reciting the *Kiddush* does not answer "Amen" after his own recital. Why? It is about all others reciting and affirming their obligation to fulfill the commandment. By listening intently and responding "Amen" to each blessing of the *Kiddush* prayer, all those present can effectively fulfill their obligation to recite *Kiddush*, even though only one person is actually reciting it, via the principle of *shomea k'oneh*, meaning "One who hears is the equivalent of one who recites." Likewise, the person reciting must intend to include the assembled people in fulfilling the Commandment. *Kiddush* is typically said over wine. It is a ritual that sanctifies Shabbat. Wine in our tradition symbolizes joy and holiness and is used to mark both the beginning and end of Shabbat. When we say *Kiddush*, we recall both creation and our Exodus from Egypt as the prayer reminds us. When freed from Egyptian tyranny, our sense of people-hood was created.

When we are in Temple, and we hear the words of the *Kiddush*, as we sing and rejoice in our tradition, let us respond with the word *l'chayim*, to life, which affirms our faith, trustworthy and steadfast in our quest for meaning and value. Let us be firm and sure, in truth . . . *Amen!*

Rabbi Matthew Durbin

## Synagogue—Temple Combined Committee Update

The Synagogue – Temple Combined Committee met Monday, March 12 to work with the heads of its subcommittees. The minutes of this meeting and prior meetings are always available. We want you to be well informed. Just contact Katie or Barbara, and we will be happy to send them to you electronically or by the US Mail. And please, contact any of the committee members with questions and ideas.

The committee members are:

- Finance: Barry Goldstein, Bruce Katz, Larry Greenberg, Lewis Spar
- Governance: Matt Levin, Steve Smoller, Dan Korot, Stacey Mandelbaum
- House/Building: Scott Schwartz, Dan Brown, Sam Gottesman, Mark Aronson
- Personnel: Kathy Naftaly, Barbara Rosoff, Syd Hochman, Peter Kudan
- Ritual/Pulpit: Ellen Katz, Jack Hellman, Mark Hoffman, Mike Gersten



## If These Walls Could Talk: Part 2

The Temple office: I'm really Katie's office and the nerve center of the Temple. From 7:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m., I hear the ringing of the phones, the cheerful greeting "Good morning, Temple Beth El," the whir of the copy machine, the tapping of the computer keyboard, the conversations and questions of visitors and the call of "Katie!" coming from the Rabbi's office across the hall. Volunteers come to prepare the mailings for our honey packages, collate the material for the High Holy Days and other holidays and festivals and offer help whenever needed. Committee heads and the President stop in with questions and requests. It's never boring. And now, with the Seder in only a few days, my walls hear a lot!

The Rabbi's Office: I'm the work space and library for our Rabbi and the playground for Eliana. Students study with the rabbi; adults are here for classes, conversation and consultation. Impromptu meetings and discussions are a frequent occurrence. When the Rabbi isn't with congregants and visitors, he's at the computer (or on the phone), preparing lessons, classes, services and sermons – and extricating Ellie from under and behind the furniture. He is busy preparing for the Seder, planning a Seder that will involve children and adults. It's no less busy here than across the hall, especially when I hear "Katie!"

The kitchen: The Seder? Already? No problem. Thanks to Tina, I'm in perfect shape and ready. I train during the year with Oneg Shabbats, luncheons, the Break-the-Fast and the many functions that take place in the Temple. Thank you to all of you who work together for our community. Soon, Maureen Monahan Chase, her staff and Temple volunteers will begin preparations for our Seder meal. I still remember last year's preparations: the conversations and choreography of workers in the kitchen; the rhythm of volunteers moving tables and chairs in the homeroom; and the gentle clink of dishes, silverware and glasses as the tables are set. But above all, I remember the wonderful smells that tell us it's *Yom Tov*. I'm ready. We all are.

*Chag Sameach.* Happy Passover from Rabbi Durbin, the Board, the staff and most of all, the "talking walls" of your Temple.

## Yom HaShoah Service at Synagogue

Holocaust Memorial Day will be commemorated this year with a service at Congregation Shaaray Tefila at 68 Bay Street, Glens Falls on Wednesday April 18th at 7 PM. Lily Muller, a survivor of the Warsaw Ghetto, will be this year's keynote speaker. Ms. Muller grew up in Lodz, Poland but moved to Warsaw during the war. She was active in helping Jewish fighters prepare for the uprising against the Nazis. She came to the United States in 1950 and now lives with her daughter's family in Glens Falls.

In anticipation of the Holocaust Memorial Day service, on Sunday, April 15th at 7 p.m., the Synagogue will screen the film "Uprising" which originally aired as a miniseries several years ago starring Hank Azaria, David Schwimmer, Jon Voight, and Donald Sutherland, among others. The film covers the events of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising.



## Return of Café Beth El

Café Beth El returned to Temple Beth El on Saturday, February 25th and we could not have been happier with the results. It was a financial and cultural success in so many ways. The stars of the evening were Camille (West) Wodicka and Bill Martin. Camille is a Temple member who frequently has enhanced Temple services as the cantorial soloist and sometimes as a choir member. Bill has also performed at services when he accompanies his wife Diane Martin (Temple Musical Director) during special services. More often he "comes along for the ride." But last month they performed some of their own compositions and those of other musicians.

If you attended the show, we do not have to tell you how grand it was. If you were "one of those people" who missed it, you will want to be among those who make early reservations next time. According to the Chronicle, there were in excess of 120 people. There may have been more. Many delighted audience members are looking forward to another performance.

Now is the time to express praise and gratitude to those who helped make it a success:

Diane Martin came up with the idea. Bill had more time on his hands, he has semi-retired, bought a couple of new guitars and was composing more music. He thought he was ready to return to performing publicly, again – and he was. Camille had been working on some new songs and was finding new ways to express herself creatively. The two of them decided to collaborate and they approached Jack Hellman. Years ago Jack had been the force behind the Café and people had been asking if there were any plans to offer more shows. The Temple Board liked the idea and so they went forward. Mark Fleischer (Temple Board member and Producing-Artistic Director of the Adirondack Theatre Festival) managed the publicity and Larry Silver (Temple Board member and House Chair) made sure the building was in order. Tina Stevens (Temple custodian) agreed to manage the kitchen and serve refreshments. Katie Weaver (our Administrative Assistant) took charge of reservations and table arrangements. Katie attended as a guest but became Tina's assistant when the orders for refreshments came in faster than the existing crew could manage.

Synagogue member Allan Korot asked if he could set up a display of his art work for sale in exchange for which he would donate a portion of his profits to Temple and Diane Martin agreed to do the same with her original beadwork.

Lois Hellman helped Jack plan for and purchase refreshments. Lois also helped organize the serving. Jack asked Molly Lieberman if she could enlist some of our teenagers to help serve. Kaili Jackson came as well. Sensing we would need more help, Jack asked his grandchildren to help out. Jazlyn and Goldie said yes and they brought their friend Brittney Campbell. When Jazlyn realized the size of the audience, she phoned cousins Nate, Noah and Mary who were en route with their parents and they also agreed to help. There was enough work for everyone. But Tina, Katie, Jack, and the young people worked the hardest.

Karen Marks assisted Lois Hellman at the door and totaled the accounts later along with her fellow Board member and co-Treasurer, Ami Goldstein. Katie and Goldie Hellman guided quests to their tables. While many Temple and Synagogue members attended and enjoyed the show, there were also many guests from the community –many who attended with their friends from Temple.

Thanks go to all who made this evening a success. It could not have happened without you. We are looking forward to another Café in May with different performers. Details will follow in next month's Shofar.

## Get Well Soon

Dan Baker, Donald Bartlett, Ronald Binns, Paul Cattabiani, John Dessingue, Elaine Faller, Linda Friedman, Victor Friedman, Alan Gartner, Dawn Gideon, Diann Gordon, Jacqueline Gordon, Mark Grunblatt, Ilene Hartung, James Hipp, Mike Jucowics, Shirley Kanofsky, Paula Knight, Elizabeth Levy, Jeffrey Levy, Sandra Lewis, Anita Lieberman, Harold Luria, Betty Maloney, Leonard Meyers, Richard Muller, Zafar Naqvi, Paul Offricht, Jessica Panebianco, Helen Rauch, Leo Ritter, Gerald Rothstein, Edie Rudnick, Helene Rudnick, Bob Savarin, Sonny Segan, David Setzer, Frank Sheridan, Florence Simmons, Alfred Supe, Judy Supe, Jack Toney, William Vogt, Carol Wells, Jared Winchell



Adam Fine

On behalf of the TSRS School Board, students, and parents, I would like to thank Adam Fine for his outstanding service as Director of our religious school for the past three years. He has shown innovative leadership and great organizational skills in his time here. Adam has implemented many creative and inspired programs which have enhanced the school experience tremendously. Adam established the Sheldon Binns Library, as well as incorporating programs honoring various religious school contributors into the community luncheons. In addition, Adam organized a beautiful musical program which raised enough funds to purchase computers for TSRS. Adam will be ending his service with us in June 2012 and pursuing new and exciting opportunities. We all wish him the very best of luck in his future endeavors.

Ellen Katz

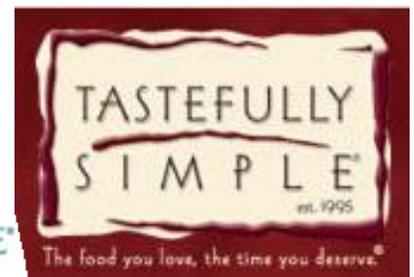
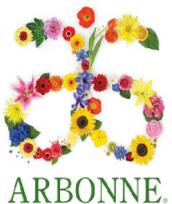
Tasteful Traditions Cookbook

The Temple Beth El Cookbook *Tasteful Traditions* is available for sale in the Temple office. Get a great selection of recipes and interesting tidbits, and support your Temple with your purchase. At only \$12.84 including tax it's a bargain. For an additional \$5.00 we will ship it to your desired destination for you!

Where can you go to shop at all these places and more?

Temple Beth El!

On Sunday, May 6th from 12 to 4 p.m., come look at all these booths have to offer.





## Torah Portions

April 7

First Day of Passover

April 14

Eighth Day of Passover

April 21

Shemini

Pent. Lev. 9:1-11:47

Pr. I Sam. 20:18-42

April 28

Tazria – Metzora

Pent. Lev. 12:1-15:33

Pr. II Kinds 7:3-20

## 10 Minutes of Torah

Sign up to receive a one-page e-mail each day on a topic of Jewish interest. It only takes 10 minutes a day to get started on a lifelong journey. Spend 10 minutes a day — and before you know it you'll have completed 100 hours of Torah study! All you need to do is find ten minutes a day to "do Torah." Reform Jews committed to having Judaism in their daily lives are encouraged to participate in 10 minutes a day of personal connection to a Jewish text, issue or topic. For example: Monday—Reform Voices of Torah; Tuesday—The Rhythm of Jewish Time; Wednesday—Israel Connection; Thursday—Delving into *Tfilah*; Friday—Reform Judaism Q&A. Select all five days or any combination. Each weekday morning, an e-mail will be delivered to your inbox for you to study at your convenience. Sign up for 10 Minutes of Torah by visiting: [www.urj.org/learning/torah/ten](http://www.urj.org/learning/torah/ten). Take your study of 10 Minutes of Torah to the next level by signing up for *Eilu V'eilu*.

*"Who among us is so busy that he cannot spend 10 minutes a day in the study of a Jewish text? Just 10 minutes? Such a commitment would enable us to meet our Jewish obligation to make Jewish study a fixed occurrence. If we make time to answer our cell phones a dozen times a day and to check our email five times an hour, surely we can find 10 minutes to contemplate sacred words that nourish the soul." -- Rabbi Eric Yoffie, November 8, 2003, 13 Cheshvan 5764*

## Appreciation

To the Lang Family for hosting an Oneg in March in celebration of Mary's conversion to Judaism.

To Sara and Linda Friedman for hosting an Oneg in March in celebration of Sam and Debbie Friedman's birthdays.

## Diane Martin—Mitzvah Plaque Honoree

After nearly 40 years as Temple Beth El's Music Director, Diane will be the next recipient of the Mitzvah Plaque honor. On Friday, April 20, Diane's family and many friends will be joining us to celebrate her many years of service. We expect many of those who once sang with Diane in the choir or others who studied with Diane in preparation of their *Bar* or *Bat Mitzvah*. Please come and help us celebrate our long and on-going relationship with Diane. There will be a pre-neg at 6 p.m. Please let Katie know what you can bring for an appetizer to the pre-neg. The Board of Trustees will be hosting the Oneg following the mitzvah plaque service.

## Book Club

Here is the list of books that we will be discussing in the upcoming months:

April 10, 2012: Unbroken: A WWII Story of Survival, Resilience and Redemption by Laura Hillenbrand

May 8, 2012: The 19th Wife-A Novel by David Ebershoff

June 12, 2012: The Arrogant Years: One Girl's Search for Her Lost Youth from Cairo to Brooklyn by Lucette Lagnado

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

Karen Marks





# The April 2012 Shofar

## APRIL 2012

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1 9:30 a.m. TSRS at Temple	2	3	4 6 p.m. TSRS at Synagogue	5	6 No Services	7 10:30 a.m. Torah Study and Mourners' Kaddish 6 p.m. Passover Seder
8	9	10 10 a.m. Book Club ( <u>Unbroken: A WWII Story of Survival, Resilience and Redemption</u> ) 12 p.m. Ritual / Pulpit Committee Meeting	11	12	13 7 p.m. Family Service	14 10:30 a.m. Torah Study
15 7 p.m. <u>Uprising</u> film viewing at synagogue	16 Shofar Deadline	17	18 6 p.m. TSRS at Synagogue 7 p.m. <i>Yom HaShoah</i> Service at synagogue	19 <i>Yom HaShoah</i>	20 Mitzvah Plaque Service Honoring Diane Martin / Pre-Neg at 6 p.m / Service at 7 p.m. / Dessert Oneg to follow	21 10:30 a.m. Torah Study
22 9:30 a.m. TSRS at Temple 1 p.m. Rabbi Richard J. Sobel Lecture Series (Prof. Zaas)	23 7 p.m. Temple Synagogue Combined Committee Meeting	24 7 p.m. Temple Board Meeting	25 6 p.m. TSRS at Synagogue <i>Yom Hazikaron</i> (Israel's Memorial Day)	26	27 7 p.m. Shabbat Service	28 10:30 a.m. Torah Study
29 9:30 a.m. TSRS at Temple 1 p.m. Rabbi Richard J. Sobel Lecture Series (Prof. Zaas)	30	<p style="text-align: center;">Save the Date!</p> <p>May 4: Oneg in honor of the Temple Board of Trustees            May 11 at 6 p.m.: Oneg hosted by Rabbi Durbin in honor of Ellie's first birthday            May 18: Oneg in honor of Temple's new members            May 20: Glens Falls / North Country Federation Event at Saratoga City Center            May 26: Café Beth El</p>				



## Contributions

### GENERAL FUND

Ralph Leinoff  
 In memory of Sadie Barondess  
 Brent Feigenbaum  
 In memory of Phyllis Feigenbaum  
 Judith Metzner Shepherd  
 In celebration of Rosoffs 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
 Dr. Orel Friedman  
 In honor of Camille Wodicka and Bill Martin  
 Joyce Yaffee  
 In memory of Sy Savitz  
 Marilyn Bazan & George Conable  
 In honor of Rabbi Matt's enjoyable Jews & Tattoos Class

### RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

David & Mary Lang  
 In thanks and appreciation for all Rabbi Matt has done to assist with Mary's conversion to Judaism. We are overjoyed! Thank you sooo much!

### ENDOWMENT FUND

Mike & Gilda Siegel  
 In memory of Abe Siegel  
 Mike & Gilda Siegel  
 In memory of Fred Siegel  
 Mike & Gilda Siegel  
 In memory of Sy Savitz  
 Mike & Gilda Siegel  
 In memory of Joan Charisse  
 Mike & Gilda Siegel  
 In memory of Bertle Wolfe  
 Mike & Gilda Siegel  
 In memory of Estelle Temkin

### CEMETERY FUND

Ruth Ginsburg Lichtman  
 In memory of Samuel Wolf

## Condolences

Simeon "Sy" Savitz, 84, passed away on Thursday, February 16, 2012. Sy leaves behind his beloved wife of 58 years, Eileen; his three children: Donna Fine (Robert), Sari Chaudet (René) and Steven Savitz (Melissa); his six grandchildren: Michael Fine (Jennifer), Adam Fine, Jeremy Chaudet, Elisa Chaudet, Caroline Savitz, and Timothy Savitz; and his great-granddaughter, Abigail Fine.

## Service and Oneg in Honor of the Board of Trustees

Rabbi Durbin invites the entire congregation to a Shabbat service to recognize and thank the Board of Trustees of Temple Beth El on May 4th at 7 p.m. It will be followed by an Oneg Shabbat in honor of the 2011-2012 Board members:

President, Barbara Rosoff

Immediate Past President, Steve Adler

Vice President, Jack Hellman

Recording Secretary, Kathy Naftaly

Co-Treasurers: Karen Marks and Ami Goldstein

Trustees: Phyllis Brown, Mark Fleischer, Jeff Hill, Jenn Nadler, Scott Schwartz, Sandy Searleman, Mike Seidel, Judy Shepherd, and Larry Silver

Throughout the rest of the year, board members host many Onegs. This time members are requested to bring Oneg donations to honor our board members. Please contact Katie to let her know what you will be bringing!



### Dr. Richard Reisman appointed to NYS dentistry board

QUEENSBURY – Dr. Richard Reisman, a Queensbury oral surgeon, has been appointed to the New York State Board of Dentistry by the New York State Department of Education Board of Regents.

Reisman is a graduate of the Harvard University School of Dental Medicine and completed his residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery at Mt. Sinai Hospital in New York City. He is the chief of the division of dentistry at Glens Falls Hospital and is a member of the teaching staff at Ellis Hospital in Schenectady. He is chairman of the ethics committee of the Fourth District Dental Society and a representative to the New York State Dental Association Ethics Council. He is a fellow of the American and New York State Societies of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, a fellow of the American Dental Society of Anesthesiology, and a Diplomate of National Dental Board of Anesthesiology.

Reisman is a member of Temple Beth El in Glens Falls.

*Copied from the March 8, 2012 edition of The Jewish World.*

### Would you like to *Kvell*?

Please tell us about your children, grandchildren, nephews, nieces or even 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 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.

### Note from Bill Martin

I wish to thank everyone responsible for including me in the last Cafe Beth El show, especially Jack and Lois Hellman, Mark Fleischer, the student volunteers, Camille West, Scott Wodicka, and Karen Marks. It was great to be part of such a wonderful evening. The hard work and dedication of all involved was amazing and great way to re-energize my personal music-making after so many years.

### Temple Beth El is an Affiliate Member of the Union for Reform Judaism

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



## Temple Beth El History

[Following is an excerpt from the early history of Temple Beth El, written by Ella Cline. "Count Your Blessings" is the chapter for 1932-1933.]

[T]he board of trustees were considering a permanent rabbi, either from the Jewish Institute of Religion in New York or from the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati. We had little to offer in the way of salary. Because of the business depression many temples had closed, many young rabbis were without suitable posts. Thus we were able to obtain the services of a rabbi who would live in Glens Falls.

A large congregation – for our group – filled the Temple when Rabbi Stein preached his first sermon here. He pleased and delighted everyone with his pleasant personality and marked ability.

Rabbi Bernard Stein had been graduated from the University of Cincinnati in 1926, and from the Hebrew Union College in 1930. He then spent a year of graduate study in the University of Berlin, Germany. For two years he had been rabbi of Congregation Beth-El in Steubenville, Ohio, until the depression disrupted the finances of the congregation. He had been engaged in post-graduate study since.

Rabbi Stein conducted our New Year and Atonement Day services that September. Before the services on Atonement Day, Rabbi Stein broadcasted over the local station an explanation of the meaning of Kol Nidre. The tenor of our choir sang the heart-wrenching melody before and after the broadcast.

Our High Holydays services were inspiring and as comforting as they invariably are. Within the sanctity of our Temple we had the knowledge that we were uniting in prayer with the millions of our people scattered in all lands, praying for the welfare of all mankind, for freedom and for justice, humbly and in penitence.

To formally welcome Rabbi Stein as well as to celebrate the last of Succoth, the Sisterhood arranged a reception after the services on Friday, October 13. This was in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Weiner, who gathered a program of amateur talent and decorated the pulpit with autumn leaves and flowers. Cider and doughnuts, and nearly one hundred persons present.

In Rabbi Stein we have a leader who seems to possess all the good qualities of all our former young rabbis. If we can retain him, we shall be very fortunate.

The Jewish Brotherhood must use whatever money it can raise, from dues and from an occasional social affair, for relief among our people here. Conditions are very different at present from the time when the Men's as well as the Ladies' Aid Societies were disbanded because there was practically no poverty among our people here. The Brotherhood is doing needed and worthy work, but is of no financial help to the Temple.

Meanwhile there is new stir and life in our congregation. Rabbi Stein quickly made himself acquainted with the town, with our needs and our possibilities for growth. He is doing what he can to help us. Not the least of his work is a fifteen-minute talk every Thursday evening over the local station. The subjects for his talks are so well chosen, his command of English and his delivery so good, that he greatly enlarges the influence of our Temple.

Now this chapter of our history has reached its end. The trees are bare skeletons against a bleak sky. The long winter is before us, with frost and cold, and short clouded days. But spring will come.

Ella Cline, *Historian*

October, 1933



## We Remember

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

Saturday, April 7 at 10:30 a.m.

William Aronson, \*Isaac Avrin, Hyman Berkowitz, Harriet Cohen, \*Joseph Frieber, Edward Aaron Friedman, \*Arthur Gold, Susan Gotters, Ted Helman, Goldie Joseph, \*Leah Kroch, \*Leonard Leopold, Annette T. Lessick, Emanuel Savitz, Harry Socher

April 13

\*Beatrice A. Bassock, \*Fannie Bittman, Thomas J. Brown, Marcia Lillian Cohen, Cindy Ginsburg, Jack Harrell, \*Cecelia Jacoby, H. Robert Marks, Meta London Merkel, \*Sarah Moskowitz, Adolph Ochs, \*Abe Ovitz, May Silk, Martin Weitsen

April 20

\*Charles Friedman, \*Moey Leo Friedman, \*Charles Gelman, Nathan Goodman, Robert Goodman, Ann Grablow, Stephen Hertz, \*Milton Klein, \*Louise Y. Pearl, Carlos Stone, Lewis Swartz

April 27

Adele Arnstein, \*Guttel Aronson, Evelyn Babcock, Evelyn "Honey" Baird, Hannah Diskin Berkowitz, Mark Chanis, Charles Daniels, Joseph R. Ferger, Evelyn Friedman, Salo Hellenberg, Sidney Hellman, David Hirsch, Rose Jutkovitz, Gilbert Kuh, Lillian Levy, Bessie Metzner, Betty Monahan, Sadie Newmark, Hannah Pritkin, Sam Schwartz, Isador Silberman, Solly Silver, Dr. Saul Yafa

*(\*name appears on yahrzeit plaque in the sanctuary)*

## Happy Birthday!

Justin Wodicka (4/1), Henry Gartner (4/1 – 11 years old), Florence Handen (4/3), Mattilyn Brender (4/5 – 11 years old), Samuel Satenstein (4/8), Elizabeth Solomon (4/8), Erma Gordon (4/8), Mason Flatley (4/9 – 11 years old), Tom O'Brien (4/11), Dr. Daniel Kraus (4/14), Joshua Silverberg (4/16), David Lieberman (4/16), Jessica Katz (4/17), Howard Krantz (4/20), Jonathan Weaver (4/24 – 6 years old), Lois Hellman (4/25), Beverly Seligson (4/28), Deirdre Hill (4/30), Laurie Nelson (4/30)

## Happy Anniversary!

Rachel Gartner and Suzanne Seay (4/21 – 22 years!)

### Officers & Board of Trustees

President: Barbara Rosoff

Vice President: Jack Hellman

Co-Treasurers: Karen Marks & Ami Goldstein

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## TSRS Update

The Temple Synagogue Religious School's annual Purim Carnival was held at the Synagogue on March 11<sup>th</sup>. It was, as always, a very successful event as games and food were enjoyed by students, parents, and their families. My thanks to Ben & Angela Cohen for organizing the carnival and to the many parents who volunteered their time to help.

I have decided that this will be my last year as director of the religious school. I appreciate having been given the opportunity to lead the school, and I have enjoyed my time as director. The board received my letter of resignation in March, and they have begun the search for a new director. I hope that everything I have done over the past three years will leave the school in good shape and that the next director will have an easy time taking over.

Sincerely, Adam Fine, TSRS Director

## Yom HaShoah—Yellow Candle Program

It has been over sixty years since Nazi concentration camps were liberated, and the Holocaust that claimed six million Jewish lives came to an end. To ensure that the six million did not die in vain and that the Holocaust never happens again, Temple Beth El will join Jews and others throughout North America by participating in the *Yom HaShoah* Yellow Candle Program.

As the years pass, the memories of those who fell victim to the ultimate hate crime must not diminish. That is why we are encouraging your family and every family in Temple Beth El to light just one Yellow Candle on the night of Wednesday, April 18, 2012. When each family lights a Yellow Candle, it increases the awareness of the Holocaust and perpetuate our commitment to our people.

The memory is important because the number of Holocaust survivors is diminishing with each passing day. As we lose this precious link, those who deny the Holocaust ever happened gain strength. Sadly, 20% of all high school students lack any knowledge of the Holocaust.

*Yom HaShoah* candles are a highly visible symbol for keeping the flame alive. Their color recalls the badges Jews were forced to wear in Nazi-occupied Europe, but their flame inspires hope that we can yet make our world a tolerant place to live.

Therefore, we are requesting that you contact Katie Weaver at the Temple (792-4364) to make arrangements to pick up your candle(s) and make a *tzedakah* donation of \$18 (or more) per candle. Please make your check payable to Temple Beth El Brotherhood.

Shalom, Sandy Searleman, *Yom HaShoah* Candle Chairman



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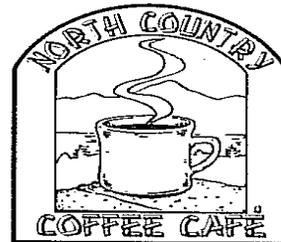
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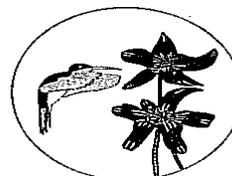
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