



The December 2010 Shofar
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Jumping Into Judaism (Class taught by Rabbi Matt Durbin)

Thursdays, December 2nd through December 16th from 6–7 p.m.

This is a three-week crash course on the history of Judaism from its early sources to Jewish history, lifecycles, and festivals. It is a broad course offering a "Taste" of Judaism from the last 6,000 years.

Jewish Medical Ethics (Class taught by Rabbi Matt Durbin)

Tuesdays, December 7th and 14th from 7–8 p.m.

Explore some contemporary Jewish medical ethics and learn what the traditional views on the topic are and how we as Reform Jews interpret and understand them through textual analysis and a Progressive lens.

All classes require pre-registration. For more information, please contact Katie at the Temple office at tbefny@gmail.com or (518) 792-4364.

Chai Society Breakfast Program

Topic: American Philanthropy as an Agent of Humanitarian Rescue

Speaker: Dr. Keith Pomakoy, Professor of History at SUNY Adirondack

Date and Time: Sunday, December 19th, 9:30am

Summary: This presentation will offer an introduction to state associated philanthropy. The focus will be on the interaction of American philanthropy and foreign policy responses to humanitarian crises. Dr. Pomakoy has a book coming out in 2011 on this very subject, called Helping Humanity: American Policy and Genocide Rescue.

Our chef for this breakfast program will be Sandy Searleman.



***Pizza & A Movie Night
 Sunday, December 12 at 5 p.m.
 Fiddler on the Roof
 (1971)**



Filmed on location in Eastern Europe, this beloved musical based on Sholem Aleichem's stories was nominated for eight Academy Awards and won three. Director Norman Jewison chronicles the trials of Jewish peasant Tevye the milkman (Israeli actor Topol), humble father of three strong-willed daughters and husband to oft-objecting wife, Golde (Norma Crane), in pre-revolutionary Russia. Violinist Isaac Stern provides the haunting music of the fiddler.

Rated: G (General audiences. All ages admitted.)

We ask for a minimum donation of \$5 per person to help cover the cost of the pizza. Thank you!

***RSVP is required by Wednesday, December 8.**

If we do not get more than four people, this movie will be cancelled.

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Rabbi's Message

It is at this *Channukah* season that I offer this beautiful insight which will hopefully bring us warmth during the bitter winter months:

Channukah is more than the remembering of an ancient victory. It is the Jewish response to the gloom of winter, lighting one candle and yet another against the gathering darkness. It is our way of expressing our profound belief that God will not permit utter darkness to prevail.

At the *Channukah* season we light our candles, and the dark room becomes bright. Then we can ask ourselves how powerful and sinister can the darkness be if it can be overcome by the light of one little candle?

There is a message in this for all of us.

When the darkness seems overwhelming — and it can be spiritual darkness as well as the darkness of winter night — we need to be reminded that it is powerless to withstand the smallest bit of illumination.

As our world grows colder and darker during the winter months, we must do what Jews and Christians alike have been taught to do at this season. Light a candle in someone's life and see how it makes the darkness flee. A little bit of light is all we need.

Excerpted from "What One Candle Can Do"

by Rabbi Harold Kushner

May we remember that during *Channukah* there are many out there who are cold, hungry and without shelter. May we strive to bring comfort and assistance to all those who need and require our help to bring about social cohesion and harmony within our world. During this *Channukah* season let us bring warmth and joy to another's life by helping and assisting as best as we can!

Rabbi Matthew J. Durbin

Book Club

Here is the list of books that we will be reading in the upcoming months.

December 7, 2010: *Channukah* dairy brunch at member's home. Please call the Temple if you plan to attend.

January 11, 2011: Little Bee by Chris Cleave

February 8, 2011: Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verghese

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



President's Message

While *Channukah* historically is neither a major holiday nor one of gift giving, we admit that, like it or not, this is what the celebration has become over the years. The essence of *Channukah*, the celebration of a miracle and rededication of the Temple, is often forgotten. Bearing this in mind, like our children and grand-children I too have a wish list. If all my wishes come true, then a miracle will surely have happened at Temple Beth El.

- First night:** The voice at the other end of my telephone will ask "Need help?"
- Second night:** The cookbook committee will be inundated with your recipes.
- Third night:** You will share with us your ideas for programming and fund-raising.
- Fourth night:** You will ask your friends to help develop these ideas.
- Fifth night:** Rabbi Durbin will see continued growth in attendance at services, classes and programs.
- Sixth night:** You will help support our programs, services and fundraisers using your individual interests, talents and abilities . . .
- Seventh night:** That this year, as in days of old, the members of the Temple will rededicate their efforts to make Temple Beth El a warm and welcoming second home for its families and the Jewish community.
- Eighth night:** That you and yours enjoy a *Channukah* filled with your own miracles.

However, to light the candle for each night, and to make these wishes and miracles happen, first we need to light the *Shammes* - the flame within each of us that helps make wishes and miracles come true.

The extended Rosoff family sends to you and yours as many wishes for *Channukah* joy, blessings and rededication as there are ways to spell *Channukah*.

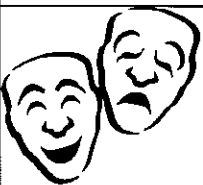
We look forward to seeing you all at the *Channukah* service and dinner on Friday, December 3.

Many thanks and much gratitude to Jennifer Nadler and her committee for making it happen.

Barbara L. Rosoff

Post Star on December 1st!

Temple Beth El will be featured in The Post Star on Wednesday, December 1st. Elliott Heyman, member and chef of the *Channukah* dinner, and Rabbi Durbin will be included in the article.



The Improv Club at Temple on January 15th, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.



The Temple will be hosting a fundraiser that will bring you laughs and tears. The Improv Club will be performing at Temple on Saturday, January 15th, 2011. (We have scheduled a snow date of Saturday, January 22nd, 2011.) Enjoy, not only watching, but actively guiding this enthusiastic company of actors and stand-up comics through a variety of hilarious and absurd scenes based on impromptu audience suggestions. The Improv Club consists of six stand-up comedians and experienced stage actors who believe the shortest distance between two people is laughter. The Improv Club consists of Judi Clements, Marcy Hausman, Chas Heritage, Scott Hooker, Temple Beth El's Steve Smoller and Julie Phillips.

Refreshments will be available for sale!

Call the Temple office to reserve your seat!

\$15 / ticket



Meet Mary Lehecka & David Lang

Hello fellow members, friends and fans of the Shofar! As new members of Temple Beth El, David Lang and I (Mary Lehecka) would like to share a little bit about ourselves as an introduction. David and I have been dating for three and a half years and we will be married March 19, 2011. When we became engaged we started a search for a temple to call home. It was not an easy search, we were much like Goldilocks looking for just the right fit, but when we sat down with Rabbi Matt we felt a sense of welcome right away and we knew the temple was just right. This is where we want to plant our roots and begin our family within the Temple Beth El family.

David earned his B.A. in sociology from Northwestern University and he works as the secondary marketing manager for Home Funding Finders, the mortgage division of SEFCU, one of the capital area's largest credit unions. In doing so he is responsible for overseeing interest rate risk for mortgage products, along with setting rates and developing and maintaining relationships with third-party investors. He grew up in Newburgh, NY and belonged to Temple Beth Jacob while living there.

I grew up on Long Island before moving to Albany, NY to earn a B.A. in psychology and a B.A. in English from the University at Albany. I currently work as a Senior Case Analyst for Public Employers Risk Management Association (PERMA) which handles workers' compensation claims for many New York municipalities.

We currently live in Schenectady, NY. As a couple we love to fish, golf and spend time with our two cats, Mini and Shlomo. We look forward to meeting everyone at the temple.

Mary Lehecka

Meet Beth Kramer & Eric Reed

Beth Anne Kramer, daughter of Barbara and Sheldon Kramer, grew up in Niskayuna and was a member and *Bat Mitzvah* of Congregation Agudat Achim. In high school, Beth moved to a reform congregation, Gates of Heaven, because of their outstanding Youth Group and her passion for such endeavors. Beth obtained her B.A. in Sociology from Siena College in 2003 and her Master of Information Systems from University of Phoenix in 2008. Beginning her professional career at Siena in 1997, Beth then left in 2004 to work as a Software Consultant for SunGard Higher Education. In October 2009, Beth returned to her original stomping grounds, rejoining Siena as Director of Administrative Services.

Eric Hamlin Reed, son of congregants Christine and Jeff Levy, grew up in South Glens Falls as a member of Temple Beth El. Despite being born and growing up Christian in a multi-denominational family, Eric felt a strong affinity to Judaism from his earliest experiences. His sister, Elizabeth Levy, a member and *Bat Mitzvah* of Temple Beth El has served as inspiration for his continued learning and growth in Judaism. Eric graduated with an A.S. in Business Administration from Adirondack Community College in 1998. Eric spent his first six professional years working in banking and finance before spending the last six years in his current position as a Senior Account Manager with SolutionSet in the marketing industry.

Eric and Beth met in March of 2009, were engaged in April 2010, and will be married in April 2011. The decision to become members of Temple Beth El was an easy one as they began planning their future together. Eric looks forward to continued study and conversion as they look to create a strong Jewish family together. Beth and Eric were looking for a congregation where they "belong" and found that in the friendly and comfortable surroundings of Congregation Temple Beth El. As a newcomer to Temple Beth El, Beth truly appreciates all of the warmth and kindness that has been shown to her in the past year. We are both truly honored to be a part of this great Congregation.

Entertainment Books are on sale now in the Temple office!

Please support our fundraiser!

For only \$30, the Entertainment Book includes:

- * Up to 50% off at your favorite restaurants!
- * Great deals on travel!
- Big savings on shopping, services, and entertainment!

Plus this year the book includes a Bonus Card for additional dollars off purchases from popular merchants!

Get yours from Katie in the Temple Office, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to Noon!



TSRS Travels

The students of the Temple Synagogue Religious School have gone on two field trips this month, albeit one was considerably closer than the other. In October, we took the older Wednesday school students to the lobby of Aimie's Dinner & Movie for the World Awareness Children's Museum exhibit of local student artwork on the Holocaust. This fantastic exhibit, sponsored in part by Sunny and Paul Buchman, showcased artwork from area students that showed their reflections on the Holocaust and a Holocaust related book that they had read in school. Many thanks to Rabbi Durbin for making this a highly educational and meaningful trip for our students. We especially enjoyed the artwork of former religious school student Ariel Frank.

On November 14th, the religious school visited the National Yiddish Book Center located in Amherst, MA. The trip was greatly enjoyed by all of the students, families, teachers, and community members in attendance. The book center set up two tours for us designed for different age groups. At the end of the tour for the younger students, they got to create their own book after having seen the "Monsters and Miracles" exhibit about Jewish picture books. The kids really enjoyed this activity. "My favorite part was making the big book," according to Jonah Levin. We learned all about the Yiddish culture and language and several of us learned to speak a few Yiddish phrases before the day was over. The older students got to see additional parts of the book center. Daniel Schwartz enjoyed seeing all of the older Yiddish books in the cold storage section of the basement. They also have an old Yiddish printing press set up, which was Molly Lieberman's favorite part of the tour. Personally, I enjoyed *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, which was read to us in Yiddish, and the children got to help translate it into English.

On October 24th, the religious school honored Sheldon and Louise Binns during the community luncheon by placing their names on the Rabbi Richard J. Sobel Distinguished Service Award plaque. We honored and thanked them for forty years of dedicated service to the religious school as teachers and director. I also used the opportunity to officially rename the school library as the Sheldon Binns Temple Synagogue Religious School Library. This library is now located in the old storage closet at the top of the stairs in the Temple. I cleaned out, renovated, and painted the closet in preparation for turning it into a library. Cleaning out the closet was certainly interesting as I found a wealth of historical information about the Temple. The further I got into the closet the older everything became going all the way back to the 1950's. Please feel free to visit the library if you are looking for Jewish children's books. Just make sure to sign out any books that you remove. If anyone has Jewish children's books that they would like to donate to our library, please contact me. Now that we have a new and improved permanent location for the library, I would like to upgrade our books as well.

B'Shalom

Adam Fine

TSRS Director

Passover 2011

Last Passover I had the opportunity to talk with the Manager of Price Chopper about the variety and amount of Passover food available for us to purchase for the holiday in our local store. The manager suggested that if we gave him a list of the Passover products that we would purchase he would do his best to stock our store with those items... I'm thinking that we need less Passover cotton candy and more everyday food. Dick and I had always gone to Albany to do our Passover shopping but I would really like to stay here in Glens Falls to buy the things that I need for the holiday.

So if you could, look at your recipes and make a list of what you would buy to make the Passover foods that you enjoy for the holiday. Email the list to me at designerchallah@hotmail.com by December 17; I will get the list to the store manager by the beginning of January. I know that I would like to see more Passover dairy and more frozen items, like kishka. What are you going to put on your list?

Thank you,

Elaine Sobel



Havurah Vatik Channukah Celebration

Sunday, December 12th, 11 - 1 P.M. at Congregation Shaara Tfillle

All area Jewish Seniors 55 plus are welcome!

Saratoga Klezmer Band with Rabbi Kenneth Blatt

ENJOY DELICIOUS HOMEMADE LATKES!!

The Saratoga Klezmer Band is composed of local musicians that enjoy playing traditional Jewish songs. Their performance will feature popular Klezmer and Chanukah songs. The Band will be joined by Rabbi Blatt of Congregation Shaara Tfillle who sang for Havurah Vatik last April. Expect a fun and foot-stomping program!

It is very important that you contact Temple Sinai at 584-8730, mail-box 4, or Havurahvatic@hotmail.com by December 5th if you are planning to attend, will be staying for lunch, or if you need transportation.

Directions: Rte. 50 north from Saratoga, right at Adirondack Trust, Weibel Ave., go past 2nd light & turn left into Congregation Shaara Tfillle. Ample parking in front & behind the synagogue.

Havurah is grateful to its sponsors, First Niagara Bank and the United Jewish Federation

Torah Portions

December 4

Gen. 41:1-44:17

Num. 7:24-29

Pr. Zech. 2:14-4:7

December 11

Gen. 44:18-47:27

Pr. Ez. 37:15-28

December 18

Gen. 47:28-50:26

Pr. I Kings 2:1-12

December 25

Ex. 1:1-6:1

Pr. Is. 27:6-28:13; 29:22-23

PEDLARS FAIR - NOVEMBER 7, 2010

Thanks to all those who gave their time and efforts to make this a successful sale. We could not do this without your generous support and hard work.

Myra and Bob Katz

Peter LaGrasse

Marilyn Bazan and George Conable

Florence Handen

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Bari Nisoff Mattison

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Suzanne Seay

We want to thank the Alternative Sentencing Program of Washington County for the help they gave us with carrying everything up from the basement. This is a difficult set up and sale. It would be impossible to do it without lots of volunteers. Thank you!!

Rachel Gartner and Maxine Wasserman



DECEMBER 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	*SAT
			1 6 p.m. TSRS at Synagogue Channukah begins at sun-down	2 2 p.m. Intermediate Hebrew 6 p.m. Jumping Into Judaism	3 6 p.m. Service 7 p.m. Channukah Dinner	4 10:30 a.m. Torah Study
5 TSRS Family Channukah Party	6	7 10 a.m. Book Club Brunch 5:30 p.m. Beginner Hebrew 7 p.m. Jewish Medical Ethics	8 6 p.m. TSRS at Synagogue	9 2 p.m. Intermediate Hebrew 6 p.m. Jumping Into Judaism	10 7 p.m. Torah Service / Oneg hosted by Jack & Lois Hellman IHO all those who volunteer at Temple	11 10:30 a.m. Torah Study
12 9:30 a.m. TSRS at Temple 5 p.m. Pizza and a Movie (<u>Fiddler on the Roof</u>)	13	14 4 p.m. Ritual / Pulpit Committee Meeting 5:30 p.m. Beginner Hebrew 7 p.m. Jewish Medical Ethics	15 6 p.m. TSRS at Synagogue Shofar Deadline	16 2 p.m. Intermediate Hebrew 6 p.m. Jumping Into Judaism	17 7 p.m. Service / Oneg hosted by David Coleman IMO Sharon Coleman	18 10:30 a.m. Tot Shabbat
19 9:30 a.m. Chai Society Breakfast (Dr. Keith Pomakoy) 9:30 a.m. TSRS at Temple	20	21	22 No TSRS	23	24 7 p.m. Service	25 10:30 a.m. Torah Study
26 No TSRS	27	28 7 p.m. TBE Board Meeting	29 No TSRS	30	31 7 p.m. Service New Year's Eve	

**JANUARY 2011**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	*SAT
						1 10:30 a.m. Torah Study
2 No TSRS	3	4	5 6 p.m. TSRS at Synagogue	6	7 6 p.m. Family Service 7 p.m. Pizza Dinner	8 10:30 a.m. Torah Study
9 9:30 a.m. TSRS at Temple	10	11 10 a.m. Book Club Meeting (Little Bee) 4 p.m. Ritual / Pulpit Committee Meeting	12 6 p.m. TSRS at Synagogue	13	14 7 p.m. M. L. King Ser- vice / Oneg	15 10:30 a.m. Torah Study 7:30 p.m. Improv Club Shofar Deadline
16 No TSRS	17 Martin Luther King Day Observed	18	19 6 p.m. TSRS at Synagogue	20 Tu B'Shevat	21 7 p.m. Service / Oneg	22 10:30 a.m. Torah Study
23 TSRS Family Tu B'Shevat Seder	24	25 7 p.m. TBE Board Meeting	26 6 p.m. TSRS at Synagogue	27	28 7 p.m. Service / Oneg	29 10:30 a.m. Torah Study
30 9:30 a.m. TSRS at Temple	31					

*Saturday Services: Unless noted otherwise, there will be a *Shabbat* 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.



Contributions

GENERAL FUND

Howard & Marcia Krantz

In memory of Edward Israel

Judith Metzner Shepherd

In memory of Allen Suckman

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In honor of Lois Hellman

Cheryl Tucker

In memory of Allen Suckman

Jack & Lois Hellman

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Jack & Lois Hellman

In gratitude for Lois' name being placed on the *Mitzvah* Plaque and in appreciation to Karen Marks and Christine Levy for preparing the beautiful Oneg

Marilyn Bazan & George Conable

In memory of Allen Suckman

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Wishing Mike Siegel a speedy recovery

Marion DeMarco

In memory of Allen Suckman

Donald Schwartz

In memory of Allen Suckman

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Best wishes to Mike Siegel and continued good health

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In honor of Lois Hellman's name being added to the *Mitzvah* Plaque

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In celebration of Christine McDonald becoming a Jew

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In honor of Rabbis Matt & Rose Durbin's wedding anniversary

Mike & Gilda Siegel

In memory of Anne Daniels Goldberg



We Remember

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

December 3

Paul Arnstein, Billy Dopreen, Alice Doran, *Vilma G. Gelman, *Sol Koch, Gertrude Lebowich, Dr. David Lawrence Little, Hannah Robbins, Marcia Schmitt, *Leonard Seidel, William Shapiro, Anna Waterman

December 10

Anna Binns, *Edward Brender, *Morris Hellenberg, Cerf J. Levy, Evelyn Lockwood, *Jeanette C. Metzner, Matilda Schwartz, Morris Shorr, *Chester Sirkus, Sander Steinberg, *Mark Tracy, *Ruth Wasserman, *Alice Strauss Yaffee

December 17

*Maxwell Bassock, Sharon Coleman, Samuel Frank, *Blossom Friedman, Jacob Herbert Goldstein, Emil Grossman, Arthur Leopold, *Dr. Sherman Lichtman, Ace A. Orange, *Alec Howard Silverman, *Joseph Tucker

December 24

*Reuben Cohen, *Mary Gartner, Berdie Gladstone, Alfred Korner, Bert Kusserow, Aaron Mandel, Cecelia Hecht Marks, Henry Patack, Alvin Rudnick

December 31

Herman Aronson, *Walter Cohen, *William Erlanger, *Jeanette Ginsburg Feller, *Adolph Fonfa, Ella Friedman, Louis L. Ginsburg, Julius Leinoff, Rose Leinoff, Morris Miller, Ruth Olson, *Edith L. Pawel, Stephen Schulman, Dick Sobel, Annette Socher, *Sandra Suckman

(*name appears on yahrzeit plaque in the sanctuary)

Eitz Chayim...The Tree of Life.



We cling to it; we remember it in prayer and in song. "It is a tree of life for those who hold fast to it, and all its supporters are happy."

Become a supporter of Temple Beth El's Tree of Life by donating a leaf in honor of a loved one or a *simcha*. Our Tree of Life is a tangible record of our Temple's families through the generations. Past donations and your current ones sustain us spiritually and financially. To purchase a leaf, call me at 792-6192.

Elaine Sobel

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



Temple Beth El History

[Following is an excerpt from the early history of Temple Beth El, written by Ella Cline. This part concludes "Faith," the chapter for 1927-1928.]

Rabbi Benjamin M. Parker, who had been our student-rabbi during 1924-1926, paid us a farewell visit before sailing for a year of study in Poland. He led our services August 1. He described the conditions among Jews in Poland (among whom he had spent the previous summer) especially emphasizing the distress caused by the lack of dwelling space in Warsaw.

Greetings were conveyed to us several times during the year from our first student-rabbi, John Joseph Tepfer, 1923-1924. He had graduated Cum Laude from the Jewish Institute of Religion and had been awarded the Bertha Gugenheimer Traveling Fellowship. Rabbi Tepfer was spending a year of travel and study in Palestine.

On New Year we gathered in our Temple like children coming home. One smiling, kindly face was missing that had always been present to greet us before. During the morning services Rabbi Eppstein told us how Moses, when dying, did not think of himself, but, as a truly great leader, asked, "What will become of my people?" In the same spirit had Julius Jacobson thought of us, and left in his will to Congregation Beth El \$3,000.00 to pay the last of a note owed by the congregation. Thus were we encouraged at the beginning of the New Year.

The services in our little Temple on New Year and Atonement, the sermons given by Rabbi Eppstein, the floral decorations, and especially the music rendered by the full choir, composed a whole hardly to be improved on anywhere. Adolph Ochs, a member of our congregation, was particularly pleased, and personally complimented Mrs. Carl Bronne on the work of the choir and praised Rabbi Eppstein for the manner of our services, and told him that he would like to buy us an organ. Rabbi Eppstein was appointed a committee of one to select the instrument and to conduct all further negotiations concerning the gift.

The rabbi came every other week-end, but services continued every Friday. Everyone who was seriously interested in the welfare of the congregation realized that a student-rabbi, though very capable, giving us two days every other week, could not do the work of a resident rabbi. To continue to function effectively as a religious and intellectual unit, we must assist our rabbi to carry on the work of the congregation.

The Round Table Discussion Group was organized with that in mind. This group met with Rabbi Eppstein Saturday evening to discuss topics of general interest previously chosen. Great flexibility and latitude were allowed in the choice of subjects.

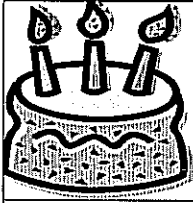
The Sisterhood met on September 11 to continue under the leadership of Mrs. Carl Bronne. Mrs. Adolph Bronne resigned her office of vice-president as she planned to spend the winter South. Mrs. Edith Pawel was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy. In place of the hope chest of the previous year members pledged themselves to raise ten dollars each in ways to suit themselves. Other activities would continue as before.

The report of our treasurer, Mrs. Morris Maslon, illustrates best the work of the year 1927-1928.

[The report shows income from dues, fundraisers, and bank interest of \$1248.97, and unspecified "debits" of \$1169.79. Ed.]

Mrs. Julia Jacobson was elected first vice-president of Beth El, to fill the vacancy left by Mr. Adolph Bronne, and to be acting president until elections are held in spring. Earlier in the year Mr. Charles Gelman was elected vice-president for Congregation Beth El.

With sober and serious thought, determined to continue, through weal or woe as a Jewish congregation, we face the New Year with the prayer in our hearts, "The Work of our hands and minds, establish Thou it!"



Happy Birthday!

Naomi Marks (12/3), Robert Rosoff (12/4), Sonny Segan (12/5), Charles Searleman (12/10), Molly Lieberman (12/10), Lee Schwartz (12/10), Ana Bazan (12/13), Noah Hellman (12/15), Marcia Krantz, (12/16), Barry Goldstein (12/20), Jennifer Nadler (12/20), Jason Wodicka (12/20), Betty Gancher (12/21), Gail Waimon (12/23), Harlan Steuer (12/23), Joseph Bittman (12/23), Scott Segan (12/24), Travis Amengual (12/26), Victor Friedman (12/28), Jaclyn Adler (12/28), Helene Leopold (12/29)

Condolences


Christine Kobel (Temple's own "Cheesecake Lady"), beloved wife of Paul Kobel, and loving mother of Sara, Emily, Adam, and Sean, passed away on Sunday, October 17, 2010 at the age of 48.

Allan Gordon, son of Phillip Gordon, passed away on Wednesday, October 20, 2010.

Jason H. Berke, son of Temple members Richard & Betty Berke, husband of Carol, and father of Tyler Richard, passed away on Friday, October 22, 2010 at the age of 37. In addition to his parents, wife, and son, Jason is survived by his sister, Jennifer, his nieces, Alana and Olivia, brother-in-law, Ari, and uncles and aunts, Temple members, Hon. Philip & Debi Berke, and Alan & Joan Rhodes.

Get Well Soon

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