



The February 2012 Shofar
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SHABBAT ON THE SLOPES

Have you ever wanted to combine the love and thrill of skiing with Judaism? Do you want to feel the excitement of rushing down the slopes with your community? Would you like a spiritual and meaningful Shabbat while being carefree and among nature? If so, then please join us on February 11 and March 10 at 11 a.m. (and on March 31 for *Havdalah* and night skiing!) at West Mountain, where we will usher in Shabbat and pray together before dashing onto the slopes and spend the day skiing! Reservations with pre-payment are required. Please contact Temple before February 9 to secure your passes for a day at the mountain. This should prove to be a wonderful and exciting Shabbat with both song and prayer and the thrill of skiing! No experience required. (Please note that if we do not receive at least 10 pre-payments, this will be cancelled!)

Rabbi Durbin and Matt Levin



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Tasteful Traditions

BIG NEWS!!! The Temple Beth El cookbook, *Tasteful Traditions*, has been sent to press and the books will arrive before Passover. The book includes 249 terrific recipes, collected from our community and friends, and some wonderful tidbits to read as well, all assembled inside a lovely (and sturdy) hard cover. Every home should have at least one! These cookbooks make terrific gifts - both affordable and meaningful.

We, your cookbook committee, have worked hard to make this the BEST book imaginable, and hope you will support this project by placing orders for your books immediately.

The books are selling for \$12.84 including tax and for an extra \$5.00 we will ship them for you. Support your Temple and order your cookbooks NOW!

To tempt your taste buds, and tickle your funny bone, here's a sample recipe from Phyllis Brown, cookbook committee chair:

Hippo Pôt de Mousse

Ingredients:

19 lbs. Bitter Chocolate 2 lbs. White Sugar
½ c. Vanilla Extract 11 gal. Heavy Cream

In a large pan, melt the chocolate over boiling water. Add sugar and vanilla. Continue cooking until sugar is dissolved (about 3 days). Set aside to cool. Pour cream into a well-scrubbed kitchen sink. Using a small Jacuzzi pump, whip the cream until stiff peaks form. When you have recovered, fold the chocolate mixture into the cream. Shovel into serving bowls. Serves 3.

*Note: This recipe is NOT included in **Tasteful Traditions**, the Temple Beth El cookbook currently in production, but many other wonderful (and more practical) recipes are! If you attempt this recipe, be sure to have someone waiting to take you to the ER, because you will definitely need a doctor!*



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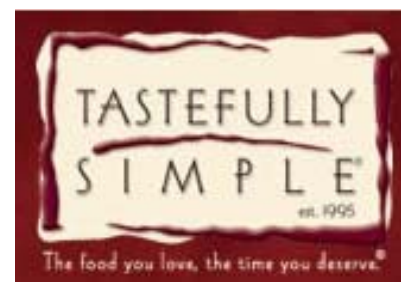


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President's Message

"Create a shared, sustainable, financially secure Jewish community in the Glens Falls area."

This is the mission statement of the joint Congregation Shaaray Tefila/Temple Beth El committee which met on January 9.

To this end, we are studying models for the consolidation of our two congregations into a shared space with shared resources. **We are not discussing a merger.** Each congregation will maintain its identity. We are building a framework within which we will identify issues and involve the members of both congregations in developing workable, mutually acceptable solutions.

Throughout this process, the committee will keep you informed through newsletters, e-mails, letters and meetings. Minutes of the joint committee meetings will also be available. Just ask any of the members or Katie.

And we will ask you, also, for your positive comments and ideas. For the continuation of our vibrant Glens Falls Jewish Community we must think: "This will work because...." We need your help to complete the sentence.

The members of the committee are: Steve Adler, Barry Goldstein, Ellen Katz, Matt Levin, Barbara Rosoff and Scott Schwartz, Larry Greenberg, Sam Gottesman, Mike Gersten, Syd Hochman, and Dan Korot.

Barbara L. Rosoff

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.



**An Intimate Evening of Music and Laughter with
Camille (Wodicka) West and Bill Martin
Saturday, February 25th at 8 p.m.**

Temple Beth El is proud to announce the return of Café Beth El on Saturday, February 25 at 8pm. The Temple's auditorium will be transformed into a folk cabaret with table seating and service. Tickets are \$18 in advance/\$20 at the door. Advance reservation can be made by calling (518) 792-4364.

Throughout the 1990s, Café Beth El offered unique and entertaining folk music presentations for the community in a causal environment. For this re-launch the Café is proud to present the comedic folk singer Camille West who has been a Café Lena regular and part of the acclaimed folk quartet Four Bitchin' Babes. Opening for Camille is Bill Martin, Folk blues performer. Camille and Bill will perform their own 45 minute acoustic sets ending with a combined performance.

In addition to the live entertainment, non-alcoholic beverages, desserts and other light refreshments will be available for purchase. Plus, works of art and handmade jewelry by local artisans will be on display and on sale. Proceeds will benefit the programs of Temple Beth El.

United Federation Scholarships

Federation again will offer scholarships to area children and college students to attend overnight Jewish camps, Jewish summer travel experiences, and summer and year-long Israel experience programs. Funding is also available for any program that provides Jewish enrichment and inspires Jewish continuity, which may include youth movement or organization weekends and activities, leadership seminars, etc. Due to the limited amount of funding, decisions are based on financial need that will be determined by completion of a detailed questionnaire, submission by both parents of the most recent complete federal income tax return available, and possible telephone follow-up. All scholarships awarded are financial-need based. In considering an applicant's need, we consider the program expense and any exceptional circumstances or financial burdens or responsibilities that the immediate family may have. Please call the Federation office for more details.

Deadline for applications is March 2, 2012, for all scholarship requests for programs that take place during the summer of 2012, and includes those semester or year in Israel programs that may not end before the end of May 2013. Although it may be too early to apply to these programs, now is the time to apply for scholarships through our Federation. The scholarship committee allots funding only during one time period. Applications received after the deadline will only be entertained if additional funding is available. Please encourage all potential applicants to submit their applications in a timely manner.

Qualified applicants who hope to spend summer 2012 in an enrichment program should apply to the program as soon as possible. Some of the camps and programs fill to capacity early in the year.

Applications can be downloaded from the Federation website, www.jewishfedny.org.

Federation directly funds camperships for eligible local Jewish day camps. Interested students should apply directly to these camps for campership.

If you have any questions, please call Deborah Goldstein at the Federation, 783-7800 ext. 230, or e-mail dgoldstein@jewishfedny.org.



Torah Portions

February 4

Beshalach

Pent. Ex. 13:17-17:16

Pr. Judges 4:4-5:31

February 11

Yitro

Pent. Ex. 18:1-20:23

Pr. Isa. 6:1-7:6, 9:5-6

February 18

Mishpatim

Pent. Ex. 21:1-24:18,
30:11-16

Pr. II Kings 12:1-17

February 25

Terumah

Pent. Ex. 25:1-27:19

Pr. I Kings 5:26-6:13

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. 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 Jack and Lois Hellman, Steve Adler, and Karen Marks for hosting an Oneg in January.

To Harlan and Jennifer Steuer for hosting an Oneg in January in celebration of Benjamin, Olivia, and Rebecca's birthday.

To the Temple Board of Trustees for hosting an Oneg in January for our annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. service.

Book Club

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

February 14: Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close by Jonathan Safran Foer

March 13: No Ordinary Time by Doris Kearns Goodwin

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



**Jews and Tattoos Class with Rabbi Durbin
Tuesday, February 21 at 6 p.m.**

Have you ever wondered why Jews are prohibited of having tattoos? Where does this taboo come from and what can we learn from it?

Come join us on Tuesday, February 21 at 6 p.m. as we explore the reasons and implications of tattoos and the Jewish perspective. We will examine our way through primary source material which will open our eyes and mind to a deeper understanding of this Biblical injunction.



FEBRUARY 2012

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1 6 p.m. TSRS at Synagogue	2	3 6 p.m. Family Service / Oneg hosted by 8th & 9th grade students	4 10:30 a.m. Torah Service
5 9:30 a.m. TSRS at Temple	6	7	8	9	10 7 p.m. Tu <i>B'Shevat</i> Service / Oneg hosted by the Temple Board of Trustees	11 11 a.m. Shabbat on the Slopes
12 9:30 a.m. TSRS at Temple	13	14 10 a.m. Book Club (<u>Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close</u>) 12 p.m. Ritual / Pulpit Committee Meeting	15 6 p.m. TSRS at Synagogue Shofar Deadline	16	17 7 p.m. Shabbat Service / Oneg hosted by Bob & Barb Rosoff ICO their wedding anniversary	18 10:30 a.m. Torah Study
19	20	21 6 p.m. Jews and Tattoos Class with Rabbi Durbin	22	23 Last day for reduced admission to Café Beth El Music & Laughter	24 7 p.m. Family Service / Oneg hosted by Levin Family ICO Jonah's birthday	25 10:30 a.m. Torah Study 7 p.m. Café Beth El Music & Laughter
26	27	28 7 p.m. Temple Board Meeting	29 6 p.m. TSRS at Synagogue	1	2 7 p.m. Shabbat Service / Oneg hosted by Lang Family ICO Mary's conversion to Judaism	3 10:30 a.m. Torah Study

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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.]

June is invariably our most active month with the exception of the High Holydays season. The card party during the first week of June was differentiated from other such parties by a one-act comedy which brought to light no end of histrionic talent among our members. This was hilariously successful. So be not bashful, you talented ones; give us another play, soon.

Five children were confirmed on June 2nd. These were: Esther Gallo, Florence Shapera, Robert Sidur, Beulah Slater, and Geraldine Stein. Rabbi Shulman conducted the confirmation exercises; Mrs. Julius Jacobson presented the confirmants with the certificates of confirmation and with gifts from the Sisterhood. Louise Bronne was awarded the annual prize for perfect attendance. This prize is donated annually by Mrs. Samuel Kohn in memory of her father. At this time, Mr. Cline, and Caroline and Rosmore Schwager, each were presented with gifts from the Sisterhood for their work in the Religious School.

Mrs. Shulman came with Rabbi Shulman for a weekend. A jolly party took place in the Home Room on Saturday evening, June 17. Since the day was the ninth wedding anniversary of Rabbi and Mrs. Shulman, the congregation presented them with a purse.

This also being the seventeenth wedding anniversary of Carl and Flora Bronne, the Sisterhood presented Flora with a lovely white bag, but never as lovely as the clear and mellow tones of her voice in our choir room.

And the very next day, Sunday, June 18, our annual congregational and school picnic was held in the Girl Scout camp grounds. And was it cold – but all suggestions that we go home and eat our picnic luncheons in the warmth of our breakfast nooks were strongly overruled. Even a cold drizzle could not disperse us. The men played ball, the women played active games, or sat around and were chilled, but the picnic picknicked as per schedule.

During this chilly outing an elaborately embossed silver tray was presented to Max and Ella Cline by Dr. Maslon, a gift for their silver wedding anniversary that June, from the congregation.

Thus the summer began with parties and gifts and good will. The confirmation, the picnic, every activity, was well attended; yet our roll of paying members was steadily shrinking. Because of the economic crisis, no one was dropped from membership for non-payment.

TSRS Update

The religious school celebrated Chanukah during its annual Family Chanukah Celebration on December 18th. Thank you to everyone who helped to make these festivities a success. I really appreciate all of the help that I received. Special thank you's to Dave Lieberman for another fantastic magic show and to Elaine Sobel for more of her wonderful latkes. Another thank you to Allison Levin, Avery Hill, and Caila Eichin who all worked very hard to make sure that everything was set up in time for the party. For those of you who don't already know, Allison has taken over as both treasurer and secretary for the school, and she is already making my job much easier.

On behalf of the entire Temple Synagogue Religious School, I would also like to extend a huge thank you to the entire Cohen family for their wonderfully generous Chanukah gift. They purchased three touch screen tablets and one 7 inch notebook for the school. These will be a fantastic addition to the school and are greatly appreciated.

Our annual bus trip will be on May 6th. We will be visiting the Jewish Children's Museum in Brooklyn, New York. Any extra room on the bus will again be open to community members. More information about availability and cost and will be forthcoming as we get closer to May.

Sincerely,

Adam Fine, TSRS Director



We Remember

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

February 3

Saul S. Agranov, *Louis E. Brown, *Max Burick, Rose Charnow, *Charles Ginsburg, Rita Housman, *Abraham Kohn, *David Krantz, Matthew Markowitz, Hyman Proller, *George B. Shepherd, Jr., Robert Siegel, *Samuel Slater, *Rose Winer

February 10

Edward Buyer, Guglielmo D'Amico, Louis Feigenbaum, *Samuel T. Kohn, *Anna Maslon, *Babette G. Metzner, George Pfeiffer, *Rose Sollosy Rabhan, Nathan Rosoff, Faye Schlesinger, *Harry Sobel, Phillip Stogel, *Isidore Winer, *Beulah S. Yanklowitz

February 17

Sadie Barondess, Mollie Bourstein, Helen Levin, Donald Levy, *Emanuel Pawel, *Henry Pawel, Abe Siegel, Fred Siegel, *Louisa Sommer, Etta Wein

February 24

*Sharon Barclay, Alan Bessen, *Sophia Cline, Isadore Cohen, *Sadie Esner, Saul Goldfarb, Otto Heller, *Dr. Abraham Reed, Philip Sovetts, Melvina Wieder

*(*name appears on yearzeit plaque in the sanctuary)*



NAACP

During Temple's annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Service, Reverend Oates reminded those in attendance of the years of cooperation (prior to MLK's assassination) and understanding between African Americans and Jews. He welcomed the opportunity to join us in this event and expressed his hope that we might once again work toward shared goals. He invited those who do not currently belong to the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) to become members. Those who wish to follow up on this suggestion are encouraged to go to: www.naacp.org/Membership.

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House Chair, Larry Silver

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



Happy Birthday!

Denise Jackson (2/3), Beth McDonnell (2/5), Elizabeth Solomon (2/9), Dale Tracy (2/11), Tammy Kafin Taylor (2/12), Louise Binns (2/14), Joyce Yaffee (2/15), Samuel Marks (2/16 – 10 years old!), Lisa DeLuca (2/17), Don Schwartz (2/17), Jonah Levin (2/18 – 7 years old!), Kathy Naftaly (2/19), Mitch Cohen (2/20), Charles Waimon (2/22), Jonathan Nemer (2/23), Mattea Rice (2/26 – 2 years old!), Jared Brender (2/26), Layla McDonnell (2/27 – 8 years old!), Deena Gill (2/27)



Happy Anniversary!

Mike & Gilda Siegel (2/9 – 60 years)
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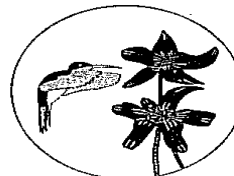


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Writing for *The Shofar*? Think Ahead!

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 (tbegfny@gmail.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, to arrive prior to the deadline.

**The deadline for getting articles to Katie for the March issue of
The Shofar is Wednesday, February 15!**