



The January 2012 Shofar
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On January 20, 2012, at 7:00 p.m., Temple Beth El hosts its annual Shabbat service commemorating the birthday of Dr. King, with guest speakers and a warm invitation to the community to join us for the service, followed by an Oneg Shabbat. Look for emails with further details, and plan to attend.

CHAI SOCIETY PROGRAM

Title: Mark Rothko: A Matter of Spirit in Art

Speaker: Dr. Sheldon Hurst, Professor Emeritus of Art History at SUNY Adirondack

Date and Time: Sunday, January 22nd, 2pm

Summary: Mark Rothko (1903-1970) was born in Dvinsk, Russia (now Daugavpils, Latvia). When he was growing up, Dvinsk was considered one of the foremost Jewish cities of the Russian Empire and a center of Jewish culture. In 1913, Rothko emigrated to the United States. At first he settled in Portland, Oregon but, after a few years, he traveled to New York City which eventually became his home base. Rothko was one of the founders of the Abstract Expressionist movement but what made him unique among his peers was that some of his works were primarily a reflection of the spiritual process. Dr. Hurst in his presentation will focus on a few of Rothko's pieces and, in conjunction with the displayed visual images, he will be giving his verbal responses to each of the works.

Coffee, tea, and dessert will be served just before the talk.

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 4th and March 10th at 11 a.m. (and on March 31st 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 January 22nd 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!)

A Chuppah for Temple

A *Chuppah* is one of those things you don't think much about until you start planning a wedding - or until you attend a Jewish wedding. Nor is a *Chuppah* the sort of thing people keep in their closets at home "just in case."

But thanks to a small group of Temple Beth El members spearheaded by Mike Siegel, Temple Beth El now has a beautiful new *Chuppah*. We extend our gratitude to the members of the *Chuppah* Committee and those who donated or helped to create our new *Chuppah* including: Gilda & Mike Siegel, Chris & Jeff Levy, Fred & Nancy Fagelman, Bruce & Ellen Katz, and Ami & Barry Goldstein.

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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.

Rabbis Message

*Etz Chayim he...*It is a tree of life to those who hold fast to it, and all of its supporters are happy!
(Proverbs 3:10)

As we approach the holiday of *Tu B'shvat*, the celebration of the trees, we look back to the wonderful beauty of our nature, the miraculous environment, and the gratitude we share for God creating our world for us to share and enjoy!

Tu B'shvat is a minor Jewish Holiday, occurring on the 15th day of the Hebrew month of *Shevat*. It is also called "The New Year of the Trees." *Tu B'shvat* is one of four "New Years" mentioned in the Mishnah.

The Talmud teaches us that a person whose wisdom exceeds his good deeds is likened to a tree whose branches are numerous, but whose roots are few. The wind comes and uproots it and turns it upside down.

But a person whose good deeds exceed his wisdom is likened to a tree whose branches are few but whose roots are numerous. Even if all the winds of the world were to come and blow against it, they could not budge it from its place. (*Pikrei Avot 3:22*)

We often make the comparison of a tree to that of Torah, for trees have branches which extend outwards, growing in order to provide us with a multitude of resources (i.e. shelter, food, habitat, etc.), which enables us to access these resources and use them for the benefit for our wider world. Much like trees, Torah too, provides us with the tools and knowledge to live our lives as best as we can. We are grateful for the blessings God has bestowed upon us, and we are to be cognizant of the beauty of the wider world around us, the world God spent so much time creating.

This year, on February 10th, please join us at 7pm as we have a Family service dedicated in honor of *Tu B'shvat*, where we will reveal our Tree of Life in the homeroom which has been cleaned and maintained. There is limited space, but if you would want to purchase a leaf for the tree to show your appreciation for and commitment to Temple Beth El, please contact the Temple office before January 20th to secure a spot on our tree. It is a wonderful way to be connected and strengthen our support for our community!

This year on *Tu B'Shvat*, as you're gnawing that slab of carob, ask yourself:

Am I getting the spiritual food and shelter I need to survive, or is my tree being blown down by the forces of information overload and rampant materialism?

Am I part of a strong Jewish community, providing a warm and nurturing environment? Or am I cast into the pale bleak anonymity of urban life and cyberspace?

Am I looking to future generations knowing that I am providing them with the proper foundations for their lives?

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Chag Sameach!

Rabbi Matthew Durbin



If These Walls Could Talk: Part I

The BubbleRoom

Look at me now with beautiful art and sconces highlighting my fireplace. The engraving of *Moses Saves Israel* used to be in the original HomeRoom, and here it is, re-framed, hanging above my fireplace surrounded by other beautifully reframed prints of Biblical scenes. Adults and kids enjoy activities, food, conversation and companionship within my walls. I am the Temple's living room. I'm still *kvelling* over December – Onegs, the Hadassah Shabbat Service, the Latke Fest, the TSRS Channukah party and the Temple Shabbat/Channukah potluck dinner. Some congregants want to re-name me. Maybe there will be a contest. But no matter what I am called, I hope I will always be ready to receive our Temple members and guests in a warm and welcoming environment.

The HomeRoom

The BubbleRoom may have sconces and art over its fireplace, but I have the Tree of Life (*Etiz Chayim*). It was losing leaves and I was worried. But thanks to the *mitzvah* of religious school students who spent hours cleaning and reaffixing them, it is in bloom again, ready for February and the *Tu Bishvat* Rededication of the *Etiz Chayim*. Before the BubbleRoom, I was the "living room" of the Temple; the "home." Religious school students and the congregation would gather within my walls before the BubbleRoom came to be. Over the years many groups have entertained from my stage (come to think of it, all the kids play and entertain on my stage, too). I've seen and heard receptions for over 80 years; I host the Seder, life cycle family events and this year I was also used for the successful Latke Fest. I provide space for worshipers when the Sanctuary is full. The BubbleRoom and I work together to host the events for our Temple family. I hope that I will always be a friendly and loving "home."

The Sanctuary

I don't talk. I shelter thoughts, hopes, happiness, and grief. My walls are the history of Temple Beth El. My walls hear the joyful sounds of children learning prayers and songs, the whispers of parents to their children, the creaks and groans of worshipers rising and sitting and the myriad voices joined in prayer. My walls hear it all. And now I have a lovely new *chuppah* for the *bimah*. I hope it gets lots of use. My walls will hear the Rabbi offering prayers and blessings to our families.

The Vestibule

Have you seen my makeover? New paint and furnishings are transforming me into a beautiful entry way. Every Sunday, I hear the arrival of our religious school students. In the near future, students, congregants, and guests will know even more of the history of Temple Beth El. I will become an archival area, and on my walls will be memories and mementos from the Temple's past. I invite people to come visit me.

What are your hopes for Temple?

Mazel Tov

To **Matt Levin** for becoming the First Annual Latke Fest King!

To **Iain Simmons** for being accepted at The Culinary Institute of America and Johnson & Wales University! Decisions, decisions!!

To **Beth, Derek and Layla McDonnell** and proud grandparents, **Martha & Sandy Searleman and Terry & Dave McDonnell** on the birth of **Ali Merea**, born 12/21/2011, at 6:09 pm.

In the words of Sandy and Martha Searleman: "What a long day. Ali weighed in at 9 lb. 1 oz. and 20 ½ " long. I couldn't believe my eyes when I first saw her. My exact words were "Beth she's huge." It's no wonder that Beth was so large and uncomfortable. It was a long delivery, not only was she larger than expected but she came out face up and this made it harder to push. When she was born, the nurse said she felt like a 10 pound baby. Thank goodness that was not so. Obviously Martha wrote the previous paragraph. During the actual "happening," I was out in the waiting room trying to read a book on my new Kindle Fire. There are some things that papa should not be present for. We brought Layla in after and she was very excited. She played with Ali's toes and when I said that she (Layla) was that small when she was born, she said, no way!!



Torah Portions

January 7

Vayechi

Pent. Gen. 47:28-50:26

Pr. I Kings 2:1-12

January 14

Shemot

Pent. Ex. 1:1-6:1

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

January 21

Vaera

Pent. Ex. 6:2-9:35

Pr. Ezek. 28:25-29:21

January 28

Bo

Pent. Ex. 10:1-13:16

Pr. Jer. 46:13-28

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 the **Glens Falls Chapter of Hadassah** for hosting an Oneg in December.

To **David Coleman** for hosting an Oneg in December in memory of Sharon Coleman.

To the First Annual Latke Fest Committee Members (Mark Fleischer, Larry Silver, Deborah Friedman, Sara Friedman, and Sara Rice) for all their hard work.

Tree of Life

The next time you are in the HomeRoom, take a moment to admire our restored Tree of Life. The post *B'nai Mitzvah* students in Sara Rice's class spent hours cleaning the leaves and re-affixing those that had fallen over the years. They have performed a loving *mitzvah*. Our thanks and appreciation go to:

Caila Eichen, Avery Hill, Kayleigh Jackson, Madison Jackson, Molly Lieberman, and Elena Silverberg.
Todah Rabah - Thank you.

Book Club

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

January 10: Please Look After Mom by Kyung-Sook Shin

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

March 14: 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



JANUARY 2012

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1	2 Temple Office Closed	3	4	5	6 7 p.m. Shabbat Service	7 10:30 a.m. Torah Study
8 9:30 a.m. TSRS at Temple Noon TSRS Board Meeting	9	10 10 a.m. Book Club (Please Look After Mom) 12 p.m. Ritual / Pulpit Committee Meeting	11 6 p.m. TSRS at Synagogue	12	13 7 p.m. Family Service / Oneg hosted by the Steuer family ICO Benjamin, Rebecca, and Olivia's birthday	14 10:30 a.m. Torah Study
15	16 Shofar Deadline	17	18 6 p.m. TSRS at Synagogue	19	20 7 p.m. Martin Luther King Service (Guest speakers, all community members invited, details to follow)	21 10:30 a.m. Torah Study
22 9:30 a.m. TSRS at Temple 2 p.m. Chai Society Program (Dr. Sheldon Hurst speaking on Mark Rothko)	23	24 7 p.m. Temple Board Meeting	25 6 p.m. TSRS at Synagogue	26	27 7 p.m. Shabbat Service	28
29 9:30 a.m. TSRS at Temple 2 p.m. TSRS Musical Fundraiser reception and food	30	31				



Contributions

GENERAL FUND

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Condolences

"Baruch Dayan HaEmet" (Blessed is the Judge of Truth) is traditionally what we say when we learn of someone's death. Temple Member, **Lydia Adler**, wife of Steve Adler, mother of Alissa (& Clifford) Farrier, Douglas (Denise Feltt) Adler, and Jaclyn (Kirt Winslow) Adler passed away on Saturday, December 10, 2011 at the age of 63.

Donations in memory of Lydia can made to:

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May the Source of Healing comfort the bereaved, together with the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem, and all who mourn.

Get Well Soon

Dan Baker, Ronald Binns, Paul Cattabiani, John Dessingue, Len Every, Elaine Faller, Victor Friedman, Alan Gartner, Dawn Gideon, Diann Gordon, Jacqueline Gordon, Mark Grunblatt, James Hipp, Mike Jucowics, Shirley Kanofsky, Paula Knight, Ralph Leinoff, Elizabeth Levy, Sandra Lewis, 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, Miki Shwimmer, Crystal Stefanovick, Alfred Supe, Judy Supe, William Vogt, Carol Wells, Jared Winchell, Bertel Wolfe



Letter from Orel Friedman

Dear Members of Synagogue and Temple:

I wish you a very Healthy and Happy New Year!

For more than 20 years, I have felt that because of the demographics of this area, the only way a healthy religious Judaism will survive in Glens Falls is to merge our two congregations. As the years go by, this has become obvious to many members of both congregations with whom I have spoken, and they look with favor on merger.

The problems we face are not unique to us. They are pervasive throughout the country among many different religious groups and different size communities.

I found this quote in the Summer 2009 "Reform Judaism" magazine by Rabbi Eric H Yoffie, URJ President,

"In a small town it may be that a struggling Reform and a struggling Conservative Synagogue will have to...join in cooperative programming, and even formal mergers."

The Presidents of both our congregations have been in contact in the past year about discussing the subject of merger but movement has been very slow and superficial so far.

I feel that the only way a successful merger will be brought about is to bring in an experienced facilitator at the right time to be sure our planning and execution of the plan are done properly.

Right now, I would like to see every member of both congregations make a New Year's resolution to learn more about our financial and membership problems, to get involved and to start working towards a solution, merger, before it is too late.

Sincerely,

Orel Friedman

Temple Synagogue Religious School Musical Fundraiser January 29th

Due to a scheduling conflict, we have changed the date of the TSRS musical fundraiser to Sunday, January 29th. It will be held in the sanctuary of the Synagogue from 2 – 4, followed by a small reception and food. Please help support the Temple Synagogue Religious School as we try to raise money to purchase new computers. Starting in January, there will be advertisements in the newspapers and posters available to hang around town. Please invite everyone that you know.

With support from the Jewish Federation of Northeastern NY we will present Community Action Theater Services' *Broadway Royalty*, which showcases music from the last 100 years of Broadway written by Jewish composers and lyricists. Music from over 20 shows is connected by a narrative that describes the lives of these Broadway legends. The revue stems from a nationwide public library program honoring these composers as representative of the cultural heritage established in the United States by an immigrant group and their descendents. The new musical revue stars local performers, Janet Stasio, Angela Potrikus, Bill Hickman, and me (Adam Paul Fine), with music direction by Vince Bonafede.

We held the consecration ceremony for our new students in October. New students in kindergarten and older were presented with their first Sifrei Torah, and our older students were reminded to dedicate themselves to their Jewish studies. This was followed by the first community luncheon of the year. The next luncheon will be held in April. The first half of the TSRS school year has gone very well, and I'm looking forward to the second half starting in January.

Happy Channukah,

Adam Fine

TSRS Director



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.]

The winter continued with our usual income-producing activities: card parties, food sales, a rummage sale, suppers. Rabbi Shulman conducted services every other week. The Religious School functioned with the additional help of Miss Bakst as a paid teacher, Caroline and Rosmore Schwager as volunteer teachers. The following papers were read during the year at Sisterhood meetings:

September: Mrs. Samuel Shapera read an article about the Jewish World Congress that will gather in Geneva in 1934, summoned by Rabbi Stephen S. Wise.

October: Mrs. Julius Jacobson read to us about the novel *Magnolia Street*, by Louis Golding. This paper emphasized the change in thought since Israel Zangwill wrote *The Children of the Ghetto* forty years before.

November: (This meeting took place in the home of Mrs. Maslon; all other meetings were held in the Temple.) Mrs. Edith Pawel read to us a brief account of the life of Baruch Spinoza. Although misunderstood and rejected during his life, the entire world was now celebrating his birthday, three hundred years after he was born.

December: Mrs. Morris Maslon read a paper on the Jew in medicine. This was a comprehensive account of the Jewish doctor as a pioneer and pathfinder in medicine as well as a practitioner.

January: The appointed member finding it inconvenient, Mrs. Cline read in her place an article on the probable effect of the five-day week on the observance of the traditional Jewish sabbath, which might thereby regain some of its former sanctity.

February: Mrs. Benjamin Schwager read a paper on the life of Belle Moskowitz, entitled, *A Jewish Woman in Politics*.

March: Mrs. Arthur Hecht told us many interesting facts about Frances Perkins, whom President Roosevelt has appointed Secretary of Labor, the first woman to be given such signal honor in the cabinet of a president of the United States.

April: (This was an open meeting.) Mrs. Lester Erlanger read to us abstracts of a speech by Rabbi Wise and part of an editorial from the *Congregationalist*, both dealing with the Hitler situation in Germany, giving us the Jewish and Christian reaction. Mrs. Jacobson read the prose poem *Desiderata*, by Max Ehrmann. The inspiring lines were a word picture of Mrs. Jacobson's own calm way of life.

May: Mrs. Harry Lustig read to us abstracts from two lectures delivered in Boston by Rabbi Levi and Mr. Hurwitz; the first, the foremost reform rabbi there, the latter the dean of the Hebrew Teachers College, both advocating tolerance to differing views of Judaism.

During our May meeting officers were chosen for the coming year. Mrs. Gelman, being asked to continue in office, reminded the nominating committee that the presiding officer was to serve two consecutive years only. The following officers were then chosen for the coming year: Honorary President, Mrs. Julius Jacobson; President, Mrs. Morris Maslon; first vice-president, Mrs. Charles Gelman; second vice-president, Mrs. Carl Bronne; secretary, Mrs. Samuel Slater; treasurer, Mrs. Arthur Hecht. Later our president appointed Mrs. Herman Metzner to represent the Sisterhood in the Religious School, Mrs. Benjamin Schwager to outline a program for income-producing activities for the year, Mrs. Louis Ginsburg to take charge of publicity, Mrs. Lew Solomon of Sunshine and Mrs. Cline to continue our history and to arrange the cultural program of each meeting.

The men continued with Dr. Maslon as president.



We Remember

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

January 6

*Samuel Armour, *Walter Cohen, Anna Fogel, *Blossom Friedman, Ella Friedman, Monroe Kaphan, Jean Kmiecik, Bertha Hess Liebman, *Louis Nachman, *Morris Wasserman, Dr. Samuel Waterman, Sarah Wolf

January 13

Charles S. Drew, *Moses Murray Fallas, *William Feigenbaum, *Mary Gartner, Catherine Ginsburg, *Anne G. Jacobson, Louis Lazarus, Rebecca Proller, Alvin Rudnick, Izabella Savarin, Betty Steiner, *Sheldon Tucker, *Berdie Yafa

January 20

Nathan Barry, *Joseph Bittman, Irving Comora, Herbert Creager, *Ruth Didakow, *William Erlanger, *Jacob Fagelman, *Dr. Jacques Grunblatt, Maya Helmstetter, Julius Leinoff, Rose Leinoff, *Marion Weinman Leopold, Meyer Lunchick, Helen Marcus, Louis Mauer, Donald Miller, Morris Miller, Louis Perlman, Lillian Prail

January 27

Lillian Hatterm, *Arthur Hecht, Beverly Helman, Mildred Miller, Bayla Schectman, Bernard Schenkel, Herman Silver, *Minnie Spero Susman, Gertrude Swartz, Henry Wallace, *Samuel Weissman

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

First Annual Latke Fest

The first annual Latke Fest was held on Sunday, December 18, 2011 with over 100 people from Temple Beth El and the outside community in attendance. The heart of Latke Fest was the latke cook off, featuring delicious potato treats from both amateur and professional cooks. This year's contestants were: Mike Siegel, Linda Friedman, Matt Levin, Jack Hellman, Doug Gruse, Dan Rice, and Samantha's Cafe (Liz Wilcox and Jennifer Kraft.) Attendees sampled latkes from the seven different chefs to determine the winner of the Golden Latke. Temple Beth El's very own Matt Levin took home the grand prize, including a trophy designed by Phyllis Brown. Second Prize went to Jack Hellman. Organizers are already planning for next year's 2nd Annual Latke Fest and we look forward to seeing you all there as contestants, volunteers, and attendees. For more information, contact latkefest@gmail.com.

Sara Friedman, Latke Fest Committee

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



Happy Birthday!

Donna Futia (1/1), Robert Kafin (1/1), Jonathan Segan (1/2), Phillip Naftaly (1/5), Paul Amengual (1/5), Aaron O'Brien (1/5), Kenneth Schwartz (1/7), Scott Wodicka (1/8), Glennis Swinson (1/8), Benjamin Brown (1/11), Benjamin Douglas Steuer (1/11 – 4 years old), Rebecca Elizabeth Steuer (1/11 – 4 years old), Olivia Sophia Steuer (1/11 – 4 years old), Stuart Wieder (1/12), Daniel Katz (12/13), Monica Corton (1/21), Tom O'Brien, Jr. (1/24), Ronald Binns (1/25), Matthew Brender (1/27), Sidney Hellman (1/27), Ralph Leinoff (1/28)



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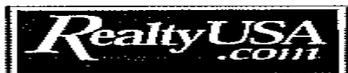


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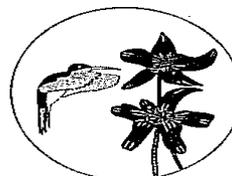
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