



The July/August 2011 Shofar
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Save the Dates!!!

Saturday, September 24 (*Selichot*)

7 p.m. Havdallah

7:30 p.m. *Selichot* Service

Wednesday, September 28 (*Erev Rosh Hashanah*)

8 p.m. *Erev Rosh Hashanah* Service followed by an Oneg hosted by the Temple Congregation

Thursday, September 29 (*Rosh Hashanah*)

10:00 a.m. Morning Service

2 p.m. Children's Service

3 p.m. *Tashlich* Service at the pond in Crandall Park

Sunday, October 2

11 a.m. Cemetery Service

Friday, October 7 (*Kol Nidre—Erev Yom Kippur*)

8 p.m. *Kol Nidre* Service

Saturday, October 8 (*Yom Kippur*)

10 a.m. Morning Service

2 p.m. Children's Service

3 p.m. Afternoon Service

5 p.m. *Yizkor*

6 p.m. *Neilah*

6:30 p.m. "Break-the-Fast"

Friday, October 14 (*Sukkot*)

6 p.m. *Sukkot* Service

7 p.m. Family Dinner

Friday, October 21 (*Simchat Torah*)

7 p.m. *Simchat Torah* Service

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Ask the Rabbi

Instead of a Rabbi's message, Rabbi Durbin will host an "Ask the Rabbi" column where he responds to questions from our readers. We look forward to hearing 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.

Who is Wise?

By: Rabbi Joan Glazer Farber from Reform Judaism Q & A and Wendy Grinberg

In a famous joke, a man asks a rabbi: "Why do Jews always answer a question with a question?" The rabbi answers: "Do we?" Our questions have become such a part of mainstream culture that Dr. Lisa Cuddy asked, "*Mah nishtanah?*" last week on an episode of House. More than a quirk, questions are the entry way to learning. A question signals that the learner is open to a new idea, and it can challenge its subject to consider a new perspective.

From the very beginnings, we can see that a question has meanings on many levels and can move both the asker and the subject with its power. As the first people hide from God in shame, God asks, "Where are you?" (Genesis 3:10), and this question lingers for each of us in our spiritual quests. Our texts are littered with such pivotal questions: "Will You indeed sweep away the innocent along with the wicked?" (Genesis 18:23), "Do you have but one blessing, Father?" (Genesis 27:28), "Who is like You, Eternal One, among the celestials;/Who is like You, majestic in holiness,/Awesome in splendor, working wonders?" (Exodus 15:11), "Should not I care about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not yet know their right hand from their left, and many beasts as well?" (Jonah 4:11) "I lift my eyes to the mountains; from where does my help come?" (Psalm 121:1-2) "A woman of valor, who can find her?" (Proverbs 31:10) "What should be done for man whom the king desires to honor?" (Esther 6:6); "If I am not for myself, who will be for me? And, if I am for myself alone, then what am I? And, if not now, when?" (Pirkei Avot 1:14)

Even Tevye asks, "Would it spoil some vast eternal plan if I were a wealthy man?" And what is his dream? Nothing else than to sit and answer difficult questions from the most important people in town. In our movement, most of us do not regularly bring our questions of ritual law to our rabbis. But the tradition of questions and answers, or *sh'eilot* and *t'shuvot*, continues to the present day. Individuals continue to seek guidance from our sacred texts on legal and ethical matters via the teachings of the rabbis. The Central Conference of American Rabbis has a Responsa Committee, which composes the movement's official responsa. The chair of that committee, Rabbi Mark Washofsky explains, "A Reform responsum is... directed at a particular audience: Reform Jews committed to listening for the voice of Jewish tradition and to applying its message to the religious issues before them. ... It is an attempt at persuasion, not an act of power or authority. This, we believe, is what the responsa literature at its best has always been."¹

For informational queries, anyone can submit a question on the Union for Reform Judaism's Ask the Rabbi page.

Starting next week, Fridays will be devoted to Reform Judaism Q and A. The schedule of articles will reflect the path of Jewish life from cradle to grave. In addition, we will continue to present issues which are raised in our daily lives and are reflective of the movement's ongoing commitment to social justice. As Reform Judaism Q and A develops, it is our hope that you will submit questions for consideration. Please email us with your questions and feedback. Next week, we'll start with a series of questions about the future of the Reform Movement featured in the current issue of Reform Judaism Magazine. We invite you to view the questions and join your voice the conversation.

1. Washofsky, *Jewish Living*, Revised Edition (URJ Press, 2010), p. xxvii

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Letter from the Rabbis

Dear Temple Beth El Members and Friends,

Rose and I would like to express our sincere gratitude for the overwhelming support and love that Temple Beth El has afforded us, especially with our new addition to our family, Eliana Rae Durbin. Our baby naming that we had on Saturday, May 21, 2011 at Temple was truly something that was very special and meaningful for us and something which could not have resulted in the success that it was without the thoughtfulness and participation of the entire community. Rose and I feel that it was such a blessing to be able to share this incredible milestone with our family, the Temple community, as we named our daughter among such loving friends and our extended community family. We appreciate so very much the tremendous generosity Temple Beth El has extended towards us and we will never forget the joy that radiated from all who came to welcome Eliana into our Temple community and family. With Eliana, as written in I Samuel 1:27, "This is the child for whom I prayed, God has granted my desire."

We greatly appreciate your patience and understanding as we make the wonderful and sometimes tiring transition into parenthood.

Thank you again for allowing our family to be a part of your family!

Sincerely,

Rabbis Matthew and Rose, and Eliana Rae Durbin

Message from the Hill Family

Dear Temple Beth El Community,

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for helping with my recent *Mitzvah* Project to help others in need. Thanks to your generous donations, my family and I dropped off 4 large boxes full of non-perishable food items to the Open Door Soup Kitchen in Glens Falls. It is wonderful to belong to a community of supportive and caring people!

Sincerely,

Avery Hill (parents Deirdre and Jeffrey Hill)

Tree of Life

Start the New Year off right by putting the name of someone you love on the tree of life. When they see their name on the tree they will feel connected to the Temple community.

Elaine Sobel

IT'S COOL – REALLY!

Temple Beth El will be more comfortable on the hottest days of summer. The House Committee has installed two energy-efficient air conditioners in windows of the "Bubble Room." This will make meetings, classes, and social events more pleasant during "hot spells," and Shabbat services may be relocated to the "Bubble Room" when the Sanctuary fans are not sufficient.

Get Well Soon

Ronald Binns, Paul Cattabiani, Kimberly Cutter, John Dessingue, Caryl Doe, Elaine Faller, Victor Friedman, Alan Gartner, Dawn Gideon, Jacqueline Gordon, Mark Grunblatt, Lina Hellman, James Hipp, Mike Jucowics, Shirley Kanofsky, Walt Kendall, Paula Knight, Sandra Lewis, Harold Luria, Leonard Meyers, Karen Muller, Howard Nadler, Paul Offricht, Jessica Panebianco, Edie Rudnick, Bob Savarin, Sonny Segan, Frank Sheridan, Benjamin Steuer, Maureen Temple, William Vogt, Robbie Wedge, Carol Wells, Jarod Winchell, Bertel Wolfe

**Torah Portions****July 2**

Num. 19:1-22; 28:9-15

Pr. Is. 66:1-24

I Sam. 20:18,42

July 9

Num. 22:2-25:9

Pr. Micah 5:6-6:8

July 16

Num. 25:10-30:1

Pr. I Kings 18:46-19:21

July 23

Num. 30:2-32:42

Pr. Jer. 1:1-2:3

July 30

Num. 33:1-36:13

Pr. Jer. 2:4-28; 3:4

August 6

Deut. 1:1-3:22

Pr. Is. 1:1-27

August 13

Deut. 3:23-7:11

Pr. Is. 40:1-26

August 20

Deut. 7:12-11:25

Pr. Is. 49:14-51:3

August 27

Deut. 11:26-16:17

Pr. Is. 54:11-55:5

10 Minutes of Torah

The Union will send you a one page e-mail each day on a topic of Jewish interest. 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—Mishnah Day; Wednesday—Israel Connection; Thursday—Delving into Liturgy; Friday—Jewish World & Social Action. 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*.

Mazel Tov

Mazel Tov to Steve and Gayla Langlois on the birth of their son, **Theo David Langlois**, who was born on April 22, 2011. He weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces and has strawberry blond hair. Maternal grandparents are Temple members Howard and Marcia Krantz.

Mazel Tov to **Richard Goldberg**, son of Temple members Suzanne and Jeff Goldberg, who graduated from Navy boot camp in Great Lakes, Illinois on May 13, 2011 and is now in Charleston, South Carolina attending Nuclear Power School.

Mazel Tov to **Madison Jackson**, daughter of Rocky & Denise Jackson, who became a *Bat Mitzvah* on Saturday, June 25, 2011.

Appreciation

To **Sam & Linda Friedman and Alexis Mones** for hosting an Oneg in June in celebration of Aaron Friedman and Sarah Mones' upcoming wedding.

To **Rocky & Denise Jackson** for hosting an Oneg in June in honor of Madison Jackson becoming a *Bat Mitzvah*.

**Happy Anniversary!**

Howard & Lynne Silverberg (7/6 – 19 years), Stuart & Bonnie Wieder (7/12 – 30 years), Paul & Betty Gancher (7/13 – 37 years), Rabbi Durbin at Temple Beth El (7/14 – 3 years), Jeffrey & Christine Levy (7/19 – 30 years), Tom & Renee O'Brien (7/30 – 42 years), Kibby & Michele French (8/1 – 13 years), Gary & Elissa Eichin (8/11 – 15 years), Howard & Marcia Krantz (8/14 – 40 years), Paul & Jo Ann Daigle (8/19 – 22 years), Katie Weaver at Temple Beth El (8/20 – 4 years), Sandy & Martha Searleman (8/25 -44 years), Bill & Diane Martin (8/29 – 46 years), Sam & Linda Friedman (8/31 – 42 years), Matt & Allison Levin (8/31 – 8 years)



Book Club

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

September 13: The Invisible Bridge by Julie Orringer

October 11: Mrs. Kimble by Jennifer Haigh

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

Karen Marks

Break-the-Fast

Dear Friends,

The Holidays are fast approaching (*Gottenyu!*) and we are all looking forward to enjoying the Break-the-Fast, which is Saturday, October 8, 2011. Therefore, we are again requesting your cooperation and generosity in providing any of the following:

Apples	Juices
Butter	Kugels
Cakes	Lemons
Challahs	Margarine
Cheeses	Milk
Cider	Pastries
Coffee	Quiche
Crackers	Rice Pudding
Cream Cheese	Salads, Egg/Herring/Tuna
Fruits	Sodas
Herring-Tidbits Only	Sour Cream
Honey	Tea Bags
Horseradish	Vegetable or Fruit Platters

Make me an offer!

Low fat or no-fat items appreciated, Oi Vai!!

Gelt is always welcome to purchase those items not donated. (Please make checks payable to Temple Beth El and send them directly to the Temple with a notation that it is for the Break-the-Fast.)

After deciding what you can bring, please contact Sandy Searleman at 793-6086 or sandy722@nycap.rr.com **BEFORE MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2011**. In the past, some people did not let me know what they were bringing until several days before Yom Kippur. In fact, in some cases, I did not know until Yom Kippur DAY! Please let me know so the Temple does not spend money unnecessarily!

Shalom,

Chef "Fresser"



JULY 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
					1 7 p.m. Shabbat Service	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 7 p.m. Shabbat Service	9
10	11	12 12 p.m. Ritual / Pulpit Committee Meeting	13	14	15 7 p.m. Shabbat Service	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 7 p.m. Shabbat Service	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 7 p.m. Shabbat Service	30
31						



AUGUST 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1	2 7 p.m. Temple Board Meeting	3	4	5 7 p.m. Shabbat Service	6
7	8	9 12 p.m. Ritual / Pulpit Meeting Tisha B'Av	10	11	12 7 p.m. Tisha B'Av Service	13
14	15 Shofar Deadline	16	17	18	19 7 p.m. Shabbat Service	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 7 p.m. Shabbat Service	27
28	29	30				



Treasurer's Report 2011-2012

Prior to the annual meeting, Karen and I presented to the Board of Trustees our budget for the fiscal year 2011-2012. We are anticipating another shortfall in income as compared to our projected expenses for this coming year. At this point, if nothing changes, our income will not come close to matching our expenses.

Our expenses are fairly fixed, and this year we anticipate that our expenses will be increased by approximately \$21,000. (When comparing the actual expenses from this fiscal year to our projected budget).

This past year we projected a deficit of \$42,000, it turned out that we were very accurate. We have had to borrow \$5,000 from our endowment fund and at this time we have been unable to pay that amount back. We currently still owe \$7000 to the endowment fund from monies borrowed during the previous fiscal year; this amount is not reflected in this budget.

We have determined that part of our problem is cash flow. We truly want to thank our membership. With very few exceptions, our members immediately sent balances in when we requested. Thank you! This year when we send our dues notices out we will be requesting a deposit in by September 1st, which will insure you as a member in good standing and reserve your space for the High Holidays at no additional charge. We will ask anyone who can to pay in full by January to please do so and as always we will accept a longer payment plan option if necessary to those who request it on the form. It is imperative that everyone honor their commitment. If anyone would like to pay additional dues in any amount we would greatly appreciate the donation. We will continue to accept credit card payments and Katie will gladly help with this transaction.

At this time, the board has discussed some options for future fundraising. Although at this time, we must send recipes in for the cookbook. We have fallen short and the project is a standstill. Please share some family favorites as soon as possible. We have three dedicated women working on this project and we believe that this will generate some necessary funds. Act today and send in several recipes! Our most successful money makers are general donations, the High holidays, rental income, ads placed in The Shofar, and our Passover Seder. For two years in a row, these have generated income so we ask you to continue to support Temple and please volunteer. We have a great deal of fun behind the scenes preparing for them and it helps keep the costs down so it is a win/win for Temple.

The Capital-Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund balance is now \$30,500.

The Endowment Fund is valued at \$201,150.

We want to thank Ruth Ginsburg Lichtman and Stuart L. Ginsburg for the generous donation for the new memorial plaque and its installation. The board voted to raise the cost from \$350 to \$500 for a name plate.

We also would like to thank other anonymous donors for all the restoration work that is now completed. Please take a moment to notice how beautiful our sanctuary, bema and homeroom are now that the painting, refinishing of floors and new carpets are installed. In addition, there are now new thermostats in the building and new kitchen lighting. Landscaping in front our building is beginning. The vestibule was completed in time for a beautiful rededication service. Lovely *mezuzot* were placed throughout the building in loving memory of Sharon Coleman, made and donated by her husband, David. The restored Gelman Bible is also on display. It is a beautiful addition to the entryway to our sanctuary.

The board voted to have an Appeal this year to help pay our operating expenses. We had an anonymous donor who offered a 2:1 pledge, and this ended on June 15th. Our goal was to raise \$28,000. We wish to thank our anonymous donor and all who sent in donations for this appeal. We raised \$23,151.

We also thank our donors and all who helped in making our temple more beautiful and helped us to pay our bills.

In closing, we must be frank; our expenses exceed our revenue for another fiscal year. Salaries, taxes and utilities are our largest expenses. We continue to be as conservative as possible by paring down as much as we feel is realistic. However, based on our projections, we are expecting a shortfall of \$37,460. There is NO money for any projects and there is NO emergency fund in the event anything happens to



Treasurer's Report 2011-2012 (Cont.)

We will be having another Appeal this year and we hope that everyone is able to continue to be generous when asked to contribute. If anyone would like to make any donation towards a specific need, we would graciously accept. Also we would welcome any ideas for fundraising and we always can use volunteers. Please remember the most urgent request: please pay your dues as timely as possible and please commit to pay as much as you can. Thank you!

Ami Goldstein

	Jul '10 - Jun '11	Actual Jul'10-Jun '11	Jul'11-Jun '12
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Dues	\$ 83,000.00	\$ 91,627.62	\$ 90,000.00
Fundraising (Net)	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 12,667.03	\$ 12,000.00
Memorial Plaques (Net)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 9,032.38	\$ 3,000.00
Rental Revenue	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,480.00	\$ 5,500.00
Unrestricted Donations (Net)	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 33,885.50	\$ 30,000.00
Total Income	\$ 126,500.00	\$ 152,692.53	\$ 140,500.00
Expense			
Bldg Maint, Repairs, Supplies	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 8,177.64	\$ 8,000.00
Cemetery Expenses (Net)	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 5,248.68	\$ 5,000.00
Charitable donation	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -
Health Insurance (net)	\$ 5,950.00	\$ 5,446.26	\$ 7,000.00
Insurance - Liability	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 3,505.15	\$ 5,000.00
Legal and Accounting Fees	\$ 500.00	\$ 455.00	\$ 500.00
Office Supplies & Misc Exp	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 9,701.36	\$ 9,000.00
Professional Dues/Activities	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,407.71	\$ 4,000.00
Relig, ritual, books (Net)	\$ 650.00	\$ 931.46	\$ 650.00
Religious School & Youth Grp	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,612.22	\$ 5,034.00
Union for Reform Judaism	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00
Utilities	\$ 15,600.00	\$ 11,022.96	\$ 13,000.00
Wages and Payroll Taxes	\$ 113,350.00	\$ 103,769.39	\$ 117,960.00
Total Expense	\$ 169,150.00	\$ 156,277.83	\$ 177,644.00
Net Deficit	\$ (42,650.00)	\$ (3,585.30)	\$ (37,460.00)



Contributions

GENERAL FUND

Karen Angleson

In memory of Howard H. Serlin

Michael & Joyce Massiano

In memory of Howard Serlin

James & Sandra Purcell

In memory of Howard Serlin

Sanford & Martha Searleman

In memory of Howard Serlin

Sylvia Tucker

In memory of Howard Serlin

Robert & Carol Bender

In memory of Howard Serlin

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In memory of Howard Serlin

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In memory of Howard Serlin

Bob & Nancy Murtha

In memory of Howard Serlin

Philip & Erma Gordon

In memory of Joseph Gordon

Jack & Sandy Terwilliger

In memory of Jonathan Moncrief

Allan & Judy Korot

Congratulations on the birth of Eliana Rae! *Mazel Tov!*

Philip & Erma Gordon

In memory of Melvin Becker

Les Bender

In memory of Howard Serlin

David Aronson

In memory of Minna Slater

Mace Comora

In memory of Saul Strassman

David & Carol Aronson

In memory of Jill Yanklowitz Shannon

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Martin & Maxine Wasserman

In honor of Eliana Rae Durbin

Myron & Barbara Rapaport

In honor of Eliana Rae Durbin

Kaye Grossman

In honor of Eliana Rae Durbin

Sharyn Felstein-Fox & Family

In honor of Eliana Rae Durbin

Sharyn Feldstein-Fox & Family

In memory of Arthur Feldstein

ENDOWMENT FUND

Meredith Rosoff & Tia Chimiak

In honor of Eliana Rae Durbin's naming

Meredith Rosoff & Tia Chimiak

In honor of Sofia Rae Rice's 3rd birthday

CEMETERY FUND

Ruth Lichtman

In memory of Phyllis Wolf Movish

APPEAL 2011

Anonymous

Dan & Phyllis Brown

Elliott Brown

Caffe Lena, Inc.

In appreciation of Temple Beth El for lending us catering supplies

Maureen Chase

In honor of Tina Stevens and Katie Weaver for being wonderful!!

David & Sari Erlanger

Fred & Nancy Fagelman

Mark Fleischer

Michael Ginsburg

Stuart Ginsburg

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Contributions

APPEAL 2011 (Cont.)

David Gordon

In honor of Barbara Rosoff's hard work as president of Temple Beth El

Florence Handen

In honor of the birth of Marcia & Howard Krantz's new grandson

Ruth Heller & Dr. Harold Luria

Jack & Lois Hellman

Jeffrey & Deirdre Hill

Bob & Carol Kafin

Stephen & Janis Kowel

Lillian Leibman

In honor of the birth of Eliana Rae Durbin

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Daniel & Jan Lewis

Ruth Ginsburg Lichtman

Dave, Sue, & Molly Lieberman

Karen Marks

In honor of Eliana Rae Durbin

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Donald Schwartz

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Sonny Segan

Lynn Seidel

Judith Metzner Shepherd

In memory of Howard Serlin

Judith Metzner Shepherd

In honor of the birth of Eliana Rae Durbin

APPEAL 2011 (Cont.)

Judith Metzner Shepherd

In celebration of the marriage of Aaron Friedman and Sarah Mones

Judith Metzner Shepherd

In celebration of Madison Jackson becoming a *Bat Mitzvah*

Mike & Gilda Siegel

In honor of Eliana Rae Durbin's Naming

Mike & Gilda Siegel

Healing wishes to Jerry Rothstein

Paul & Ann Silk

Larry Silver

In appreciation of Ami Goldstein for taking the old clunker!

Martin & Maxine Wasserman

Joyce Yaffee

President's Message

This message is a brief one.

THANK YOU!

Thanks to all of you who attended, participated, contributed, organized and gave your time, talent and effort to enhance our congregational lives during this past year. You have helped make my first year as president easier than I thought it would be.

Barbara Rosoff

Rummage Sale

Please do not leave your rummage sale donations outside the building, the entry way or the hallway. It is a hazard. We ask that you bring your clean saleable items downstairs. Please remember the Temple office is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon. If you need help, please call the Temple office. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.



TSRS is Hiring Teachers for Next Year

Our annual end of the year Jack Lebowitz Young People's Picnic was highly enjoyable yet again. The rain held out and we had over 50 people in attendance at the Ridin'-Hy Ranch. On behalf of the entire religious school, I want to thank the Lebowitz family for their generous support, which enables us to have this picnic every year.

Planning for next year is well underway, and we are expecting a small increase in enrollment. We are looking to hire four new teachers for next year: K-1, 2-3, art, and Wednesday Hebrew. The K-1, 2-3, and art teachers are needed for Sunday mornings with the K-1 and 2-3 classes covering all 27 weeks and the art class meeting 12 times. Wednesday school is from 6:00 – 7:30, and we are looking for one Hebrew teacher. Fluency is not necessary, but some Hebrew proficiency would be beneficial. If you or anyone you know are interested in one of these positions or would like more information, please contact me at tsrsdirector@gmail.com or call the Temple or Synagogue office. I am also looking for teachers willing to be placed on our sub list.

For the past few months, I have been working on compiling a list of past TSRS principals. After speaking with many people and going through our old records, the list is almost complete. The only piece of information that I still need is the date in which the school was combined between the two congregations. If anyone has this information, I would really appreciate receiving it.

I would like to end this article on two personal notes. First, I was recently hired as a vocal soloist by B'Nai Sholom Reform Congregation in Albany. I will be singing for a quarter of their Shabbat services in addition to the High Holidays. The hiring committee was "appreciative of my comfortable and relaxed manner on the bima." My comfortableness on the bima is thanks in large part to the time and years I have spent on the bimas of both the Temple and Synagogue. As we tell our *b'nai mitzvot* students, the only way to become comfortable leading a service on the bima is to do it many times beforehand. My thanks to both congregations for allowing me to sing so many times over the years. Secondly, I am in the Saratoga Choral Festival this summer. Our concert on July 24th will include the Sacred Service by Ernest Bloch. This amazing piece is the first setting of an entire Shabbat service presented as an oratorio by a major composer. Our soloist will be the renowned Cantor Robert Paul Abelson. More information can be found on the website: www.saratogachoralfest.org. I hope to see many of you there.

Adam Fine,
TSRS Director

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- House Chair, Larry Silver

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. "At the Closing of the Gates" is the chapter for 1929-1930-1931.]

In May, 1931, Mrs. Carl Bronne asked to be relieved of the Sisterhood presidency. She had served six years. Mrs. Charles Gelman was unanimously elected president with Mrs. Carl Bronne first vice-president. Mrs. Benjamin Schwager continued as secretary and Mrs. Morris Maslon as treasurer for the Sisterhood.

With the exception of the secretary, the congregation continued with the same officers. Max Weiner was elected secretary. Carl Bronne was appointed chairman of a finance committee to draw up a budget for the coming year and to make an estimate of the probable revenue.

Mr. Bronne gave his report at a meeting of the Board of Trustees on August 12. Thirty members had pledged from four hundred to ten dollars each; five hundred dollars more may be pledged. With the expected donation from the Sisterhood, the total showed a deficit of one thousand dollars if expenses should continue as in the previous year. A few members, because of continued adverse business conditions, could not pledge anything. The cemetery must be prepared in case of need. There were no funds available for the salary of a rabbi for the coming year.

The congregation tried to reconcile itself to the inevitable. Services might be conducted by members of the congregation. We would, somehow, struggle through this bitter period, hoping for better times.

Then arose the question: How will Rabbi Shulman manage, married and expecting a child? Rabbi Shulman was a senior student at the Institute. His predicament spurred us on to a final effort.

Mr. Cline was asked to explain to Mr. Adolph S. Ochs our plight and what it might mean to our young rabbi should his stipend be discontinued. Unless our need was urgent, we would have hesitated to apply to Mr. Ochs who had constant and innumerable demands upon his generosity.

Mr. Ochs donated \$250.00 of the needed \$1000.00, the rest to be raised among the congregation.

In September, 1931, then, this congregation faced a crisis more critical than any during the six years since the Temple had been built. The world wide depression, other conditions equally beyond our control, threatened to close our doors.

Yet September, the month of the High Holydays, was filled with activity. The Sisterhood began its new year with a supper-meeting at the home of its new president, Mrs. Gelman, at which five new members were present, bringing the total membership to thirty-two. A Temple Brotherhood was to be organized by Mr. Samuel Kohn to which twenty-seven men were eligible for membership. The Temple was shining. The outside woodwork had been painted, the interior varnished, oiled and renovated in preparation for the Holydays. Equal care had been given to the lawns, bushes and edges surrounding the Temple.

The services during the New Year and Atonement Day were of such inspiring quality, that although only one sermon preached by Rabbi Shulman was printed in full in the Glens Falls Post-Star and later in the American Israelite, every one of his sermons deserved a like publicity.

Mr. Adolph Ochs addressed the congregation from the pulpit on New Year morning. He interpreted the portion of the Torah, which dealt with the sacrifice of his only son demanded of Abraham, in a most lucid and scholarly manner. Mr. Ochs explained that this narrative really was the story of the first attempt by mankind at a discontinuance of human sacrifice and, as such, one of the most important stories of history.

Nevertheless, the doors of our Temple may close, its influence diminish, unless the \$750.00 is raised by extra contributions among the congregation to close the deficit.

It has been the experience of this congregation that help invariably came when the outlook was darkest, that threatened dissolution somehow brought renewed vigor and hope instead. Now for the lack of a few hundred dollars, our Temple shall not close this year, anyway.

Mrs. Julia Jacobson, Miss Goldstein, Mr. Lustig, have already increased their very liberal donations. Others will do likewise when asked. The Sisterhood will do its part and plan energetically for the coming year and work as it did in those years when the Temple was being furnished, when thirteen and eleven hundred dollars were earned in two successive years for equipment. We can carry on and we shall carry on, if we will to do so. This year the doors of our Temple shall remain open and the congregation continue to assemble.

For God was in the building, we have not labored in vain.

**We Remember**

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

July 1

Ruth Borotzky, *Ruth Brender, Abe Corton, Julius Finklestein, *Louis B. Ginsburg, *Rose M. Ginsburg, *Ruth Harriet Marks, *Shirley May Pilnick, *Isidor Rosenblatt, Martha Schiffman, Frank Schulman, Hannah Silverstein, Helen Silverstein

July 8

*Josephine Braverman, Fannie Brooks Solomon, Ferrell Fager, Sydelle Goldberg, Lena Harris, Jack Joseph, Benson Katz, *Amelia Marshal, *Louis Rabhan, *Rae Segan, *Lena Markoff Silverman, *Adelle Wallach

July 15

*Moe M. Bittman, Charles E. Friedman, *Madelyn Leopold Hartvik, *Dora Hellenberg, *Tibel Langbert, Virginia Miller, *Marilyn Schwartz, Louis Seidman, Alvin Silver, Emil H. Steiner, Harold Stern, Roberta Freedman Steuer, *Frieda Wiener, Gary Witzling

July 22

*Ruth Gold, *Bernard Horelick, Susan Dow Kmiecik, Betty Markowitz, Samuel Miller, Lolly Moses, *Neil Edward Needleman, *Serri Schectman, *Pauline Serlin, Andrew Simon, Harold Yanklowitz, Allan Zuckerman

July 29

*Charles Armour, *Dr. Alexander Avrin, *Silas Berkowitz, *Max Cline, Simcha Cohen, *Rev. David Donnenberg, *Julius Jacobson, *Robert Gelman Kempner, Sylvia Morris, *Paul I. Pearl, *Shirley S. Pellegrino, *Slava Schulman, *Joshua Shapiro, Pauline Stichman, Minnie Rosenblum Stone, *Rose Tucker

August 5

Hannah Berkowitz, Jack Brown, *Leo E. Cline, Louis Gancher, *Adolph Guttman, Samuel Katz, *Joan Krantz, Marguerite Murray, *Samuel Nisoff, Irving Page, Tracy Schwartz, *Stuart Serotta, Gertrude Strassman

August 12

Emma Bittman, *Julius C. Erlanger, *Ann Glasser, *Carrie Goldstein, *Anna Kaplan, *Elizabeth Kohn, *Edward J. Leopold, I. Joseph Newmark, Sarah Nisoff, C. Harry Nystrom, *Charles L. Rosoff, William Savarin, Blanche Silver, Yetta Yamin

August 19

*Jennie Feigenbaum, *Pauline C. Finklestein, Bertha Greenman, Gustave Jacoby, Marion K. Lieff, David Solomon, Katherine Springer, Frances Stern, Albert West, Jules Whitman

August 26

Rena Solomon Berkowitz, Sam Cohen, Tania Corton, Sarah S. Levitz, Vitty Marcinkevicius, *Bertha Pearl, Esther Reed, Ida Schenkel, *Charles Schulman

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



Ritual/Pulpit Committee Meeting

The Ritual/Pulpit Committee will be working with the Rabbi to plan for the High Holy days. Lisa Suckman DeMarco will return as our Cantor this year. Please consider joining the choir or volunteering in some other way to insure that our High Holy Days services are as inspirational and well organized as possible.

Old Prayer Books

In the Fall, Temple will be disposing of old, damaged and unusable books. Many will be disposed of in the traditional manner of burying at our cemetery. There will be a special service at a date to be announced. Those who wish to bury their own books will be able to add theirs to those of the Temple. Watch for an announcement in the September issue of *The Shofar*. Rabbi Durbin advises that tradition requires this method of disposal for Jewish books of a religious nature or others with God's name.

Temple still has several copies of our old blue prayer books (Gates of Prayer) in good, usable condition. We will try to find new homes for those books. Since many of these were donated to the Temple we will offer those first to the original donors or their families and then to anyone who would like copies for their homes. Rabbi will also offer these books to other congregations that would be able to use them. Any recipients need to pay for the cost of shipping only (if applicable).

Please contact the Temple office if you would like to receive copies of these books. These books will be given away for free although donations are always appreciated.

Substitute Leaders for Services in July and August

Rabbi Durbin will be vacationing during the first two weeks in July and the last two weeks in August. Molly Lieberman has volunteered to lead Friday services for one of those weeks in August. We are looking for others who wish to fill in when the Rabbi is away. Please let Rabbi Durbin know if you wish to participate.

NEXT RITUAL PULPIT COMMITTEE MEETINGS will be on Tuesday, July 12th and Tuesday, August 9 at noon.

Jeffrey & Suzanne Goldberg

Best Wishes to the Goldberg family. We bid a "fond farewell" to Suzanne and Jeffrey Goldberg and their sons Tyler and Richard. Jeffrey and Suzanne have moved to Florida to pursue new career opportunities but have chosen to remain associate members of Temple Beth El.

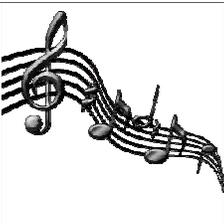
We will long remember Suzanne, in particular, for her performance of *Kol Nidre* on the flute during the past several *Yom Kippur* services. We hope they will also have fond memories of their years at Temple Beth El.

Calling All Singers and *Shofar* Blowers!

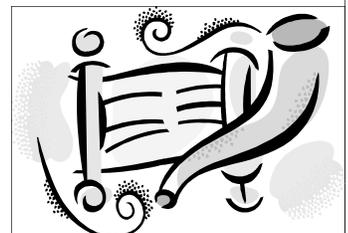
It is not too early to plan ahead for the High Holy Days.

At Temple Beth El, we will hold *Rosh Hashanah* services on Wednesday evening, September 28 and during the day on the 29th. *Yom Kippur* begins with *Kol Nidre* on Friday evening, October 7 and throughout the day on Saturday, October 8.

Please consider singing in the Temple Choir or blowing the *shofar*. It will enhance the services for all those in attendance and will be a good opportunity to learn more about the services and to get to know other Temple members. Choir practice will be held during the weeks leading up to the holidays. Rabbi Durbin will offer lessons on becoming a *terua* (a *shofar* blaster). No experience is necessary! Just a desire to learn and participate. All are welcome!!



Please contact Katie in the Temple office if you would like to sign up for *shofar* lessons. If you would like to join the choir, please contact Diane Martin at 747-7474.





Happy Birthday!

Rachel Gartner (7/1), Ellen Katz (7/2), Stephanie Kaufman (7/3), Jonathan Hellman (7/5), Sandra Jean Gutman (7/5), Larry Silver (7/15), Raymond Futia (7/16), William Vogt (7/16), Robert Kaufman (7/18), Daniel Brown (7/18), Douglas Adler (7/18), Bari Flatley (7/19), Avery Hill (7/21 – 13 years old!), Sara Rice (7/22), Sandy Searleman (7/22), Elliott Heyman (7/23), Bonnie Wieder (7/23), Mike Siegel (7/24), Zoe Nadler (7/25 – 11 years old!), Bill Martin (7/26), Caila Eichin (7/29 – 13 years old!), Helen Handen (8/2), Risa Segan (8/3), Judith Metzner Shepherd (7/4), Sheldon Binns (8/6), Sarah Coleman (8/8), Chris Weaver (8/10), Mary Hellman (8/14 – 13 years old!), Rabbi Matt Durbin (8/17), Sydney Marks (8/18), Glenn Schwartz (8/21), Helene Rudnick (8/25), Chase DeLuca (8/25), Phyllis Feigenbaum (8/28), Brooke Danielle French (8/30)




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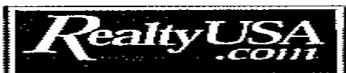


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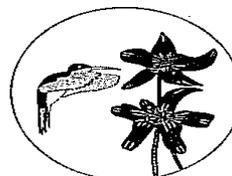
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