



The July / August 2012 Shofar
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Mark Your Calendars!

Saturday, September 8: *Havdallah* Service at 7 p.m.
 Selichot Service at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 16: *Erev Rosh Hashanah* Service at 8 p.m.

Monday, September 17: *Rosh Hashanah* Service at 10 a.m.
 Children's Service at 1 p.m.
 Tashlich Service at Crandall Park at 2 p.m.

Sunday, September 23: Memorial Service at Temple Beth El Cemetery at
 11 a.m.

Tuesday, September 25: *Kol Nidre / Erev Yom Kippur* Service at 8 p.m.

Wednesday, September 26: *Yom Kippur* Service at 10 a.m.
 Children's Service at 2 p.m.
 Afternoon Service at 3 p.m.
 Yizkor Memorial Service at 5 p.m.
 Neilah & Closing Service at 6 p.m. followed by
 "Break-the-Fast"

Remember To . . .

- Make your dues commitment by July 31. (Dues letters will be in the mail by the end of June.)
- Return your *Yizkor* Form by August 13. (*Yizkor* Forms will be in the mail mid-July.)
- Return your Sweet Smiles and Sweet Moments Gift Package form by August 20. (Honey forms will be in the mail late July.)
- Call or e-mail Katie in the Temple Office if you are a member in good standing who needs a Reciprocal Seating Form to attend services at another URJ congregation.
- Call or e-mail Katie in the Temple Office by September 10 about what you will be contributing to the *Erev Rosh Hashanah* Service Oneg.
- Call or e-mail Sandy Searleman by September 10 about what you will be contributing to "Break-the-Fast."
- Call or e-mail Katie in the Temple Office to schedule an Oneg for any time during the year!

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Rabbi's Message: From A to Z

As I sit here and write this message, I cannot help but think back over the last year at all the wonderful programs and activities, the marvelous energy and enthusiasm, the tremendous effort of our members and the warmth that Temple Beth El has instilled in all of us! I was very moved and inspired during our Annual Congregational Meeting when Barbara Rosoff produced a document, from A-Z of all that we have done in the past year. I share this with you, hopefully to inspire and think about how each one of us can be involved in making Temple Beth El a stronger, vibrant and exciting place to be!

- A. Annual Congregational Meeting, Art in the Public Eye building rental and event, Art reframed and installed for all to enjoy
- B. *B'nai Mitzvah*, Break-the-Fast, Birthday Blessings, Board recognition Shabbat service, Book Club
- C. Café Beth El, *Chai* Society, Choir rehearsals, Community Luncheons, Conversion ceremonies, Cookbook (Tasteful Traditions, always available for sale – makes a great gift)
- D. Dinners for Sukkot, Channukah, Purim, Passover and special events
- E. *Erev Rosh Hashanah Oneg*, Eisner Camp Sleepover
- F. Films at Crandall Library, Family Shabbat services each month, fundraising events
- G. Gardening in cemetery, Glens Falls Family Services food collection at *Yom Kippur* and all year
- H. *Hadassah* service, Hartford Band fundraiser, High Holy Days, Home Sales fundraiser, Honey Sales
- I. Intermediate Hebrew class, Improv Theater fundraiser, Installation of our stained glass window, "Illumination"
- J. Jumping into Judaism class, Jews and Tattoos class, Jewish Values and Ethics classes, Judaica shop
- K. Katie Weaver's skills in keeping us organized, Kitchen rentals, *Kol Nidre*
- L. Latke Fest, Life Cycle ceremonies
- M. *Mitzvah* Plaque ceremony and service, Martin Luther King service, *Mitzvah* Day at the cemetery, Music in our Sanctuary, Musical entertainment
- N. Norm Enhorning as first speaker of the *Chai* Society series, *Ner Tamid* reflected in "Illumination," our new stained glass window
- O. *Onegs* for Shabbat, *Rosh Hashanah* and all holy days and holidays
- P. Participation of our members in religious services, Pre-negs, Pizza in the Hut, Purim celebrations, Pedlar's Fair
- Q. Questions about everything because that's who we are
- R. Rabbi Durbin's dedication to our congregation, Rededication of Tree of Life, Religious School, Rise of Reform Judaism class
- S. Services for Shabbat, all holy days, holidays and festivals, Rabbi Richard J. Sobel lecture series, *Selichot* at Crandall Pond
- T. Temple Board meetings, Turning Swords into Plowshares class, Tai Chi classes, Tina Stevens' skills in helping with our *Onegs* and maintaining our building, Torah restoration
- U. USA Dance building rental, Uniting all faiths to prepare and carve turkeys for the Glens Falls Community Thanksgiving
- V. Visits to our Temple by community groups (Jonah Levin with boy scout troop), church groups
- W. Website development, "Woody Sez" at Adirondack Theater Festival Temple benefit
- X. Xerox machine used less thanks to e-mail
- Y. *Yizkor* Book, *Yom Hashoah* at Shaaray Tefila, Your support of Temple Beth El
- Z. *Zichronam*...we remember our past members and their tireless work to bring us to this day.

May we work and strive to make Temple Beth El a place of communication, a place of meaningful worship, a home of study and learning and place of honor and pride! May the A-Z remind us that there is much more work to be done and many more exciting programs to come!

Rabbi Matt Durbin



President's Message

As of July first, the new Temple Beth El board will be in place and looking forward to a wonderful and productive new year.

I want to begin by congratulating last year's board for their achievements and thanking them for their hard work, new ideas and dedication to the values, traditions and future of Temple Beth El. Two years ago, Barbara Rosoff accepted a sudden and unexpected draft for the presidency of the congregation and she steered us through two challenging and transitional years. Of course Barbara could rely on experienced board members for advice and guidance, but she had very little time to prepare for the job and no specific training or formal orientation to assist her. In response, Barbara ensured that the next president would not have the same experience; she and I have met regularly throughout the past year to work on current issues before the board and recently to plan and prepare for the coming year. The fact that Barbara will remain on the board as Immediate Past President and most of our members will return as well will help to ensure this continuity.

This brings me to three major points that I, on behalf of the Board, would like to share with you. We are committed to ensuring that, while maintaining sufficient experience to ensure highly competent continuity, we offer opportunities for others to serve. In 2011, two members offered to step aside in order to give other Temple members a chance to serve on the board. The board welcomed two new members, both of whom made significant contributions to the operation of Temple. This year two more members have offered to step aside in order to give other Temple members a chance to serve. These retiring members intend to continue to serve Temple in other areas that are critical to our sustenance and growth and we are grateful for their offers!

This leads to my second point. In offering new opportunities for Board membership, we seek to create a Board that reflects the wonderful diversity of our Temple membership. We believe that in so doing we are best able to hear our members' concerns, to act accordingly, and to grow our membership, thus sustaining ourselves. On this latter point, as an integral and critical corollary, in April our Board reaffirmed our commitment to Reform Judaism and our intention to continue to follow the principles and practices as currently observed at Temple Beth El. It is primarily in conformance with our Reform beliefs and practices that we have been able to draw a significant number of new members (particularly previously unaffiliated Jews, Jews-by-choice, and intermarried families) and to sustain our congregation while many other congregations across the country are failing.

This brings me to my final point. Barring any unforeseen or extreme circumstances, Temple will finish fiscal year 2011-2012 "in the black" for the first time in many years. Many factors contributed to this outcome, and none of them are expected to automatically repeat in the coming year. While it is true that we experienced a mild winter last year with subsequent resulting fiscal relief, these savings pale in comparison with the outstanding and extraordinary contributions of many members. This includes the many volunteers who worked tirelessly to maintain existing programs and develop new ones, and to the wonderful response of many members to our requests for additional financial support.

I thank you for all of your support for Temple this past year, and humbly ask that you again take Temple into your hearts and minds and help us to grow and sustain ourselves next year.

Have a wonderful summer!

Stephen Adler

President



Temple Beth El History

[Following is an excerpt from the early history of Temple Beth El, written by Ella Cline. "Our Ideals" is the chapter for 1933-1934.]

Our rabbi spoke often during the winter to Jewish and to non-Jewish organizations, creating better understanding wherever he spoke. On January 23rd he spoke in the Methodist Church. His subject was: *If I Were a Christian*. And especially were we proud of our young rabbi when at a good-will dinner at the Queensbury Hotel in May he spoke as the representative of the Jews of Glens Falls. Every Christian denomination had its speaker – and they were able men – yet Rabbi Stein's address was outstanding. His simple and eloquent plea for justice for the oppressed everywhere made a deep impression.

Now we must go back to Sisterhood affairs. Mrs. Maslon, our President, was a popular leader. In view of the hard times, we did quite well financially and were able to help the men as in former years. Only our donations were no longer used to reduce the mortgage on the Temple, but were used for current expenses.

Our card parties, suppers, dances gave a glint of gaiety to anxious months, while we were hoping for prosperity to return. There had been food sales and rummage sales also.

Our rabbi, assisted by Max Segal, made a drive for new members. These were new members in the congregation and new faces at the Sisterhood meetings.

There was a recreation hour at every Sisterhood meeting, a reading, or a musical program. Twice we had visiting lecturers. During the October meeting Miss Ruth Sherburne explained to us the many activities of the Outing Club, of which she is director. The Outing Club had something worthwhile to offer everyone in town who wished to join, Miss Sherburne explained. Its activities included play as well as serious vocational training. Miss Sherburne stressed the grim fact that this planned use for leisure, voluntary or enforced by unemployment, was bitterly needed while the depression lasted.

Our other visiting speaker was Miss Mary Fowler. During the February meeting she read to us poetry of spring in her illuminating and charming manner. She read poems by Wordsworth and Browning, making clear the hope and beauty each contained.

During the year the Sisterhood helped to celebrate Jewish holydays. The children of the Religious School were served candy or ice cream as the occasion arose. Passover was the outstanding event, of course.

Mr. Ralph Goldsmid catered a turkey dinner of many courses at a very moderate cost on March 30th, Seder night. There was even delicious gefilte fish as a most unexpected surprise. Wine was donated by the Clines. If Mr. Goldsmid is willing to cater a dinner of that quality again, we shall surely celebrate with as many guests as our Home Room can accommodate.

In May all the Sisterhood officers were unanimously re-elected. There were a few changes among the officers of the Congregation. Mr. Carl Bronne was elected President. Mr. Bronne had been treasurer of Beth El since its organization, a hard and worrisome job. Mr. Max Cline took charge of the treasury with a balance of about twenty dollars and a number of accumulated bills to meet. But spring had come after the coldest winter of many decades. We were happy and tried to remain optimistic with the rising tide of warmth and life.



Ten Good Reasons to Host an *Oneg*

1. An *Oneg* is a special way to bridge Friday night services with the remainder of the weekend.
2. An *Oneg* is a good way to become better acquainted with your fellow congregants.
3. An *Oneg* is an opportunity to welcome visitors and tell them about our congregation.
4. An *Oneg* is a way to introduce our congregation to potential members
5. An *Oneg* is an informal opportunity to get to know the Rabbi and engage in relevant topics of conversation.
6. An *Oneg* provides an opportunity to meet Temple Board members and learn about upcoming events.
7. You can host an *Oneg* to remember a person who has passed away.
8. You can celebrate with an *Oneg* to honor a birthday, anniversary or other notable occasion.
9. Your fellow congregants will be so appreciative, and
10. You will be glad you did!

And remember, it's more about the people than about the food.

Five Ways to Host an *Oneg Shabbat*

The first thing to remember is that Tina (our Kitchen Manager and Custodian) is usually available to set up and clean up our *Onegs*. Please schedule in advance so Tina can plan accordingly. Just call Katie in the Temple office to make the arrangements. In keeping with the spirit of an *Oneg Shabbat*, we hope you will be present, but it is not essential.

1. You can do a basic *Oneg*: *Challah*, wine, grape juice, hot or cold drinks, and something sweet (cake or cookies) OR if you wish to serve a larger *Oneg*, you can ask for help from other members of the congregation.
2. Get together with one or more friends to commemorate a special occasion together.
3. If you are unable to prepare, shop for, and serve the *Oneg*, make a donation to Temple and ask someone to shop for you. You can let Katie know how much you wish to spend or what you wish to serve.
4. Some people prefer to prepare their favorite foods and serve a more ornate *Oneg*, you can do that too.
5. Some members who no longer live in the Glens Falls area send a donation to cover the cost of an *Oneg* even though they are unable to attend. Although you will be missed, you can be here in spirit.

Tzedakah

This *Yom Kippur*, the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York will again be asking for your help in feeding our many hungry neighbors in the northeastern region of New York State. Please "share your bread with the hungry" - surely the neediest among us—by contributing to the **28th Annual Yom Kippur Hunger Appeal**. Thank you very much! Your participation is greatly appreciated.

Susan Green and Micki Massry

Yom Kippur Hunger Appeal Co-Chairs

Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York

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During the High Holy Days and as often as you can, please bring non-perishable items to the Temple for our food basket. This benefits clients of the Family Service Association of Glens Falls.

**Torah Portions****July 7****Balak**

Pent. Num. 22:2-25:9

Pr. Mic. 5:6-6:8

July 14**Pinchas**

Pent. Num. 25:10-30:1

Pr. Jer. 1-2:3

July 21**Matot – Masei**

Pent. Num. 30:2-36:13

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

July 28**Devarim**

Pent. Deut. 1:1-3:22

Pr. Is. 1:1-27

August 4**Vaetchanan**

Pent. Deut. 3:23-7:11

Pr. Is. 40:1-26

August 11**Ekev**

Pent. Deut. 7:12-11:25

Pr. Is. 49:14-51:3

August 18**Re'eh**

Pent. Deut. 11:26-16:17

Num. 28:9-15

Pr. Is. 54:11-55:5; 66:1,
23

I Sam. 2-:18, 42

August 25**Shoftim**

Pent. Deut. 18:18-21:9

Pr. Is. 51:12-52:12

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 Scott Wodicka for his generous gift of "Illumination" to the Temple's Bubble Room.

To Jack and Lois Hellman for hosting an Oneg in June.

To Temple members and friends for hosting an Oneg in June in appreciation of Scott Wodicka.

To the Healey-Cohen families for hosting an Oneg in June in celebration of Trina's conversion to Judaism.

To the Robitel family for hosting an Oneg in June in appreciation of Rabbi Durbin for his guidance of William while preparing to become a *Bar Mitzvah*.

Mazel Tov

To **Trina Healey** for converting to Judaism.

To **Iain Simmons**, son of Ken Simmons, who graduated from high school in June!

To **Rachel Rose Mulligan**, daughter of Michael and Edyce Mulligan, granddaughter of Elaine Sobel and the late Rabbi Richard Sobel, on becoming at *Bat Mitzvah* on June 23, 2012 at Congregation Temple Anshe Amunin in Pittsfield, Mass.

Book Club

Here are the next selections for our book club:

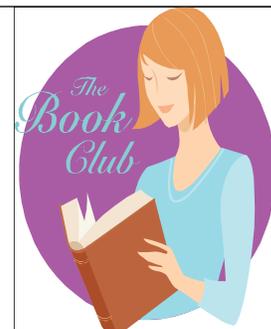
Sep. 11: [The Greater Journey](#) by David McCullough

Oct. 9: [Still Alice](#) by Lisa Genova

Nov. 13: [In the Garden of Beasts](#) by Erik Larson

Happy reading,

Karen





"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 Wednesday, September 26, 2012. Therefore, we are again requesting your cooperation and generosity in providing any of the following:

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

Make me an offer!

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 10, 2012**. 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!

Thank you for your understanding. Your continued cooperation and thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

Shalom,

Chef "Fresser"

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JULY 2012

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4 Independence Day	5	6 7 p.m. Shabbat Service	7 No Torah Study
8	9	10 No Book Club 12 p.m. Ritual / Pulpit Committee Meeting	11	12	13 7 p.m. Shabbat Service	14 No Torah Study
15	16 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice	17	18	19	20 7 p.m. Shabbat Service	21 No Torah Study 7:30 p.m. <i>Woody Sez—</i> Temple Fundraiser at Adirondack Theatre Festival
22	23 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice	24 7 p.m. Temple Board Meeting	25	26	27 7 p.m. Shabbat Service	28 No Torah Study
29	30 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice	31 Deadline for return of Dues Commitments				



AUGUST 2012

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3 7 p.m. Shabbat Service	4 No Torah Study
5	6 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice	7	8	9	10 7 p.m. Shabbat Service	11 No Torah Study
12	13 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice Deadline for Yizkor Book Forms to be Returned	14 No Book Club 12 p.m. Ritual / Pulpit Committee Meeting	15 Shofar Deadline	16	17 7 p.m. Shabbat Service	18 No Torah Study
19	20 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice Deadline for Honey Forms to be Returned	21	22	23	24 7 p.m. Shabbat Service	25 No Torah Study
26	27 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice	28 7 p.m. Temple Board Meeting	29	30	31 7 p.m. Shabbat Service	



Treasurer's Report

[This is the Treasurer's Report that was read by Karen Marks during the Annual Congregational Meeting on Tuesday, June 19, 2012.]

Prior to this annual meeting, we presented to the Board of Trustees the annual budget for the 2012-2013 year. Copies of this budget have been handed out. (Please see page 11.) If nothing changes from what is written, there will be a shortfall. But, as you can see, this past year, while we anticipated a significant deficit, it does look like we will finish in the black.

This is wonderful news for all of us. There are several reasons for this. A very simple one was our very mild winter which kept our fuel costs low, a modest increase in our fundraising, and a significant increase in our unrestricted donations. However, \$10,000 of that increase comes from the 2011 Appeal and appears with this year's funds.

Our most significant increase has been in dues collected from our members. While it looks like we took in slightly less than \$90,000, we have actually taken in very close to \$100,000. We collected this through the generosity of many of our members throughout the year. Many of our fellow congregants saw fit to give whatever extra they were able to give. Some gave a lot and some gave a little but by working together, we were able to generate an extra \$10,000 in revenue for Temple use. We thank you all and applaud your generosity. It has made a real difference for us this year and hopefully will continue into the next year.

Once again, we are not raising dues. We understand that economic times are difficult for many but we ask that you make a commitment and honor it. Working on and committing to activities at Temple that will generate income are other ways of helping us to keep our doors open. We not only need your monetary support but your physical presence in our building, working and creating new ways to support Reform Judaism. As those who came before us worked to ensure that Temple Beth El would be here for us at this time, so too do we ask that you do the same for future generations.

The Capital-Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund balance is now \$32,746 and our Endowment Fund is valued at \$197,844. The good news is that we have not had to borrow any money this year from the Endowment Fund and we have informed the Board that we would like to start repaying the \$10,000 previously borrowed. We will do this as income allows.

Our expenses for this upcoming fiscal year are based on last year's actual expenses. Salaries, taxes, and utilities are our largest expenses and we feel that we have been as conservative as possible, increasing by only \$4,756. We hope for a better year than last year if, and this is a big if, everyone lives up to their commitment, our physical building stays "healthy," and if our members truly support and help create programs that fill this beautiful building with people.

We have restarted Café Beth El after many years with great success and plan to continue this next year. We had a wonderful shopping day featuring 35 local vendors and that too will continue. We also had our fabulous first annual Latke Festival. Of course, we can't forget our wonderful Channukah and Passover programs.

We need all of our members to step up to the plate and honor their commitments, support our fundraisers, pay their dues, and help us create ways of bringing in new income.

Please support and join these endeavors. We welcome you with open arms.

Thank you.



**Statement of Activity and Budget
July 2012 through June 2013**

	<u>Budget 11-12</u>	<u>Budget 12-13</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Dues	90,000.00	92,000.00	-2,000.00
Fundraising (Net)	12,000.00	15,000.00	-3,000.00
Memorial Plaques (Net)	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
Rental Revenue	5,500.00	5,500.00	0.00
Unrestricted Donations (Net)	30,000.00	25,000.00	5,000.00
Total Income	<u>140,500.00</u>	<u>140,500.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Expenses			
Bldg, Maint, Repairs, Supplies	8,000.00	8,200.00	-200.00
Cemetery Expenses (Net)	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
Health Insurance (net)	7,000.00	11,050.00	-4,050.00
Insurance - Liability	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
Legal and Accounting Fees	500.00	500.00	0.00
Office Supplies & Misc Exp	9,000.00	9,000.00	0.00
Professional Dues/Activities	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00
Relig, ritual, books (Net)	650.00	650.00	0.00
Religious School & Youth Grp	5,034.00	5,000.00	34.00
Union for Reform Judaism	2,500.00	3,000.00	-500.00
Utilities	13,000.00	13,000.00	0.00
Wages and Payroll Taxes	117,960.00	118,000.00	-40.00
Total Expense	<u>177,644.00</u>	<u>182,400.00</u>	<u>-4,756.00</u>
Net Ordinary Deficit	-37,144.00	-41,900.00	4,756.00
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
Temp Restricted Donation	0.00	13,839.42	-13,839.42
Total Other Income	<u>0.00</u>	<u>13,839.42</u>	<u>-13,839.42</u>
Net Other Income	<u>0.00</u>	<u>13,839.42</u>	<u>-13,839.42</u>
Net Deficit	<u><u>-37,144.00</u></u>	<u><u>-28,060.58</u></u>	<u><u>-9,083.42</u></u>



Contributions

GENERAL FUND

Robert & Carol Kafin

In honor of Fred Fagelman's 70th birthday

Philip & Erma Gordon

In memory of Joseph Gordon

Martin & Maxine Wasserman

In memory of Shoshannah Wasserman

Kay Erlanger-McNamara

In memory of Sari Erlanger

Steven & Carol Shain

In memory of Sari Erlanger

Judith Metzner Shepherd

In appreciation of Barbara Rosoff

Judith Metzner Shepherd

In appreciation of Scott Wodicka

Florence Handen

In memory of Leonard Handen

Larry Silver

In memory of Sally Schulman

Mace Comora

In memory of Saul Strassman

Razel Ruth Malamut

In honor of Louise Binns

Sandy Terwilliger & Larry Silver

In memory of Alvin Silver

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Sheldon & Louise Binns

In honor of Eliana's first birthday

ENDOWMENT FUND

Mike & Gilda Siegel

In memory of Joan Ruth Berger

Mike & Gilda Siegel

In appreciation of Scott Wodicka

CEMETERY FUND

Ruth Ginsburg Lichtman

In memory of Phyllis Wolf Movish

**CHAI SOCIETY
SAVE THE DATE – SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 9, 2012 at 9:15 a.m.**

This is our annual kickoff program featuring Dr. Norman Enhorning. Dr. Enhorning's topic will be Famous Jewish Congressmen since 1789. He will cover the first 200 years of our government and highlight about ten of the most significant congressmen at the time.

Sandy will be our chef for the morning serving up his world famous breakfast (oy, the heartburn).

All are encouraged to attend.

Annual dues of \$18 per person is welcome beginning July 1, 2012. Please make your check payable to Temple Beth El Brotherhood and mail it to Sanford Searleman, 12 Pollazzo Court, Queensbury, NY 12804 or better yet, bring the check to the breakfast and save the postage.



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High Holy Day Seating Preview

Temple Beth El welcomes members and guests to our High Holy Day services.

As in previous years, admission to Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services will be by ticket. Please be prepared to show your ticket to the usher as your family enters the Sanctuary. By bringing your ticket, you will help reduce congestion at the Sanctuary entrances. If you come without a ticket, you will be directed to a volunteer who will supply you with an appropriate Member or Guest ticket.

Members

A personalized ticket for admission to all services will be provided to each member family of Temple Beth El that has made its dues contribution or an arrangement to fulfill its dues commitment for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012. If we have your e-mail address, the ticket will be sent in PDF format for you to print out. If you do not have an e-mail address or access to a printer, you can request the ticket be mailed to you, or you can pick it up at the Temple during office hours or at any service. Your ticket admits all family members living in your household, including college students.

Members of Reform Congregations

A benefit of our membership in the Union for Reform Judaism is that a member in good standing of any Congregation affiliated with the Union is entitled to attend High Holy Day services at any affiliated Congregation in another city. If you are planning to attend services out of town, or have guests who belong to other Congregations, please call the Temple well in advance of the holidays for information and access to the appropriate form.

Guests

Temple Beth El also welcomes unaffiliated members of the Jewish community. Because non-members do not support the facilities and staff that make their worship with us possible, we request a minimum contribution of \$125 for an individual guest, or \$200 for a guest family. A guest ticket may be used at any or all of the High Holy Day services. Guests should contact the Temple in advance to arrange for tickets.

Non-Jewish Guests

Temple Beth El is proud to have non-Jewish friends who worship with us or want to learn more about our services. We welcome them to attend our High Holy Day services without obligation. Please contact the Temple to arrange for complimentary tickets.

Shabbat on the Stage! Woody Sez at Adirondack Theatre Festival Saturday, July 21 at 7:30 pm

Join Temple Beth El for a special fundraising night at the theatre. Adirondack Theatre Festival will donate 50% of the ticket price back to the Temple for those members who book their tickets for the Saturday, July 21 performance through the Temple office.

In keeping with the revival of Café Beth El, *Woody Sez* celebrates the life of one of our nation's folk music legends. Woody Guthrie captured the restless spirit for the Dust Bowl generation. This joyous musical depicts a truly American story through moving ballads and energetic foot stompers including "Bound for Glory" and "This Land is Your Land". *Woody Sez* lands in Glens Falls in time for the Woody Guthrie Centennial. The show has performed to audience and critical acclaim across the US and internationally. Learn more about the show at ATFestival.org.

The Show: *Woody Sez: The Life and music of Woody Guthrie*

Date and Time: Saturday, July 21 at 7:30 pm

Performance Location: Charles R. Wood Theater, 207 Glen Street in downtown Glens Falls

Tickets: \$40 (50% of price will be donated to Temple Beth El)

How to Get Your Tickets: Call Temple office at (518)792.4364 (please note: tickets purchased through the Wood Box office will **not** be eligible for the Temple donation).



TSRS Update

Thanks to the Lebowitz family for once again sponsoring our end of the year picnic at Ridin'-Hy Ranch. The weather held out long enough for those in attendance to enjoy many of the outdoor amenities offered at the ranch. A special thank you to Ellen & Bruce Katz for providing and grilling all of our food.

This will be my last article as director of the Temple Synagogue Religious School. It has been an honor and a pleasure to lead the school. I could not have done everything by myself, and I owe a huge thank you to the 32 people who have worked as teachers, aides, and staff over the past three years. I have tried to set up a system that can be followed in subsequent years, and I have put together a packet of over 30 pages containing a job description and documents that I have created. I hope that the next director will be able to take over where I left off while bringing in new ideas and fostering further growth in the religious school.

I wish the best of luck in the future to the students, faculty, and staff of the Temple Synagogue Religious School.

Sincerely,

Adam Fine

TSRS Director

Tree of Life

Start the new year by looking at your own family tree and buy a leaf on Temple's Tree of Life for any new additions, new babies, or daughter/son-in-law. A leaf on the Tree is a good way to acknowledge a special birthday or a special person in your life.

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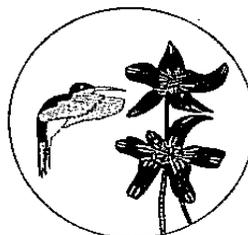
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TASTEFUL TRADITIONS

Copies of the new Temple Beth cookbook, *Tasteful Traditions*, with historical notes, are available from the Judaica Shop or the Temple office. The price of \$13 includes sales tax, and for \$5.00 more, we will ship it anywhere in the United States. You'll want one for your own family and extras to tuck into a gift package!



We Remember

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

July 6

*Josephine Braverman, Ferrell Fager, Lena Harris, *Dora Hellenberg, Benson Katz, Betty Markowitz, *Amelia Marshal, Lolly Moses, *Louis Rabhan, *Isidor Rosenblatt, *Rae Segan, Louis Seidman, *Alvin Silver, *Lena Markoff Silverman, Hannah Silverstein, Harold Stern, Roberta Freedman Steuer, *Adelle Wallach

July 13

*Moe Bittman, Charles Friedman, *Madelyn Leopold Hartvik, *Tibel Langbert, Virginia Miller, *Serri Schectman, Emil Steiner, *Frieda Wiener, Gary Witzling

July 20

Jack Brown, Louis Gancher, *Bernard Horelick, Susan Dow Kmiecik, Samuel Miller, *Marilyn Schwartz, *Joshua Shapiro, Elaine Siegel, Harold Yanklowitz, Allan Zuckerman

July 27

*Charles Armour, *Silas Berkowitz, *Max Cline, *Rev. David Donnerberg, *Ann Glasser, *Ruth Gold, *Julius Jacobson, Samuel Katz, *Robert Gelman Kempner, Sylvia Morris, *Neil Edward Needleman, *Paul Pearl, *Shirley Pellegrino, *Slava Schulman, *Pauline Serlin, *Blanche Silver, Andrew Simon, Pauline Stichman, *Rose Tucker

August 3

*Dr. Alexander Avrin, Hannah Berkowitz, *Leo Cline, Simcha Cohen, *Julius Erlanger, *Adolph Guttman, Irving Page, *Stuart Serotta, Minnie Rosenblum Stone, Gertrude Strassman

August 10

Emma Bittman, *Jennie Feigenbaum, *Carrie Goldstein, Bertha Greenman, *Joan Krantz, Marguerite Murray, Joseph Newmark, *Samuel Nisoff, Sarah Nisoff, Harry Nystrom, *Charles Rosoff, William Savarin, Tracy Schwartz, Yetta Yamin

August 17

*Pauline Finklestein, *Anna Kaplan, *Elizabeth Kohn, *Raymond Leibman, *Edward Leopold, Sarah Levitz, Marion Lieff, Lawrence Markowitz, Esther Reed, Arthur Silverman, David Solomon, Katherine Springer, Frances Stern, Albert West, *Jules Whitman

August 24

Rena Solomon Berkowitz, Sam Cohen, Tania Corton, *Elsa Erlanger, *Gustave Jacoby, Vitty Marcinkevicius, *Bertha Pearl, Margaret Reeves, Ida Schenkel, *Charles Schulman, Melvin Weisklopf

August 31

Felix Ales, Emanuel Berg, Barnett Dmocher, Jacquelyn Efram, Edna Gancher, *Robert Patrick, Basheva Rothblatt, Stephen Waterman, Morton Yulman

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



Happy Anniversary!

July

Howard & Lynne Silverberg (7/6 – 21 years)
 Stuart & Bonnie Wieder (7/12 – 31 years)
 Paul & Betty Gancher (7/13 – 38 years)
 Rabbi Matt Durbin begins his 5th year at Temple
 Beth El (7/14)
 Jeffrey & Christine Levy (7/19 – 31 years)
 Tom & Renee O'Brien (7/30 – 43 years)

August

Kibby & Michele French (8/1 – 14 years)
 Gary & Elissa Eichin (8/11 – 16 years)
 Howard & Marcia Krantz (8/14 – 41 years)
 Paul & JoAnn Daigle (8/19 – 23 years)
 Katie Weaver begins her 6th year at Temple
 Beth El (8/20)
 Sandy & Martha Searleman (8/25 – 45 years)
 Bill & Diane Martin (8/29 – 47 years)
 Sam & Linda Friedman (8/31 – 43 years)
 Matt & Allison Levin (8/31 – 9 years)

Happy Birthday!

July

Rachel Gartner (7/1), Ellen Katz (7/2), Stephanie Kaufman (7/3), Jonathan Hellman (7/5), Sandra Gutman (7/5), Larry Silver (7/15), Raymond Futia (7/16), Robert Kaufman (7/18), Dan Brown (7/18), Doug Adler (7/18), Bari Flatley (7/19), Avery Hill (7/21), Sara Rice (7/22), Sandy Searleman (7/22), Elliot Heyman (7/23), Bonnie Wieder (7/23), Mike Siegel (7/24), Zoe Nadler (7/25 – 12 years old!), Bill Martin (7/26), Caila Eichin (7/29)

August

Helen Handen (8/2), Risa Segan (8/3), Judith Metzner Shepherd (8/4), Sheldon Binns (8/6), Sarah Coleman (8/8), Mary Hellman (8/14), Rabbi Matt Durbin (8/17), Sydney Marks (8/18 – 6 years old!), Glenn Schwartz (8/21), Helene Rudnick (8/25), Chase DeLuca (8/25), Brooke French (8/30 – 12 years old!)

Get Well Soon

Dan Baker, Donald Bartlett, Ronald Binns, Elaine Faller, Linda Friedman, Victor Friedman, Alan Gartner, Dawn Gideon, Diann Gordon, Jacqueline Gordon, Mark Grunblatt, Seth Gutman, Ilene Hartung, Mike Jucowics, Shirley Kanofsky, Paula Knight, Elizabeth Levy, Jeff Levy, Sandra Lewis, Anita Lieberman, Harold Luria, Betty Maloney, Leonard Meyers, Richard Muller, Suzanne Murphy, Zafar Naqvi, Paul Offricht, Jessica Panebianco, Leo Ritter, Edie Rudnick, Bob Savarin, Sonny Segan, David Setzer, Frank Sheridan, Jennifer Steuer, Alfred Supe, Judy Supe, Katie Weaver, Carol Wells, Jared Winchell, Sylvia Wodicka

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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 Sunday evening, September 16 and during the day on Monday, September 17. *Yom Kippur* begins with *Kol Nidre* on Tuesday evening, September 25 and throughout the day on Wednesday, September 26.

Please consider singing in the Temple Choir or blowing the *shofar*. It will enhance the services for all those in attendance, as well as 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 Matt will offer lessons on becoming a *terua* (a *shofar* blaster). No experience necessary! Just a desire to learn and participate. All are welcome!

The Board of Trustees needs your help - not with a fundraiser, not with chairing an event, not with hosting an Oneg . . .

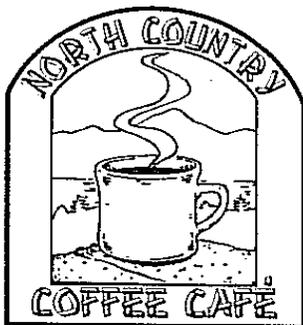
In conjunction with conversations within the Board and as part of the ongoing discussions with Congregation Shaaray Tefila, we want to know what you think. The questions are introspective; they aren't "yes" or "no". We hope they will give you direction in formulating your thoughts. Please think about them and discuss them within your families and circles of friends.

Questions to consider: What does Temple Beth El stand for and why does it exist? What are our essential, timeless, immutable and enduring tenets and principles? In what ways do these tenets and principles support your own? What provides the glue that holds us together?

You may e-mail your thoughts or send them via the US Postal service to the Temple. If you prefer to remain anonymous, just slip your unsigned note in an envelope and mail it to Temple.

If you have any questions, call me. I'd love to talk with you.

Barbara Rosoff



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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 September issue of *The Shofar* is Wednesday, August 15!