



## The June 2011 Shofar

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### TWO MORE WEEKS

The 2 for 1 challenge grant for Appeal 2011 expires on June 15.

**Now** is the time to send your donation of any amount.

**Now** is the time to maximize your contribution. When you make a donation to Temple in honor of a *simcha* or in memory of a loved one, designate it to the Appeal and it will be increased by half.

**Now** is the time to help the Temple. Time is running out.

To the families and individuals who have already responded to our Appeal, thank you for your generosity and commitment to Temple Beth El.

### Judaica Shopping

If you can answer yes to any of these questions, you need to check out the Judaica Shop: Do you know someone who is getting married? Celebrating a birthday or anniversary? Becoming a *Bar* or *Bat Mitzvah*? Converting to Judaism? Having a baby? Are you invited to dinner or to a party? Do you just need a special gift?

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### Please Hold Your Pedlar's Fair Donations!

We know you all are anxious to start your spring cleaning. However, we ask that you please hold your saleable Pedlar's Fair donations until further notice as we are doing our own spring cleaning. Thank you!

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## President's Message

"Time flies when you're having fun." It's hard to believe that a year has gone by since I became President of our congregation. It has been a year filled with activity: High Holy Days, Festivals, Shabbat services, pot-luck suppers, life cycle celebrations, happiness, and sadness. During this year I've seen the concern, care and cooperation of our members that make our Temple work and make our Temple lives better.

Two of these Temple members, Fred Fagelman and Mike Siegel, are stepping aside after decades of dedication on our behalf.

Fred has served in so many capacities that it's hard to keep track: trustee, past president, chairman of the ritual committee, co-leader of the *Yom Kippur Yizkor* service and "go to guy" when we need help choosing wines for Temple Seders and other events. Fred's insight, hard work and commitment are recognized on our Mitzvah Plaque and on the Past President's Plaque. Thank you, Fred.

Mike has volunteered for decades, cooking not only for *Chai* Society events, but whenever help was needed in the kitchen. As Fundraising Chairman, Mike has worked creatively and enthusiastically. We recognize Mike's dedication and commitment to Temple when we enjoy our new energy efficient windows. Thank you, Mike, for spearheading the campaign to obtain them.

We all wish Fred and Mike more time to relax and enjoy; but, we still expect to see them at Temple.

A new name is on our proposed slate of officers and trustees for 2011-12, Mark Fleischer. Mark is the Producing Artistic Director of the Adirondack Theater Festival. As a trustee, he will bring to our Board his experience with not-for-profits, love of learning, ideas, and leadership skills. Thank you, Mark, for accepting our invitation to serve on the Board.

The Board and I extend an invitation to you our readers, too, to join us in the Temple's June events.

On Friday night June 3 we will rededicate and place *mezzuzot* created by Dave Coleman on the doorposts of our house -at the main entrance, the Temple offices and at the Sanctuary and Home Room entrances. The following morning we will again meet on the Bike Trail for a Shavuot service after which we'll take a short walk to Cooper's Cave Ale Company for.....ice cream. On June 17 the Board and I look forward to seeing you at the annual congregational meeting which will follow 7PM Shabbat services.

Time flies when you're involved, helping and having fun. Now, what's next?

Barbara Rosoff

## 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.

## Mazel Tov

*Mazel Tov* to Elizabeth and Raymond Giblin on the birth of their son, **Daniel Seidel Giblin**, who was born on April 8, 2011 at 1:32 a.m.. He weighed 7 pounds 13 ounces and was 20 inches long. (*Mazel Tov* to Mary Giblin on becoming a big sister!) Maternal grandparents are Temple members Michael and Lynn Seidel. Paternal grandparents are Raymond & Louise Giblin.

*Mazel Tov* to Rabbis Matthew and Rose Durbin on the birth of their daughter, **Eliana Rae Durbin**, who was born on May 11, 2011 at 4:20 p.m. She weighed 7 pounds and was 19 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Temple members Steven and Janis Kowel. Paternal grandparents are Temple members Norman and Geri Durbin.

*Mazel Tov* to **Avery Hill** who became a *Bat Mitzvah* on Saturday, May 14, 2011.

*Mazel Tov* to **Dr. Brian Scott Wasserman**, son of Temple members Dr. Jay and Hilary Wasserman, and Dr. Allison Marie Floyd who will be married in Boston, MA on Saturday, June 4, 2011.



## TSRS Update

The religious school is quickly winding down for the year as we have only one week left at the time of writing this article. I'm pleased to announce that Avery Hill was our first Bat Mitzvah this year. She did an excellent job, especially with the reading of her Torah portion and *D'var* Torah. Everyone in the religious school is very proud of her. I also want to personally congratulate Avery for being the only student with perfect Wednesday school attendance this year.

I am very pleased with the progress made by all of our students this year. I want to thank all of our teachers, staff, and aides, without whom the school could not function. I owe an extra special thanks to Ellen Katz, our board president and 6-7 teacher. Her experience, help, and input are invaluable and make my job much easier.

After holding pre-registration, we project that there will be more students in the school next year than we had this year. We try to keep our tuition costs low and affordable for all of our families, and thanks to a small increase this year, we were able to purchase new books and materials for our students. However, there are always items that we cannot afford. In particular, I would love to provide new computers for the school. Our current computers are extremely outdated and will not run new educational software. They are also not capable of being connected to the internet. The office computer is so slow that it took our treasurer 25 minutes to open QuickBooks at which point she decided to do our bookkeeping elsewhere. The religious school always appreciates any generous donations. If the donations are sent to the Temple or Synagogue, please make sure that they are clearly earmarked for the religious school.

Our annual end of the year Jack Lebowitz Young People's Picnic will be held at the Ridin'-Hy Ranch in Warrensburg on June 5<sup>th</sup>. It is free for TSRS students and families thanks to a generous donation by the Lebowitz family. The picnic is open to the entire Jewish community, and we ask for an \$8 donation per person for non-TSRS families in attendance. Please send RSVP's to me at [tsrsdirector@gmail.com](mailto:tsrsdirector@gmail.com).

Sincerely, Adam Fine, TSRS Director

## Tree of Life

Thinking of what to buy for Father's Day? Try a leaf on the Tree of Life at Temple. For \$25, it is a gift that will last forever. You don't have to worry about size or color or how to wrap it!

Elaine Sobel



## Shavuot

Shavuot is a Hebrew word meaning "weeks" and refers to the Jewish festival marking the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai. Shavuot, like so many other Jewish holidays, began as an ancient agricultural festival, marking the end of the spring barley harvest and the beginning of the summer wheat harvest. Shavuot was distinguished in ancient times by bringing crop offerings to the Temple in Jerusalem.

Shavuot, also known as the Festival of the Giving of the Torah, dates from biblical times, and helps to explain the holiday's name, "Weeks." The Torah tells us it took precisely forty-nine days for our ancestors to travel from Egypt to the foot of Mount Sinai (the same number of days as the Counting of the Omer) where they were to receive the Torah. Thus, Leviticus 23:21 commands: "And you shall proclaim that day (the fiftieth day) to be a holy convocation!" The name *Shavuot*, "Weeks," then symbolizes the completion of a seven-week journey.

Special customs on Shavuot are the reading of the Book of Ruth, which reminds us that we too can find a continual source of blessing in our tradition. Another tradition includes staying up all night to study Torah and Mishnah, a custom called *Tikkun Leil Shavuot*, which symbolizes our commitment to the Torah, and that we are always ready and awake to receive the Torah. Traditionally, dairy dishes are served on this holiday to symbolize the sweetness of the Torah, as well as the "land of milk and honey".

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**Torah Portions****June 4**

Num. 4:21-7:89

Pr. Judges 13:2-25

**June 11**

Num. 8:1-12:16

Pr. Zech. 2:14-4:7

**June 18**

Num. 13:1-15:41

Pr. Josh. 2:1-24

**June 25**

Num. 16:1-18:32

Pr. I Sam. 11:14-12:22

**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](http://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*.

**Sanctuary Rededication and Shavuot Service**

Please join us at Temple Beth El on

Friday, June 3 at 6 p.m.

for a Sanctuary Rededication and Shavuot Service at 6 p.m.

followed by a dairy potluck supper at 7 p.m.

Please call Katie in the Temple office to let her know if you and your family will be attending and what dish you will be bringing to share!

We will have a Make Your Own Sundae Bar for dessert!!

**Chai Society Breakfast Program**

Topic: Plato's "Euthyphro": Why Should We Be Moral?

Speaker: Andrew Costa, Ph.D., Professor of Philosophy at SUNY Adirondack

Date & Time: Sunday, June 19th at 9:30 a.m.

Summary: In Plato's "Euthyphro," Socrates and Euthyphro discuss the nature of piety. In the course of this discussion Socrates asks a penetrating question, "Do the gods love piety because it is pious or is it pious because the gods love it?" Although Socrates' question was directed towards the polytheistic system of the ancient Greeks, it has implications for any belief system which maintains that morality was created by a divine being. In this talk, we will be examining the implications that this question (now called the "Euthyphro Question") has for monotheism.

Larry Silver will be the chef for our breakfast.



### Book Club

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

June 14: Freedom by Jonathan Franzen

September 13: 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

### 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. Please contact Katie in the Temple office if you would like to join the choir or if you would like to sign up for shofar lessons.



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## JUNE 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3 6 p.m. Service rededicating our newly refurbished Sanctuary and Home Room 7 p.m. Shavuot Dairy Potluck Dinner	4 10:30 a.m. Torah Service
5 11 a.m. TSRS Annual Jack Lebowitz Young People's Picnic at Ridin'-Hy Ranch	6	7	8 Shavuot	9	10 7 p.m. Shabbat Service / Oneg hosted by the Jackson Family	11 10:30 a.m. Tot Shabbat
12	13	14 10 a.m. Book Club Meeting (Freedom) 12 p.m. Ritual / Pulpit Committee Meeting	15 Shofar Deadline	16	17 7 p.m. Shabbat Service / Annual Congregational Meeting	18 10:30 a.m. Torah Study
19 9:30 a.m. Chai Society Breakfast (Plato's Euthrypho: Why We Should Be Moral)	20	21	22	23	24 7 p.m. Shabbat Service	25 10:30 a.m. Madison Jackson Bat Mitzvah
26	27	28 7 p.m. Temple Board Meeting	29	30		



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### We Remember

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

#### June 3

\*Sidney A. Adler, Melvin Becker, \*Frieda Bronne, John Brunnell, Hattie Cohen, Sidney Colb, \*Lester Erlanger, Minna Slater Feldman, Nancy Gancher, Marie Gruber, \*Leonard Handen, Harry Kirschenbaum, \*Harriet Nisoff, Jay Rutstein, \*Max Schwartz, Nettie Slawsby, Mollie Stewart, Bessie Wein

#### June 10

\*Janet Berkowitz, \*Adolph Bronne, \*Helen Bronne, \*Jennie Erlanger, Phyla Feldman, Mary Levin, Anthony Miller, Phyllis Wolf Movish, Anne Persk, Dr. Joseph Persk, Irving Poster, Victor Rosenfeld, Max Wein

#### June 17

Henry Ales, Joan Ruth Berger, Morris A. Caplan, Josephine Codispoti, \*Martin A. Ginsburg, Eleanor Katz, Frances Kmiecik, Samuel Morris, Keva Schectman, Irving Schorr, \*Benjamin Schwager, \*Max H. Segal, Jill Yanklowitz Shannon, Abraham Steinberg, Bella Stichman, Saul Strassman

#### June 24

\*Lillian Bronne, \*Ella Cline, William Cohn, \*Thomas Finklestein, Florence M. Ginsburg, \*Isaac Kaplan, Victor Maslon, Dora Metzner, \*Hattie L. Pawel, Alice Poster, \*Myrna Poster, \*Nathan Proller, \*Ida Schips, \*Meyer Sovetts, \*Anne Stabins, \*Dr. Stephen Tucker, \*Shoshannah Wasserman, \*George Wein, Garson Yaffee

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

### 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, Robbie Wedge, Carol Wells, Jarod Winchell, Bertel Wolfe

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



## Temple Beth El History

[Following is an excerpt from the early history of Temple Beth El, written by Ella Cline. "At the Closing of the Gates" is the chapter for 1929-1930-1931.]

The year 1930-31 was twice darkened by death. Death had taken from our group before, but not with such appalling unexpectedness. Herman Metzner, one Friday evening, stood at the foot of the pulpit, tall, slender, telling us in his friendly manner that he had been appointed to make a local fund drive for funds for relief for Jewish sufferers in Poland. With a cheerful smile and wave of the hand, he said, "Oh, I know you are all hard up and business is terrible! But just think how much worse it is over there. I'll be seeing you all soon."

But before he could see anyone on this philanthropic mission, he was accidentally shot by his guide while hunting deer on November 8, 1930, and died that day. His tragic, untimely end shocked and saddened the entire community, Gentile and Jew.

Herman Metzner was 42 years old, a lawyer of irreproachable reputation. The entire town mourned with his wife, Jeanette, and their two young sons, their irreparable loss. The Bar Association, the Court, every organization in town, were represented in our Temple to honor Herman Metzner during the last rites on November 10. It seemed utterly impossible that the pallid countenance in the coffin, surrounded by magnificent floral offerings, could be our Herman, our jolly life-and-fun-loving friend. And that young woman in black, with face tortured out of all resemblance of her usual self, was that the good, the gentle Jeanette?

Herman Metzner had been among the few who had organized this congregation and had served as secretary. He had helped in the Religious School, had been Scout Master of a Jewish Troop. The superintendent's study was furnished in his memory by the congregation. He had been so closely associated with the Temple from the earliest beginning, that every part of our Temple is a reminder of his genial, kindly personality.

The cloud of tragedy increased when, exactly two months later, on January 8, 1931, Anna Goldring Jacobson, wife of Byron Jacobson, died. She passed away as gently and as undemonstratively as she had lived.

Anna Jacobson had been a Charter member of the Sisterhood and had filled that tact-and-labor requiring office of secretary most efficiently. It seemed most appropriate that one so gracious and worthy should have her memory perpetuated by oak flower stands at either side of the pulpit. Flowers shall remind us of the uncertainty of life, of the spiritual and the immortal.

Who could be gay and plan hours of entertainment in the face of two such tragedies? Rabbi Shulman, who had officiated admirably at both funerals, conducted services every other week; simple prayer services were read on the Fridays he did not come. The Sisterhood managed somehow to earn the \$500.00 towards the reduction of the mortgage. A growing lethargy began to afflict the congregation. There arose the danger and the menace of disintegration. The more zealous said: It was fortunate that the Temple was erected five or six years ago.

## Appreciation

To everyone who participated in the *Yom HaShoah* Service: **Steve Adler** for singing the Partisan Song, **Matt Rozell** for being our guest speaker, and to **Diane Martin** and **Debbie Friedman** for the beautiful music.

To **Sherry Smith** for hosting an Dairy Dinner in May in memory of Sherman Smith.

To **Jeffrey & Deirdre Hill** for hosting an Oneg in May in honor of Avery Hill becoming a *Bat Mitzvah*.

To **Jack Hellman** for conducting services while Rabbi Durbin was out with his new baby.

To all those who contributed to and assisted in preparing and serving the Kiddush for Eliana Rae Durbin's naming.



### Happy Birthday!

Jonathan Marks (6/1), Gilda Siegel (6/6), Elena Silverberg (6/9), Benjamin Handen (6/14), Nancy Hellman (6/14), Larry Leinoff (6/16), Lina Hellman (6/18), Xavier Marks (6/18 – 2 years old!), Doris Cohen (6/18), Katie Flatley (6/18), Sara Friedman (6/21), Alexandra Wieder (6/24), Kathryn Wieder (6/24), Alexandra Nemer (6/24), Dale Nemer (6/24), David Handen (6/25)



### Happy Anniversary!

Chris & Katie Weaver (6/1 – 9 years), Jeffrey & Deirdre Hill (6/10 – 16 years), Scott & Camille Wodicka (6/10 – 33 years), Sheldon & Louise Binns (6/12 – 62 years), Jack & Lois Hellman (6/16 – 48 years), Bruce & Ellen Katz (6/17 – 38 years), Robert & Carol Kafin (6/20 – 46 years), Ross Marks & Karen Hochhauser (6/25 – 12 years), Tim & Frann Flatley (6/28 – 21 years)



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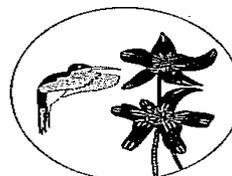
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