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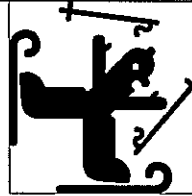
Save the Date: Passover Seder

Temple's Passover Seder is Tuesday, March 30th at 6 p.m. Remember to make your reservations no later than Tuesday, March 23rd. Your check or your credit card payment (in advance) will be your reservation. Please watch for further information!

SHABBAT ON THE SLOPES

Have you ever wanted to combine the love and thrill of skiing with Judaism? Do you want to feel the excitement of rushing down the slopes with your community? Would you like a spiritual and meaningful Shabbat while being carefree and among nature? If so, then please join us on March 20th at 11 a.m. at West Mountain, where we will usher in Shabbat and pray together before dashing onto the slopes and spend the day skiing! Reservations are required. Please contact Temple before March 12th to secure your "pass" for a day at the mountain. This should prove to be a wonderful and exciting Shabbat with both song and prayer and the thrill of skiing! No experience required. We look forward to sharing this moment with all of you! (The price of the lift ticket will depend on the number of people participating as we will be receiving a group discount rate.)

Rabbi Durbin and Matt Levin



Chai Society Program



Topic: Dead Sea Scrolls
 Speaker: Geri Durbin
 Date and Time: Saturday, March 13th at 1 p.m.
 Summary: For 2,000 years, desert caves concealed the Dead Sea Scrolls, a collection of mainly parchment scrolls containing sacred literature of ancient Israel. There above the salt-laden waters of the Dead Sea, the writings remained untouched by light and other elements until their discovery in 1947. These texts represent the earliest record of biblical patriarchs and prophets known to Judaism, Christianity and Islam. Discover why the Dead Sea Scrolls have become so famous, what has made them so popular to a wide variety of people and why they have generated controversy.

About the Speaker: Geri Durbin is a teacher in the Education and Programs Department in the Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. She has lectured extensively on the Dead Sea Scrolls and prepared materials for the Education and Programs Department at the Royal Ontario Museum during the exhibit, *Dead Sea Scrolls, Words That Changed the World*, June 2009- January 2010.

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Rabbi's Message

I can remember wondering, even as a child, what IS it about the story of Passover that intrigues us? One would think that repeating a story year after year we would get bored or tired of such an event. Yet, the story of the Exodus is **THE** most defining narrative we share in our heritage and history. We congregate around tables every year, share and read the same story, deny ourselves leavened bread, recite and sing songs about our freedom from Egypt, celebrate and come together as family, and as a community, to re-enact the Jewish story of redemption from slavery and our freedom. As families we come together to share a meal, engage in stories of the past, interact, talk and reminisce about where each and every person is and how the past year has shaped and defined who they have become and who they will be in the future.

So what is it exactly that we remember year after year by congregating around the Seder table? Perhaps it is the fanciful story, perhaps the *matzah*, the thrill as a child of finding the afikoman, the copious amounts of food and wine consumed, the mystery of Elijah and thinking how in the world can Elijah come to every Jewish house and drink wine.... how can he possibly manage without being hospitalized for alcohol poisoning? For me, the essence of Passover resides in its family orientation, being close with family and sharing an evening collectively based around a story, which examines and discusses our history, our faith, and our survival. We cannot understand where we are until we understand where we have come from and Passover does just that. We retell the story of Passover so that we can recall our own history and redemption based on the plight of centuries past.

We recall our history during the Passover *seder* and yet an essential figure in our tradition is missing. Moses does not appear in our yearly retelling of the Exodus we read about in our *parshah*. On Passover, he is absent, and yet he is the essential figure in the Torah narrative of the Exodus.

So why does Moses remain a silent partner? How are we to understand the omission of Moses' name from the *Haggadah*? Is this omission accidental or deliberate? Perhaps the omission of Moses' name could stem from a desire to ascribe these miraculous acts solely and entirely to God. It appears that the authors of the *Haggadah* wished to focus attention entirely on God, in accordance with the principle, "not by an angel, and not by a seraph, and not by an emissary." The Sea of Reeds is indeed split not solely by Moses' actions but also by the joint actions of God and Moses: Moses played a part in the miracle by means of his wonder-working staff (Ex. 14:15-21). However, splitting the Red Sea is ascribed to God alone.

Hence it seems quite reasonable that the authors of the *Haggadah* might have wished to minimize the role of Moses as part of their anti-Samaritan (and perhaps also anti-Christian) polemic. The story of the Exodus from Egypt, as it is recast in the *Haggadah*, shows an attempt at coping with the personality cult that had developed around the figure of Moses, which in its most extreme manifestations went as far as to deify him.

Once the role played by Moses had been reduced or eliminated, the way was paved for the authors of the *Haggadah* to express other messages. Maimonides, for example, believed that the central message of the *Haggadah* is to acknowledge the kindness that God has done for us.

Talking about Moses fixes the Exodus as a point in history. But Passover is not about what was--it's about what is now. Every year, Passover gives us the power to escape personal bondages of habit and inclination. Every year, Passover teaches us that God can help us redeem others from their prisons, both physical emotional and spiritual. And most of all, we believe that God can and will redeem the world--with our participation--from darkness and conflict, and bring about a world where there is no want, war, or ignorance.

Perhaps this is why the *Haggadah* doesn't talk about Moses. God alone is the redeemer of the Jewish people and all of humanity. Moses was great because he committed himself, totally, to God's agenda.

Pesach teaches us that human beings are nothing without God, that God truly is the one who saves, looks after and redeems us. We are co-partners in God's world, and as such we need to remember that humanity does have a stake in our world, but ultimately it is God who becomes the central figure in our lives.

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Rabbi's Message (Continued)

Rabbi Simcha Bunam taught, we should carry with us these two statements: one from Genesis, *V'anochi afar va'efer*, "I am but dust and ashes;" and the other from Mishnah Sanhedrin, *Bishvili nivrah ha'olam*, "For my sake the world was created." One goes in our left pocket to impress upon us our smallness; the other in our right pocket to remind us of our greatness.

These statements are a wonderful example of humility. On the one hand, we are to recognize that we as human beings are merely dust and ashes, while at the same time, for the sake of the world we were created. In both instances, it is through the power and will of God which creates meaning and value in our lives. We are merely nothing in and of ourselves. We require and crave divine intervention and guidance which propels us to have a deeper, richer more meaningful life.

If we, now, commit ourselves in our own totality, every one of us can be the conduit for Gods' transformation of existence from the bondage of all that is dark, changing our world into a realm of light.

As we prepare ourselves for Passover this year, let us all look at who and what we are, how we can assist God in God's world, and share in the inheritance which secures a better world, not only for us, for our children and our future generations. Perhaps it is not by accident that Moses, our central and most important figure, is not the central focus of our story, but rather we turn our thoughts to God and that which God has done to secure our faith, our freedom and our heritage! Amen!

Rabbi Matthew J. Durbin

Rabbi Richard J. Sobel Scholar-in-Residence Lecture Series

On Sunday, May 16th and Sunday, May 23rd, 2010, at 1:00 p.m., Temple Beth El will proudly host the first Rabbi Richard J. Sobel Scholar-in-Residence Lecture Series, sponsored by the *Chai* Society and supported by a grant from the Jewish Federation of Northeastern New York. Dr. Peter S. Zaas, Ph.D., Professor of Religious Studies at Siena College, and the Director of the Kieval Institute for Jewish-Christian Studies, will be our presenter. Dr. Zaas has lectured extensively on a wide variety of subjects of interest to both Jews and Christians. His two-part lecture series is entitled, "Seeing Ourselves as Others See Us: Jewish and Christian Views of the Other". This first program is designed to reach out to the Greater Glens Falls community and surrounding areas. The topic will be of interest to Temple and Synagogue members, as well as unaffiliated Jews, former Temple members and interfaith couples, as well as representatives of different faith communities. Dr. Zaas' lectures will be followed by refreshments and a question-and-answer period. As Rabbi Durbin regularly reminds us, "Don't be the person to miss this special program!"

Food for Thought & Food for the Hungry

There is an expression that "charity begins at home." It has two meanings. The more obvious one is that we are obliged to take care of those at home first. But a more profound understanding of that saying is that you learn at home how to do charity outside the home. Charity is not just a good deed. It is a *mitzvah*, a ritual in itself.

The origins of charity begin in Deuteronomy 15:4. "There shall be no needy among you." Judaism has a hierarchy of charity that begins with the "needy among you" and flows out to the world. The Talmud tells us first one gives to the poor of one's own family, then to the poor of one's town, and then to the poor of other towns.

Feeding the poor is a priority. The hungry are to be fed without questioning their financial need. They are simply to be fed.

Please remember our ongoing program to support Family Service Association's food pantry which serves Warren and Washington Counties. Simply drop off your food donations. There is a basket on a table as you enter the Temple waiting to be filled. Thank you for your generosity.

Nancy Fagelman

"Being Jewish," *The Spiritual and Cultural Practice of Judaism Today* by Ari L. Goldman was used as a reference.



Passover Symbols

[the following is from the Union for Reform Judaism web page.]

Passover is a major Jewish spring festival, commemorating the Exodus from Egypt over 3,000 years ago. The ritual observance of this holiday centers around a special home service called the *seder* (meaning "order") and a festive meal; the prohibition of *chametz* (leaven); and the eating of *matzah* (an unleavened bread). We read from a book called the *hagaddah*, meaning "telling," which contains the order of prayers, rituals, readings and songs for the Passover *seder*.

The Passover *seder* is one of the most widely observed of all Jewish customs, and at the center of every *seder* is a *seder* plate. Because of the popularity of the Passover *seder*, and because of the *seder* plate's central position in its observance, the plate has become a very common outlet for Jewish artistic expression.

Most *seder* plates have six dishes for the six symbols of the Passover *seder*. These are:

Maror: Bitter Herbs (usually horseradish) symbolize the bitterness of Egyptian slavery. The *maror* is often dipped in *charoset* to reduce its sharpness. *Maror* is used in the *seder* because of the commandment (in Numbers 9:11) to eat the paschal lamb "with unleavened bread and bitter herbs."

Zeroa: The Shankbone is symbolic of the Paschal lamb offered as the Passover sacrifice in biblical times. In some communities, it is common to use a chicken neck in place of the *shankbone*. Vegetarian households often use beets for the shankbone on the *seder* plate. The red beets symbolize the blood of the Paschal lamb, which was used to mark the lintel and doorposts of the houses during the first Passover (Exodus 12:22).

Charoset: Apple, nuts, and spices ground together and mixed with wine are symbolic of the mortar used by Hebrew slaves to build Egyptian structures. There are several variations in the recipe for *charoset*. The *Mishna* describes a mixture of fruits, nuts, and vinegar, for example. In order to enhance the symbolism of mortar, it is customary in some communities to mix in a small amount of sand. The *charoset* is sweet because sweetness is symbolic of God's kindness, which was able to make even slavery more bearable. According to legend, the use of apples in *charoset* stems from Pharaoh's decree that all male Hebrew children were to be killed at birth. Mothers would go out to the orchards to give birth, and thus save their babies (at least temporarily) from the Egyptian soldiers.

Chazeret: Bitter Vegetable (often lettuce) is often used in addition to the *maror* as a bitter herb. The authorities are divided on the requirement of *chazeret*, so not all communities use it. Since the commandment (in Numbers 9:11) to eat the paschal lamb "with unleavened bread and bitter herbs" uses the plural ("bitter herbs") most *seder* plates have a place for *chazeret*. Some use a green vegetable (such as lettuce - as long as lettuce is not also used for *karpas*), some use the green top of a bitter herb, while some use a second bitter (such as raddish) for the *chazeret*.

Karpas: Vegetable (usually parsley) is dipped into salt water during the *seder*. The salt water represents the tears shed during Egyptian slavery. The dipping of a vegetable as an appetizer is said to date back to biblical times. It may now be identified with biblical description of the Hebrew slaves marking their doorposts at the time of the first Passover. A bunch of hyssop was to be dipped in the blood of the paschal lamb and used to strike the lintel and the doorposts (Exodus 12:22) so that the tenth plague (death of the firstborn) would not be visited upon their households.

Beitzah: The Roasted Egg is symbolic of the festival sacrifice made in biblical times. On Passover, an additional sacrifice (the Paschal lamb) was offered as well. The egg is also a traditional symbol of mourning, and has been interpreted by some as a symbolic mourning for the loss of the Temple. Since the destruction of the Temple in the year 70 C.E., neither the festival sacrifice nor the special Passover sacrifice could be offered. It is also a symbol of spring - the season in which Passover is always celebrated. In many households, it is customary to use a brown egg on the *seder* plate. The egg should be baked or roasted if possible.



Temple Beth El Judaica Shop

The Judaica Shop is working its way through transitional times and want to thank you for your patience as we do so. We hope to have everything in place and up and running by March 1st.

Please keep the shop in mind for all of your needs. We have set up an automated process for ordering and will continue to look for new sources to expand your choices and ability to shop "on line." Katie will be adding this information to the Temple Beth El Facebook page so that we can be sure to get the information to as many people as possible.

If you would like to look at some of the things that you can order through the Judaica Shop, please go to www.yaelimports.com and take a look at the catalog. **The prices that you will see on line will be discounted if you order them through the Judaica Shop. If you choose to order them directly on line you will pay the full retail price.** Katie has sent out an order form to all members who have email. Please use that form if you want to place an order through the Shop.

At this time this is the only supplier that we can guarantee a discount. As we resource and find other vendors we will update you on other options to look at merchandise.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Katie during office hours or Gail Hamel at 761-1220 during the day or you can email Gail at gahamel@hamelresources.com.

Plague Bags for Passover

The Judaica Shop will be placing an order for Plague Bags for the upcoming family *Seder* at Temple Beth El. If you are not planning to attend the *Seder* and/or know of anyone who might like to have some of these bags, please contact Katie at the Temple office to let her know how many you would like. The bags cost \$8.50 each and I will need to know how many you would like no later than Friday, March 19th. If you would like more information about the bags please go to <http://www.plaguesbag.com/order.htm>

Gail Hamel, Judaica Shop Chair



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The Reform Movement is the largest Jewish religious movement in North America, with 1.5 million Reform Jews and more than 900 congregations that are part of the Union for Reform Judaism. Although each congregation is autonomous and very individual in its programs, worship style, and culture, all are characterized by the same core values:

- * A God-centered Judaism that combines respect for Jewish law and Jewish tradition with a progressive religious outlook designed to remain relevant and meaningful to contemporary North American Jews
- * A commitment to Torah (lifelong Jewish learning), *Avodah* (worship of God through prayer and observance), and *G'milut Hasadim* (the pursuit of justice, peace, and deeds of loving kindness) – expressed in lifelong study of the sacred Jewish texts, creativity and spirituality in worship, and social action fulfilling the vision of the Prophets
- * A commitment to *klal Yisrael*, the entirety of the Jewish people, with special focus on the people and the state of Israel, and on world Jewry, particularly on the needs of Progressive congregations everywhere
- * A community-focused religion that honors the personal autonomy of the individual and the institutional autonomy of the congregation, within a framework of egalitarianism and inclusiveness



Ritual/Pulpit Committee Update

Tuesday Feb. 09, 2010

Attending: Jack Hellman, Chair; Rabbi Matthew Durbin; Steve Adler, Sandy Searleman, Judy Shepherd, and Lois Hellman

1. The board approved a change in time for Molly Lieberman's Friday night service (April 23, 2010) during the weekend of her becoming a *Bat Mitzvah*. The service will begin an hour early (at 6 p.m.) at the request of her family.
2. A report was given on the New Member Service. The service, which was meaningful and the board - sponsored Oneg, were well attended and nicely presented.
3. To clarify: On February 26th the PURIM FAMILY SERVICE will precede the pot luck supper and Minette will be responsible for insuring that heated dishes are served hot and that the dinner will be in place when the service ends.

While acknowledging a concern that having the dinner after the service could create logistical problems, the committee felt that rescheduling it to begin before the service would be problematic for those who prefer not to attend the dinner and confusing for our members who do not receive (or read) email messages from Temple.

4. It was also established and clarified that Minette has scheduled regular hours for every Friday evening and they will result in no additional cost for sponsors of the evenings' *onegs*. The only exceptions will be those *Onegs* which, due to exceptional circumstances, require extra hours and work.

5. JOINT PASSOVER SEDER. Lois reported on discussion about the Passover dinner which will be observed on Tuesday, March 30, 2010. She has had a discussion with Mike Gersten from the Synagogue. The committee which is exploring ways for the two congregations to collaborate and celebrate events together has proposed this idea. The *Seder* chairs will be meeting with Rabbi and Elliott Heyman during the final week of February and will discuss details with Mike Gersten. The Ritual Committee has decided that, in the spirit of sharing this *Simcha*, affiliated members from either the Temple or the Synagogue will pay the member prices for the *Seder*. All others will be considered non-members.

This year arrangements will be made to prepare (and deliver, as needed) *Seder* meals for those members of the congregations who, due to illness or inability to attend the Temple, would not otherwise have a *Seder*.

6. Rabbi Durbin announced a very generous gift of fifty Plaut Commentaries from Holy Blossom Temple. This is the Synagogue which our Rabbi attended as a child and to which his parents still belong. They have purchased newer editions and no longer need these. Geri Durbin will deliver these books in March when she visits our congregation again as a visiting scholar. Book plates will be affixed to each book acknowledging the generosity of the Toronto synagogue.

7. In his report Rabbi Durbin also reported on progress toward the development and printing of Temple Beth El's own *Hagaddah*. A generous donation from the Coleman-Blitman family in memory of Sharon Coleman will subsidize the cost of the printing of this *Hagaddah*.

8. Rabbi is exploring the establishment of a "Caring Community" within our Temple to respond to the needs of those whom we might serve.

9. The committee wishes to emphasize the need for families of *B'nai mitzvah* to set up a meeting with the Rabbi to establish a date for their events and to become informed of the requirements for each family to become well prepared for the scheduled services.

10. Rabbi will be participating in two meetings - one is a "High Peaks Hospice Forum" where he will present information on end-of-life decision making in the Jewish context. The other meeting is a forum of Rabbis from Saratoga and Warren County Synagogues.

Rabbi will be attending a meeting of the Central Conference of American Rabbis in California. He will be away from March 4th until March 11th.

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Ritual/Pulpit Committee Update (Cont.)

11. Sunday, September 26, 2010 has been chosen by the Temple Board of Trustees to celebrate the 85th anniversary of the establishment of our building. The committee is searching for a guest speaker and for a Klezmer group to perform at the celebration. We will also need persons to plan a reception with a caterer, to accept responsibility for invitations (mailing lists, design and ordering of invitations) in collaboration with Katie, the Temple's administrative assistant.
12. Steve announced progress toward a scholar-in-residence- program which will be held on May 16th and May 23rd and which will be publicized and open to the public. See details on page 3.
13. The committee of Sandy Searleman, Karen Marks, Fred Fagelman and Jack Hellman will meet with the Rabbi to discuss an extension of his present contract.
14. Next meeting, March 2nd, 2010 at 7 p.m.

Ritual/Pulpit Committee Functions

The Ritual and Pulpit committee consults with the Rabbi on religious matters concerning the Temple in accordance with the principles as established by the Union of Reform Judaism and established traditions of the Temple. This includes preparations for *Rosh Hashana*, *Yom Kippur*, *Sukkot*, *Simchat Torah*, *Chanukkah*, *Purim*, *Passover*, and life-cycle events. When the Rabbi is out of town or on vacation, the committee will provide for the continuation of religious and life-cycle services.

TSRS Update

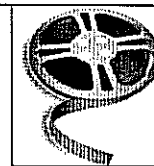
The religious school's *Tu B'Shvat seder* took place at the end of January. It focused on exploring the four seasons and how each one reflects upon our relationship with God and the world around us. Special attention was also paid to conservation and what we can do to better our world. It was a fun and educational experience for all involved. A special thank you to all who helped set up the *seder* and to Steve Adler and the Temple for donating a cake to supplement our fruit and juice.

The next family luncheon will be at the Temple at noon after school lets out on March 14th. During this time, the religious school will be having a tribute ceremony for Rabbi Sobel. We will also be announcing the creation of a new distinguished service award to be named in his memory. The first recipients of this award will also be named at that time. We invite all members of the community to attend. Additional information will be forthcoming.

Sincerely,
Adam Fine




Pizza & A Movie Night Sunday, March 21 at 7 p.m. A Serious Man (2009)



Larry Gopnik (Golden Globe nominee Michael Stuhlbarg) has hit a "rough patch," according to a colleague, and it would seem so: people are dropping dead all around him, his wife (Sari Lennick) wants a "get" and his whining kids (Aaron Wolff and Jessica McManus) only add to the heavy load. Larry is just looking for some help. Can a few rabbis guide him to life's answers? Richard Kind co-stars in Joel Coen and Ethan Coen's 1960s-set, dark Jewish-culture send-up.

Rated: R (Restricted. Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian.)

**MARCH 2010**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	*SAT
	1	2 5:30 p.m. Beginner Hebrew 7 p.m. Ritual / Pulpit Committee Meeting	3 6 p.m. Hebrew School	4 No Intermediate Hebrew Study	5 7 p.m. Shabbat Service / Oneg hosted by Jack & Lois Hellman ICO Jack's birthday <i>Rabbi Away (CCAR Conference)</i>	6 No Torah Study
7 9:20 a.m. Religious School	8	9 10 a.m. Book Club Meeting No Beginner Hebrew	10 6 p.m. Hebrew School	11 2 p.m. Intermediate Hebrew Study <i>Rabbi Returns</i>	12 7 p.m. Family Service / <i>Oneg</i> host to be announced	13 10:30 a.m. Torah Study 1 p.m. Geri Durbin
14 9:20 a.m. Religious School Noon TSRS Luncheon (see page 7) Noon Kobel Krusade (see page 13)	15	16 5:30 p.m. Beginner Hebrew	17 6 p.m. Hebrew School	18 2 p.m. Intermediate Hebrew Study	19 7 p.m. Torah Service / <i>Oneg</i> hosted by Steve & Lydia Adler ICO their anniversary	20 11 a.m. Shabbat on the Slopes 
21 9:20 a.m. Religious School 7 p.m. Pizza and a Movie	22	23 5:30 p.m. Beginner Hebrew 7 p.m. TBE Board Meeting	24 6 p.m. Hebrew School	25 2 p.m. Intermediate Hebrew Study	26 7 p.m. Ser-vice / <i>Oneg</i> host to be announced <i>Rabbi Away (Founder's Day)</i>	27 10:30 a.m. Torah Service
28 9:20 a.m. Religious School	29 Passover begins at Sunset	30 6 p.m. Second Passover Seder at Temple	31 No Hebrew School	*Saturday Services: Unless noted otherwise, there will be a <i>Shabbat</i> Service and Torah Study every Saturday. When a " Torah Service " is scheduled, the Torah will be removed from the Ark, we will read from the Torah and one or more individuals will be called to the Torah for an Aliyah.		



APRIL 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	*SAT
				1 2 p.m. Intermediate Hebrew Study	2 7 p.m. Family Service / Oneg host to be announced	3 10:30 a.m. Torah Study
4 No TSRS	5	6 5:30 p.m. Beginner Hebrew	7 No Hebrew School	8 2 p.m. Intermediate Hebrew Study	9 7 p.m. Ser- vice / Oneg host to be announced	10 10:30 a.m. Torah Study 7 p.m. Pizza and a Movie
11 No TSRS Holocaust Remem- brance Day	12	13 10 a.m. Book Club Meeting 5:30 p.m. Beginner Hebrew 7 p.m. Rit- ual/Pulpit Committee Meeting	14 6 p.m. Hebrew School	15 2 p.m. Intermediate Hebrew Study	16 7 p.m. Ser- vice / Oneg host to be announced	17 10:30 a.m. Tot Shabbat
18 9:20 a.m. TSRS	19	20 5:30 p.m. Beginner Hebrew	21 6 p.m. Hebrew School Administra- tive Profes- sionals Day	22 2 p.m. Intermediate Hebrew Study	23 6 p.m. Torah Service / Oneg hosted by Lieberman Family IHO Molly becom- ing a <i>Bat</i> <i>Mitzvah</i>	24 10:30 a.m. Molly Lie- berman's <i>Bat Mitzvah</i>
25 9:20 a.m. TSRS	26	27 5:30 p.m. Beginner Hebrew 7 p.m. TBE Board Meeting	28 6 p.m. Hebrew School	29 2 p.m. Intermediate Hebrew Study <i>Rabbi Away</i>	30 7 p.m. Ser- vice / Oneg host to be announced	

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Temple Beth El History "A Good Doctrine"

[Following is an excerpt from the early history of Temple Beth El, written by Ella Cline. "A Good Doctrine" is the chapter for 1926-1927.]

Our Home Room was used frequently. The parties every month, of course, and affairs that members felt could more conveniently be held there than in one's home. On November 24 a party was given for twenty-four boys and girls, home from college for the Thanksgiving vacation, and some seniors in High School. This party was a delightful young folks' affair and was chaperoned by three members of the Sisterhood. In June Mr. and Mrs. Herman Metzner celebrated their tenth wedding anniversary; the room was crowded with their many friends. At the end of June the Home Room was elaborately decorated with the Glens Falls High School colors and filled with a joyous crowd of young people, and a few older couples, in honor of Karl M. Pickard and Leo E. Cline who were graduating.

So the long winter passed actively and profitably. Those that wished to study the Bible met with Rabbi Alpert every Saturday evening he was in town. The religious school children gave a Purim play and were rewarded with sweets by the Sisterhood for their charming efforts.

The Temple that we had built and served so faithfully and willingly became an ever increasing influence in our lives. We often spoke about, and planned, for its adornment. We proudly conducted visitors through it. In our hours of joy it became gay with our happiness, in our days of sorrow its doors opened wide as if to say, "Come, my children, and be comforted."

We lost Mrs. Walsh, a faithful member known as "a friend," on March 25, 1927. She was sixty when death crowned her white hair with palms of peace and gently led her into the radiance of the true life. We said "Blessed be the True Judge" and thought of the flying years.

Then came April flushed with spring. This April there were three very special events in our congregation. The saintly white-haired Rabbi Harry L. Lewis, of the Jewish Institute of Religion, in New York, preached to us Friday, April 8, on the meaning of our religion: What does God require of thee? To deal justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God.

During the year there had been two other visitors in our pulpit. The Rev. Jesse A. Stanchfield spoke to us, Friday, July 1, on peace as visioned by Isaiah. On Friday, September 23, the Rev. Edward M. Parrott preached to us on "Why are you a Chosen People?"

But to return to April. The building was new and there were many unforeseen expenses. The men's budget showed a deficit as it did the previous year. To meet this deficit Mrs. Byron Jacobson, on April 12, at a regular meeting of the Sisterhood, moved that we pledge ourselves to raise one thousand dollars each year, or as nearly that much as possible. This sum to be given to the men of the congregation to be applied to reducing the mortgage. To this the Sisterhood unanimously, and bravely, agreed.

The third event that April occurred when we assembled, a gay and festive throng, around tables decorated with flowers and lighted by many candles, once more to celebrate the Passover Feast on the evening of April 17. This was the third time that the congregation Beth El gathered for a community *seder*. Mrs. Edith Pawel carried the responsibility for the affair ably assisted by her sister, Mrs. Henry Pawel, and several members of the Sisterhood. The feast was delightfully elaborate. The entire evening memorable for the spirit of family reunion that had distinguished our previous *seders*. At the head of the table sat our tall young Rabbi, dark as one of the Israelites that fled before Pharaoh; near him our beloved ladies, their snow white hair like dazzling crowns, Mrs. Julius Jacobson and Mrs. Edith Pawel.



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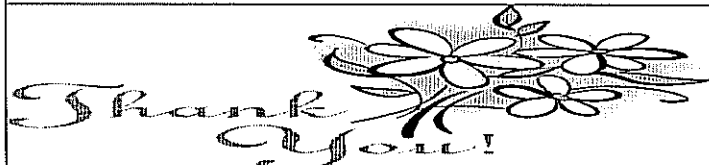
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Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!!!!

Temple Beth El would like to sincerely thank the individuals involved in the beautification process that is underway at Temple. From the new flat screen television to the new (and very comfortable!) chairs in the bubble room, to the newly painted kitchen, and new shades in the classrooms upstairs and in the social hall. Also, new draperies for the windows in the sanctuary, the foyer, and the Home Room and new stage curtains have been ordered. To everyone who has taken part in this lengthy and on-going project (you know who you are!), we thank you!!





We Remember

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

March 5

Evelyn Bennett, Albert Berkowitz, *Lazarus Bronne, Peggy Chanis, *Rose Fribush, Frances Gordon, Yvette Lynn Hocutt, Rose Kushner, Richard Levitz, David Merkel, *Harriet Patrick, Charles Poster, Abraham Rothblatt, *Abraham Sovetts, *Joseph Stabins, Bella Suckman, *Arnold Wurtenberg

March 12

Lester Binns, *Gloria Bittman, Seymour Brandt, Kathryn Burbank, *Tema Burick, Rose Find, Louis Freeman, *Mary Friedman, *William Ginsburg, Sidi Koltai, Benjamin Stillman, *Freda Tansey, *Mortimer Task, Ruth Sanden Upton, Edith Weiskopf, Joseph Yanklowitz

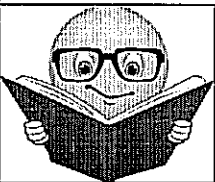
March 19

*Esther Adler, Goldie Brown, Augusta Stichman, Carmela D'Amico, *Arthur Feldstein, Egon Heller, Goldie Joseph, *Martin Segan

March 26

*Isaac Avrin, Harriet Cohen, Edward Aaron Friedman, Jack Ginsburg, Susan Gotters, *Leah Kroch, *Erna Kolb Neuberger, *Julius Neuberger, Emanuel Savitz, Harry Socher

(*name appears on yahrzeit plaque in the sanctuary)



Book Club

Here are the next two books that our book club will be reading:

March 09, 2010: The Devil in the White City by Erik Larson; and

April 13, 2010: Olive Kitteridge by Elizabeth Strout.

Don't forget, we meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. at the Temple. All are welcome and happy reading!

Karen Marks

Torah Portions

March 5

Ex. 30:11-34:35

Nu. 19:1-22

Pr. Ez. 36:16-38

March 12

Ex. 35:1-40:38, 12:1-20

Pr. Ez. 45:16-46:18

March 19

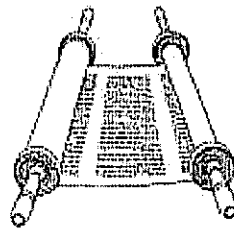
Lev. 1:1-5:26

Pr. Is. 43:21-44:23

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Lev. 6:1-8:36

Pr. Mal. 3:4-24



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Kobel Krusade

Dear Friends,

We are reaching out to our generous community to rally around Christine "Mama" Kobel. You may know her from The Ground Round days, as the pretty blonde with the accent at Christie's, or as the lady who bakes the greatest cheesecakes. This fabulous woman has dedicated her life to her family, her friends, and her church. Chris has donated her time, her strong work ethic, her kind ear to numerous local charities. Now she needs our help.

Please join us at the **Kobel Krusade** on Sunday, March 14, 2010 from noon to 5 p.m. at Roaring Brook Ranch to help support the Kobel family's fight against Pancreatic cancer. This all ages event will comprise of games, a silent auction, raffles, live entertainment, dancing, and a humongous buffet. Cancer has touched all of us in many ways. The **Kobel Krusade** was created to ease the pain through community caring.

Anyone who can donate food, silent auction items, or volunteer time, please contact:

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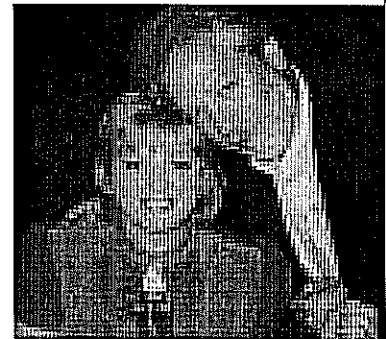
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Deepest thanks,

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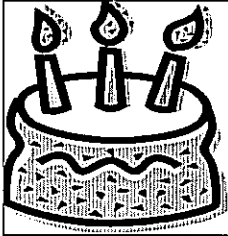
Participants spend their days engaged in social service, volunteering for a variety of organizations through the *Mitzvah* Corps location of their choice. Evenings are devoted to guest speakers, educational programs and group dynamics activities aimed at developing a greater understanding of social justice in the context of Reform Judaism.

For summer 2010 we are pleased to offer the following *Mitzvah* Corps locations: Costa Rica, Israel, New Jersey, New Orleans, San Francisco and URJ Kutz Camp. *Mitzvah* Corps programs are open for high school students entering 10-12th. Urban *Mitzvah* Corps is open for high school students entering 11th-12th grade.

For more information visit our website at www.mitzvahcorps.org or contact Miriam Fink at mitzvahcorps@urj.org or 212-650-4071.

Capital District Founder's Day

Please save the date to join with Reform Jews from across the Capital District for this year's Founder's Day service, March 26, 2010, at 7:30pm. Congregation Berith Sholom in Troy will be hosting our celebration this year, and Rabbi Rex Perlmeter, whose new title is "Union Rabbi" for the Eastern District of the re-organized Union for Reform Judaism, will be our speaker.



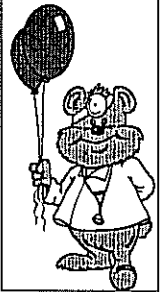
Happy Birthday!

Charles Gartner (3/2 - 7 years old!), Mia Corton (3/2), Howard Silverberg (3/3), Jack Hellman (3/4), Amanda Nemer (3/4), Helen Kraus (3/6), Paul Gancher (3/7), Joel Solomon (3/14), Benjamin

Marks (3/17 - 5 years old!), Alexander Marks (3/17 - 5 years old!), Philip Gordon (3/18), Dara Amengual (3/19), Nathaniel Hellman (3/19 - 15 years old!), Hilda Grunblatt (3/20), Benjamin Heyman (3/24 - 4 years old!), Kibby French (3/27), Jeffrey Naftaly (3/29 - 14 years old!)

Get Well Soon

Lydia Adler, Helen Ahern, Rabbi Jeffrey Ballon, Ronald Binns, Paul Cattabiani, Maryann Charlabois, Mia Corton, John Dessingue, Victor Friedman, Herb Goldstein, Allan Gordon, Jacqueline Gordon, Hilda Grunblatt, Mark Grunblatt, Mike Jucowics, Chris Kobel, Paula Knight, Ellen Leibman, Linda Leinoff, Donald Levy, Joan Livingston, Diane Martin, Jan McBean, Gilbert Metz, Gerald Miller, Karen Muller, Sade Paige, Dave Peyton, Tom Reid, Edie Rudnick, Alan Schwartz, Sonny Segan, Ariel Sharon, Frank Sheridan, Sue Silverberg, Helen Silverstein, Carol Wells, Jarod Winchell, Bertel Wolfe



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William & Regina Vogt
(3/13 - 34 years!)

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