

Temple Beth El

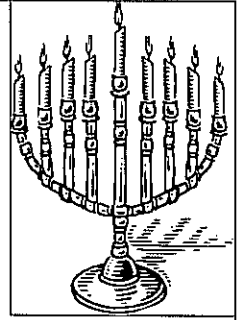
invites you to a
Family Friendly Channukah Service

on

Friday, December 3, 2010 at 6 p.m.

followed by a

Shabbat Channukah Family Dinner
catered by **Chef Elliott.**



You are welcome to bring your menorah and candles to light up this celebration or you can share one of ours! Also, please feel free to bring a bottle of wine to share!

This *Channukah* celebration is open to all who would like to be part of this special celebration of lights, freedom and miracles!

Bring your friends and share the fun!

Please mail your check or call Katie with your credit card information by Wednesday, December 1, 2010:

3 Marion Avenue, Glens Falls, New York 12801
518-792-4364.

Your payment is your reservation.

Temple Beth El Members:

Adults: \$15

Children: \$8

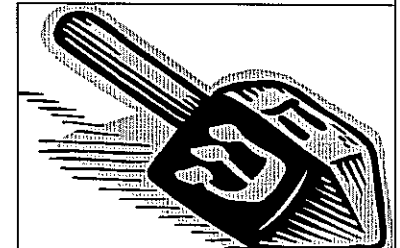
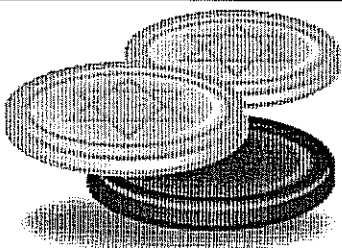
Maximum cost for an immediate family: \$40

Non-Members:

Adults: \$20

Children: \$10

Maximum cost for an immediate family: \$50





The November 2010 Shofar
 Temple Beth El, 3 Marion Avenue, Glens Falls, New York 12801
 (518) 792-4364 * tbegfny@gmail.com
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Stories From Our Past (Class taught by Rabbi Matt Durbin)

Thursdays, November 4th through November 18th from 6–7 p.m.

Study some of the illustrative stories from our tradition as we explore Jewish folklore, Israeli and Jewish literature, and Chasidic tales which invite and excite the spirit!

David's Divas (Class taught by Rabbi Rose Durbin)

Mondays, November 8th through November 22nd from 6–7 p.m.

Learn about the "Mistresses of the Monarchy"! Discover the political influence and complex characters of King David's three named wives: Michal, Abigail, and Bathsheba. We will study the texts in-depth in order to analyze David's divas and to relate their challenges, successes, and struggles to our own lives today.

Jumping Into Judaism (Class taught by Rabbi Matt Durbin)

Thursdays, December 2nd through December 16th from 6–7 p.m.

This is a three-week crash course on the history of Judaism from its early sources to Jewish history, lifecycles, and festivals. It is a broad course offering a "Taste" of Judaism from the last 6,000 years.

Jewish Medical Ethics (Class taught by Rabbi Matt Durbin)

Tuesdays, December 7th and 14th from 7–8 p.m.

Explore some contemporary Jewish medical ethics and learn what the traditional views on the topic are and how we as Reform Jews interpret and understand them through textual analysis and a Progressive lens.

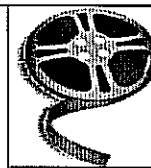
All classes require pre-registration. For more information, please contact Katie at the Temple office at tbegfny@gmail.com or (518) 792-4364.

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***Pizza & A Movie Night
 Sunday, November 21 at 4 p.m.
 Munich
 (2006)**



In this thriller based on actual events, Palestinian terrorists hold hostage and ultimately kill a group of Israeli athletes during the 1972 Summer Olympics in Munich, prompting a Mossad agent (Eric Bana) to track down the assassins in the tragic aftermath. Claran Hinds and Geoffrey Rush co-star in this film directed by Steven Spielberg and written by Tony Kushner, the award-winning playwright of "Angels in America."

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

We ask for a minimum donation of \$5 per person to help cover the cost of the pizza. Thank you!

***RSVP is required by Wednesday, November 17. If we do not get more than four people, this movie will be cancelled.**



Rabbi's Message

Thinking about the multitude of work, energy and involvement that Lois Hellman has dedicated much of her life here at Temple can be summed up by the famous words of Rabbi Hillel who said: *Im ayn ani li mi li u'ch'sh'ani l'atz'mi mah ani. V'im lo achshav eh'mah'tai?* If I am not for myself, who will be for me? But if I am only for myself, what am I? If not now, when?

Lois has been an influential and integral strong force at Temple. For many years she has dedicated her time and devotion to ensuring Temple runs and functions effectively and smoothly. From being past president, especially during a challenging time, where she handled the situation with respect, *kavod*, honor and compassion, especially during a time of transition from full time rabbis to student pulpits where my wife, Rose, was here and provided such guidance and role modeling, which I know Rose will carry with her for a long time, to providing advice and guidance to our past President Steve Adler, to offering support to our current President Barbara Rosoff. Lois was director of the religious school and involved in every committee Temple has. You name it . . . she has done it!

Lois has been a tremendous leader of this community and as a leader, has set an example for those whom she led. This community has changed for the better thanks to her guidance, leadership and support.

In the words of our prophet Jeremiah, "To give you a future and a hope." Lois has ensured Temple has a bright and enduring future and throughout all of her work has created a community based on love, warmth and strength. Without her dedication and involvement here at Temple, we would not be as strong as a community as we could be and we are incredibly indebted to her!

We say that a man is only as good with the help and support of his wife, and Lois's strength and support certainly have come from her other half. Jack is incredibly supportive in all that Lois has accomplished and achieved and honoring her truly means that we honor Jack and her family as well. Her family has been a tremendous asset to Temple and one that has forever changed the face of this community. We are incredibly grateful.

It is said in Jewish tradition: *Kol Israel Arevim Ze Laze*--All Of Israel Are Responsible For One Another.

Everything Lois does has that added notion that Lois has dedicated herself to her community, to her family and the household of Israel.

Kol Israel Arevim Ze Laze--All Of Israel Are Responsible For One Another.

It is with great honor and pleasure that Lois Hellman was called to the bimah on Friday, October 15th, 2010 as Temple's honoree for the 2010 Mitzvah Plaque.

Mazel Tov!

Rabbi Matthew J. Durbin

Conversion Ceremony

Come to Temple Beth El on Friday, November 19th, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. for the Conversion Ceremony of **Christine McDonald** followed by an oneg hosted by friends in honor of Christine.

Condolences

Temple member, **Allen Suckman**, father of Lisa (Jonathan) DeMarco, grandfather of Jordan, Cassandra, and Max, passed away on Thursday, October 14, 2010 at the age of 67. Allen was predeceased by his wife, Sandra Suckman.



Help Wanted

Requirements: Washer, dryer, and time

Job Description: Launder some tablecloths after a Temple event

Salary: Knowing you've done a *mitzvah*

Further Information: Contact Barbara Rosoff at 792-1023



President's Message

The house is quiet now after the whirlwind of activity in September and October. The living room has been vacuumed and dusted, the good dishes are back in the dining room, the tablecloths laundered and folded, and the kitchen cleaned and organized.

No, it's definitely not the Rosoff home I'm describing, but our Temple home.

We are getting the house ready for the next round of activities: Shabbat and Onegs, classes, programs, the rummage sale and the *Channukah* dinner.

The Temple kitchen is "action central" not only for our activities, but also for Maureen Chase who rents it for her catering business. Here is what's happening to help all of us keep it clean and organized.

First, we have begun a recycling program in direct response to Rabbi Durbin's *Rosh Hashanah* sermon. And he thought we weren't listening . . . Recycling instructions for "single stream recycling" are taped to the refrigerator, and a large recycling barrel is just outside the back door of the bubble room. The Rabbi and Katie are also recycling. Suzanne Seay reminds us to put our food waste in a composting container that she provides when we have large functions. By recycling and composting we reduce not only our waste flow, but our expenses.

Second, there is a checklist to help you leave the kitchen ready for the next people who will use it. You will find it on a clipboard next to the microwave oven. Our goal is to **keep** the kitchen clean, clear and organized for everyone who uses it. And, because we rent it, the kitchen is regularly inspected by the Health department. By using the checklist and recycling, you help us, and Minette, achieve this goal.

And finally, an easy way for **you** to use the kitchen is by hosting an Oneg Shabbat. There is something warm and welcoming when we stay after Shabbat services with friends, a nosh and beverage. If you haven't hosted an Oneg before, just call me and I'll tell you all about it. If you have hosted before, but it's been a while, host again to celebrate a happy occasion with us.

Other improvements are happening in the house. We will begin repair of the *Home Room floor, which will complete this room's revitalization, in December. No longer will we, or the USA Dance group, Contra Dance, and the Tai Chi classes who rent this space, worry about loose tiles and grey duct tape.

Now, with our house in order, it is again ready for you. In the next few months you will have many opportunities to join us here for services, classes, programs, and holiday activities.

The Board and I look forward to seeing you participating in the life of our Temple.

Barbara L. Rosoff

* The Home Room is the original name of the large social hall. It was where, before the addition and before the religious schools combined, all the activities of the Temple took place. It was the only space big enough at that time for us to meet. To see the outline of the original space, just look at the different floor patterns.

Thank You!

I want to personally thank Temple Beth El's choir and Lisa DeMarco for all their hard work and dedication that it takes to make the High Holy Days' music so meaningful. A special thanks to Bill Brender, Alan Epstein, Debbie Friedman, Linda Friedman, Karen Marks, Christine McDonald, Camille Wodicka, and Lisa DeMarco. It really means a lot to me.

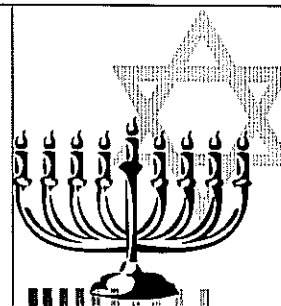
Thank you, Diane Martin

GEARING UP FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The Judaica Shop is getting ready for Channukah.....yes. Channukah. Are you ready to light your first candle on December 1st?

The Shop will be open during regular office hours Monday through Friday. If you need to get something outside of those hours please contact Gail Hamel at 761-1220 or email Gail at ghamel@hamelresources.com to make arrangements.

Shop early, shop often.





Thank you from Lois Hellman

I was humbled and honored on October 15th when the Temple recognized me by placing my name upon the *Mitzvah* plaque and hosting a special oneg. I will always cherish my memories of times spent with my friends, family and colleagues at Temple Beth El over the years.

My thanks go out to the Board for selecting me as the honoree and for sponsoring the celebration and particularly to Karen Marks and Chris Levy who planned and arranged the Oneg; to Rabbi Durbin, Diane Martin and Camille Wodicka for the beautiful service; to those who spoke about my qualifications (my sons who moved me to tears, my husband who always makes me laugh, my friend Chris Levy for her comments); those my friends and Temple regulars who are always there to keep the Temple doors open. It always impresses me that my predecessor - honorees attend these events in such numbers.

I particularly want to acknowledge the contributions of my successor-presidents, Steve Adler and Barbara Rosoff who stepped up to the plate "just in time," as well as Katie Weaver, Minette Requelme and her helpers Lissette and Jasmine, Judy Shepherd who co-edits *The Shofar* and Larry Silver who oversees the care of the Temple building. The all do so much with so little "fanfare."

We all strive to make this Temple and this world a better place. With God's help our collective acts of *Tikkun Olam* (repairing God's world) will succeed. Please accept my gratitude.

Hometown Thanksgiving

Hometown Thanksgiving this year will again be at the Christ Church Methodist, located at the corner of Bay and Washington Streets in Glens Falls.

If you would like to donate time to help plan the dinner, solicit food and supplies or donate money for that effort, please contact Hometown by phone at 636-9679 or by mail at PO Box 2445, Glens Falls, NY 12801. Hometown Thanksgiving is a registered 'not for profit' corporation, so all contributions and volunteer efforts are tax deductible.

Cookbook Update

The Cookbook Committee has been working diligently to put together a fabulous collection of recipes, but we still do not have enough to finalize the book. Please don't lose your chance to be included; have your special recipes preserved for your family in our beautiful Temple Beth El cookbook. The book will be published prior to the Passover holiday, so you'll have wonderful recipes to use!

We know you are all busy, but if you want us to stop requesting recipes, we need you to contribute yours now! Please send your recipes to me via email at plbrown3@juno.com, or give them to Katie in the Temple office. If you have any questions or need assistance getting your recipes to us, please feel free to contact me, Karen, or Judy. We want to make this cookbook the best keepsake ever!!

Thank you, Phyllis Brown

TSRS Update

We have had an excellent start this year in the religious school. I am particularly pleased by the hard work and dedication that has been exhibited by the teachers and staff, and I want to thank them for making my job so much easier.

I decided to move our annual bus trip from the spring to the fall this year. We will be going to the Yiddish Book Center and Museum in Amherst, Massachusetts on Sunday, November 14th. I have been working with the staff at the museum in setting up two tours for our students. I think that it will be a very fun and educational trip for our school, and I look forward to writing about it next month.

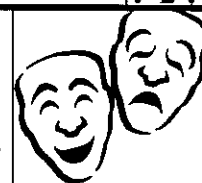
The annual TSRS Family Channukah Party will be held on Sunday, December 5th this year. In addition to the normal song, dance, and festive activities of Chanukah, we will also be holding our consecration for new students at that time. More details about both celebrations will be forthcoming in the following weeks for anyone who is interested.

Sincerely, Adam Fine, TSRS Director



The Improv Club at Temple on January 15th, 2011

The Temple will be hosting a fundraiser that will bring you laughs and tears. The Improv Club will be performing at Temple on Saturday, January 15th, 2011. (We have scheduled a snow date of Saturday, January 22nd,



2011.) Enjoy, not only watching, but actively guiding this enthusiastic company of actors and stand-up comics through a variety of hilarious and absurd scenes based on impromptu audience suggestions. The Improv Club consists of nine stand-up comedians and experienced stage actors who believe the shortest distance between two people is humor. The Improv Club consists of Judi Clements, Marcy Hausman, Chas Heritage, Jon Hausman, Scott Hooker, Temple Beth El's Steve Smoller and Julie Phillips.

Book Club

Here is the list of books that we will be reading in the upcoming months.

November 9, 2010: Born on a Blue Day by Daniel Tammet; December 14, 2010: Little Bee by Chris Cleave; January 11, 2011: Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verghese

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

Ritual/Pulpit Committee Report

The agenda included the following:

scheduled activities for the next several months including - a conversion, a *Channukah* dinner (planned for December 3, 2010), *Yom HaShoah* / Holocaust Memorial Observance (planned for May 2, 2011 at Temple Beth El);

the recent High Holy Days and ways to improve them in future years, with emphasis on the annual memorial book;

a report from the Cemetery Committee and policies for the use of the cemetery for individuals who were not Temple members at the time of their passing; and

formation of a committee to establish policies for all life cycle events and fee schedules for those who are not members of Temple Beth El.

The November Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 9, 2010 **at 4:00 p.m. at Temple.**

WAIT House

Life as you know it is gone. Or maybe this has been your life all along. It doesn't even really matter anymore; all you know is that you're alone. And tired. And hungry. And scared. What's a teenager to do? Luckily, in our community, we have a place for teenagers and young adults to go - WAIT House (Welcoming Adolescents in Transition). The WAIT House provides food and shelter for kids who don't have anything else. Recently, they have added a wing for pregnant teenagers. After the baby is born, the new mothers and their children can stay at WAIT House for up to a year. Here's where I come in.

I had my *Bat Mitzvah* in June and I had known for my Mitzvah Project I wanted to do something local, so WAIT House and I made a perfect fit. I wanted to do something that meant a lot to me so, I thought of photography. Now as a kid and teenager I've always loved looking at old photo albums, especially my baby book. It's hard to imagine myself as the little innocent infant in the pictures. Parents always say that kids grow so fast and they wish we'd slow down. (Sorry, we can't really help it.) I thought of the new mothers at WAIT House, who don't have money for extra expenses; such as a camera and photo albums. If I ever were to have a child, I would want to be able to document his/her growth, and how sad I would be if I couldn't. I had been earning money for about 6 months doing house and yard work, and pet care and dog-walking to make enough to buy a good camera and accessories. So once I had enough, I decided to buy the WAIT House a Canon 10 mega pixel camera with a 8 GB memory card, camera case, photo printer and paper, photo albums, and other supplies. Anything they would need to get the perfect picture.

Elena Silverberg



Pedlar's Fair

The Pedlar's Fair is Sunday, November 7. Saleable items may be brought to the Temple whenever it is open or on work days. Unfortunately, we can no longer pick up large items. We desperately need your help on the following work days:

Monday, November 1: 10 am - 1 pm

Wednesday, November 3: 4 pm - 7 pm

Friday, November 5: 10 am - 1 pm

On the sale day, please come to help at 8:30 a.m. Clean up starts at 12:30 p.m. We need volunteers for both these times. Please let us know if you can help.

Rachel and Maxine

Havurah Vatik November Event

Tuesday, November 16 from 11 - 1 P.M.

Temple Sinai, 509 Broadway, Saratoga Springs

All area Jewish Seniors 55 plus are welcome!

BJ Rosenfeld—The Chameleon in the Closet

BJ Rosenfeld has published a memoir "The Chameleon in the Closet" which describes the challenges she has had to face since her two sons moved from their Conservative Jewish upbringing to become ultra Orthodox. The adaptation to this new world is symbolized by her needing to have two distinct wardrobes. She will share her story about her struggles & her joys!

BJ plays a very active role in Jewish life in northeastern New York. She is president of Hadassah Capital District, chairs the Israel-European Affairs Committee for UJF of NENY, and serves on many boards, as well as being an accomplished writer.

A catered lunch will be served. It is very important that you contact Temple Sinai at 584-8730, mailbox 4, or havurahvatic@hotmail.com by November 9th, if you are planning to attend, or if you need transportation.

Long term parking is available one block from the Temple on Woodlawn Ave.

Havurah is grateful to its sponsors, United Jewish Federation & First Niagara Bank.

Help Shape the Future of the Reform Movement

The future of the North American Jewish community is being shaped by divergent forces unlike those we have confronted in the past. URJ, HUC-JIR and CCAR have convened a Think Tank that will investigate how Reform Judaism should address these trends. While some of the work of the Think Tank will be done in private, we are inviting members of our congregation to participate in public forums and give feedback to inform the direction of the Think Tank. We need your help!

Please join other members of Temple Beth El at a "watching party" and public forum on Nov. 21 at 7 pm at Temple Beth El.

Don't miss your chance to be a part of the discussion!

For more information, visit www.urj.org/thinktank

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NOVEMBER 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	*SAT
	1 10–1 p.m. Pedlar's Fair Set UP	2 5:30 p.m. Beginner Hebrew	3 4–7 p.m. Pedlar's Fair Set UP 6 p.m. TSRS at Synagogue	4 2 p.m. Intermediate Hebrew 6 p.m. Stories from our Past	5 10–1 p.m. Pedlar's Fair Set UP 7 p.m. Family Service	6 10:30 a.m. Torah Study
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21 9:30 a.m. TSRS at Temple 4 p.m. Pizza and a Movie (Munich) 7 p.m. Think Tank Watching Party	22 6 p.m. David's Divas	23 5:30 p.m. Beginner Hebrew 7 p.m. TBE Board Meeting	24 No TSRS <i>Rabbi Away</i>	25 Thanks- giving	26 7 p.m. Service	27 No Torah Study
28 No TSRS	29 <i>Rabbi Returns</i>	30 5:30 p.m. Beginner Hebrew	*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.			

**DECEMBER 2010**

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			1 6 p.m. TSRS at Synagogue	2 Channukah Begins 2 p.m. Intermediate Hebrew 6 p.m. Jumping Into Judaism	3 6 p.m. Service 7 p.m. Channukah Dinner	4 10:30 a.m. Torah Study
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19 9:30 a.m. TSRS at Temple	20	21	22 No TSRS	23	24 7 p.m. Service	25 10:30 a.m. Torah Study
26 No TSRS	27	28 7 p.m. TBE Board Meeting	29 No TSRS	30	31 7 p.m. Service New Year's Eve	

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Contributions

GENERAL FUND

Howard H. Serlin

In loving memory of my beloved wife, Pauline Serlin, on her birthday

Arnold Slawsby

Eileen Slawsby Kitchen Fund

Doris D. Cohen

In memory of Walter K. Cohen

Jerry Starr

In appreciation for the beautiful holiday services

Eleanor F. Elliott

In honor of Orel Friedman's birthday!

Phillip & Charlotte Lefton

In honor of David & Rachel Coleman

Myron & Barbara Rapaport

In honor of Lois Hellman for her name being added to the *Mitzvah* Plaque

Judith Metzner Shepherd

In honor of Wendy Abbott's new grandson, Wyatt Travis Piersol

Judith Metzner Shepherd

In honor of Martin & Maxine Wasserman's new granddaughter, Sasha Rae Rubenstein

Judith Metzner Shepherd

In honor of Orel Friedman on his birthday

Judith Metzner Shepherd

In honor of Eric Reed and Beth Kramer on their engagement and on becoming new members of Temple Beth El

David & Clair Gordon

General Donation

Florence Handen

In honor of Sasha Rae Rubenstein

Sandy Terwilliger & Larry Silver

In memory of Mark Silver and Andrea Silver

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Barbara Kramer

All good wishes for a happy and healthy new year

Eva & Ronald Pierce

Happy New Year!

ENDOWMENT FUND

Norm & Sylvia Kudan

In honor of Barbara Rosoff

Norm & Sylvia Kudan

In honor of Orel Friedman on his birthday

CEMETERY FUND

Dr. Carol Suitor

In memory of Marjorie & Otto Reinisch

The 2011 Entertainment Books are on sale now in the Temple office!

Please support our fundraiser! For only \$30, the Entertainment Book includes:

- * Up to 50% off at your favorite restaurants!
- * Great deals on travel!
- * Big savings on shopping, services, and entertainment!

Plus this year the book includes a Bonus Card for additional dollars off purchases from popular merchants!

Get yours from Katie in the Temple Office, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to Noon!

Torah Portions

November 6

Gen. 25:19-28:9

Pr. I Sam. 20:18-42

November 13

Gen. 28:10-32:3

Pr. Hosea 12:13-14:10

November 20

Gen. 32:4-36:43

Pr. Obadiah 1:1-21

November 27

Gen. 37:1-40:23

Pr. Amos 2:6-3:8



We Remember

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

November 5

*David Bronne, Alfred Brown, *Anna G. Cohen, Esther Cohen, Tessie Prager Cohn, Cele Finkel, *Sarah Ginsburg, *Marcos Hellenberg, Gloria Levine, *Phillip P. Proller, *Elsa Gelman Rosoff, Charles Searleman, Harold Shapiro, Jeanette Shapiro, Andrea Silver, *Rose Stichman, *Bess Weissman

November 12

*Abraham Bronne, Herman Feigenbaum, Bernard Grablow, Mary Hellman, Elsie Jarret, *Lillian Leinoff, *Herman Metzner, Esther Rome, Rose Leah Rosoff, Michelle Shapiro, *Glenard Turner, *Ruth Turner, *M. Michael Yaffee

November 19

*Carl Bronne, Rose Drew, *Dorothy Fagelman, William D. Fine, Robert Gordon, Marie Handen, *Leslie Klein, *Alexander Lazarus, *Joshua Lowe, Pearl Munzer, *Esther Nachman, *Samuel Nathan, *William Parker, *Isabella Schwager

November 26

*Louise Bronne Baer, *Louis Bassock, David Bittman, *Flora Bronne, Charles Garlen, Joseph Gladstone, Dr. Harrison Karp, Joseph Kmiecik, *Ruth Bronne Nathan, Benjamin Rothblatt, Shirley Segan, *Edward Sommer, Sam Swirsky, *Bertie F. Task, Charles Wodicka

(*name appears on yearzeit plaque in the sanctuary)



Tree of Life

For \$25, you can give a gift that will last a life time, a leaf on the Tree of Life in the Home Room. Make it into the big deal that it is by recognizing your children's achievements by putting their names on the Tree of Life. Honor roll, give a leaf. Scoring three goals in soccer, give a leaf. Emptying the dishwasher without asking, give a leaf. Go look at the tree and see the history of the Temple. Be a part of that History. Call Elaine at 792-6192 to place your order and discuss available locations on the Tree.

Officers & Board of Trustees

President: Barbara Rosoff

Vice President: Jack Hellman

Co-Treasurers: Karen Marks & Ami Goldstein

Recording Secretary: Kathy Naftaly

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Director, Adam Fine

Temple Board Members: Elissa Elchin, Linda Friedman, Ellen Katz, David Lieberman, Marcia Krantz

Synagogue Board Members: Ben Cohen, Monica Guglielmo, Melissa Korot, Dolly Morrissey, Mitchell Cohen

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. This part is from "Faith," the chapter for 1927-1928.]

Rabbi L.J. Victor Eppstein, a senior student in the Jewish Institute of Religion in New York, preached a trial sermon in our Temple on June 1. He was engaged to lead the services for the coming High Holy-days and to come after every two weeks as our former student-rabbis had done.

Rabbi Eppstein was born in Peoria, Illinois, but had spent a large part of his life in California. He has a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of California, where he specialized in ancient languages. Besides his work at the Institute, he was a graduate student in Greek and Arabic at Columbia University.

Meanwhile the town was bidding our departing rabbi a long and affectionate farewell. He had been active not only in the Clerisy and the Rotary, but also in the Outing Club. The Legion had him for a member and remembered his departure with a banquet and a gift.

Many gathered on June 22 for what we thought would be the last service conducted by Rabbi Alpert as rabbi of our congregation. Every minister in town seemed to be present and each spoke briefly from our pulpit. Dr. Judkins gave the final and most significant talk. He stated that he had come to the conclusion from the many talks he had had with our rabbi, from the books our rabbi had recommended to him for reading, from what he had learned of the quality of the Jews since the Temple had been built here, that the Jew should retain his identity as a separate people; that Jew and Gentile, with mutual respect and help should walk through life, side by side, trusting in the Fatherhood of God and striving for the brotherhood of man.

During the gay gathering in the Home Room afterwards, Rabbi Alpert was presented with a purse of gold, a farewell gift from the congregation. There were speeches and there were ices, and half gay and half sad farewells.

Our rabbi left Glens Falls on June 23 and returned July 20, hastily summoned to attend our dying president, Julius Jacobson.

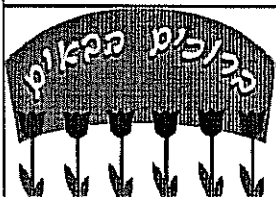
Julius Jacobson was one of the first permanent Jewish residents of Glens Falls. He was born in Germany and was brought to America at the age of six. He had retired from active business for the last fifteen years of his life. He had represented the Jews of Glens Falls in many important philanthropic matters. Mr. Jacobson had been president of the Glens Falls Common Council from 1916 to 1920, and served as acting mayor the last year. He had been president of Beth El Congregation since its organization seven years before. He passed into eternal life on July 27, 1928, aged 79 years, exactly three weeks after he and Mrs. Jacobson had presented to Beth El \$1,000.00 in celebration of their wedding anniversary. Three weeks before he had been in his usual health, happy in the midst of his family. We were saddened by the momentous event of his passing; yet so beautifully had he lived, so calm, dignified and honored his going that pride was mingled with our grief as we bid our chief a last farewell as he lay in state in our Home Room in a bed of white satin under a blanket of pink and white roses, surrounded by many fragrant flowers.

Masonic funeral services were held on July 28, there was a public funeral service most impressively conducted by Rabbi Alpert on July 29. Then the family, accompanied by the rabbi, took their dead to his last resting place in the family vault in Mount Hope Cemetery in Rochester, N.Y. May his memory bless us as his life had been a blessing.

Divine services were conducted through the rest of the summer, men of the congregation leading. With fuller meaning and deeper understanding we said the prayers for the departed.

Welcome New Members!

Eric Reed & Beth Kramer





Happy Birthday!

Elizabeth Levy (11/3), Ross Marks (11/4), Liz Giblin (11/5), Martha Searleman (11/5), Stuart Kaufman (11/7), Karen Hochhauser (11/9), Jazlyn Hellman (11/10 – 13 years old!), Allison Levin (11/11), William Kraus (11/14), Elizabeth Gancher (11/16), Bruce Katz (11/19), Carol Kafin (11/19), Michele French (11/20), JoAnn Daigle (11/20), Mike Seidel (11/21), Matt Levin (11/23), Ethan Hill (11/25 – 8 years old!), Stuart Ginsburg (11/26), Matthew Futia (11/26), Rachel Murray (11/26)

Happy Anniversary!

William & Amy Brender
(11/3)

Jon & Naomi Marks
(11/15 – 7 years!)

Robert & Stephanie Kaufman
(11/18 – 37 years!)

Eric & Dara Amengual
(11/23 – 22 years!)

Get Well Soon

Rabbi Jeffrey Ballon, Ronald Binns, Paul Cattabiani, Mia Corton, John Dessingue, Caryl Doe, Eleanor Elliott, Elaine Faller, Victor Friedman, Dawn Gideon, Gayle Goldstein, Jacqueline Gordon, Phillip Gordon, Mark Grunblatt, Allan Korot, Mike Jucowics, Jack Kornblum, Gay Katz, Paula Knight, Linda Leinoff, Leonard Meyers, Karen Muller, Howard Nadler, Rabbi David Novak, Jessica Panebianco, Dave Peyton, Edie Rudnick, Bob Savarin, Alan Schwartzter, Sonny Segan, Frank Sheridan, Susan Silverberg, Walter Stern, Carol Wells, Jarod Winchell, Bertel Wolfe

Mazel Tov

Mazel Tov to Eugene Kowel and Elysia Gruber on their recent engagement. They are planning a July wedding in Texas.

Mazel Tov to Jazlyn Hellman, Jack & Lois Hellman's granddaughter, who became a Bat Mitzvah on October, 9, 2010.



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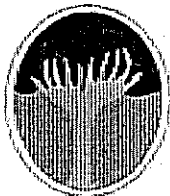
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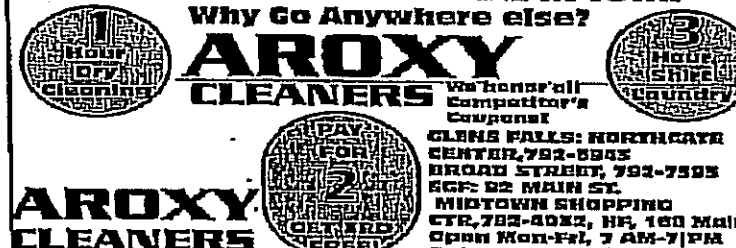
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