



The November 2012 Shofar

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November Family Service / Potluck Dinner

Please join us on **Friday, November 2 at 6 p.m.** for a Family Service followed by a potluck dinner. Please call Katie in the Temple Office to let her know what dish you will be bringing to share. Student participation in the service will be encouraged!



Crafter's Club wants you!!

Something new is happening at Temple Beth El, especially for you!

Do you like to knit, bead, scrapbook, crochet, doodle, or do you have any other creative hobbies? Join us for the new monthly **Crafter's Club** and enjoy some friendly conversation while you create! Our first get-together will be **Thursday, November 8th at 10am**, and we plan to continue to meet on the second Thursday of each month. Bring whatever artsy-craftsy endeavor you'd like to work on. No more crafting in solitude!!!

For more information, call or email Phyllis Brown (793-3029; plbrown3@juno.com). I hope to see you soon for some crafty companionship!

Tasteful Traditions Cookbook

The Temple Beth El cookbook, *Tasteful Traditions*, will be available for purchase at the annual *Chronicle* Book Fair on November 4th at the Queensbury Hotel. If you haven't purchased a copy yet, or if you'd like to purchase more, this is an excellent opportunity! You can pick up a cookbook and also enjoy this wonderful annual community event. And if you'd like to help out at the sales table, please contact Phyllis Brown. She'd love your help!

Latke Fest: Chef Contenders Needed

Do you make the best latkes? Last year, Temple Beth El Board member Matt Levin won the inaugural competition by just three votes. Matt feels pretty confident he can hold onto his title. However, we are certain there are one or two other creative chefs who believe they make the best latkes. Join in the competitive fun and help raise money for Temple. Chef-contestants are needed in two categories. Recipes may be either traditional or "twisted," with ingredients of the chef's choice, subject to a few restrictions. In addition to the honor of creating the official latke for the Channukah celebration, the winning chef will receive two free tickets to Temple's Channukah dinner on Friday, December 14. Monday, November 26th is the deadline to sign up as a contestant.

For more information, e-mail latkefest@gmail.com or call (518) 792-4364.

Second Annual Latke Fest

Latke Fest offers more than just potato pancakes (not that latkes aren't reason enough to attend). This festive community event and Temple fundraiser includes live music from Der Kleiner Klezmere, children's activities, tasty desserts, Judaica Shop open for your special Channukah purchases, and lots more Channukah fun.

\$10 for adults

\$5 for children ages 3—12

Ages 2 and under are free.

Bring a group and reserve a table for 10 for \$100 (prime seating close to dance floor and also includes special Channukah treats).

Taste, vote, and celebrate the season! Amateur and professional cooks will face off in one of the tastiest competitions around. Sample the latkes and cast your vote for the cook who deserves to win the coveted Golden Latke.

Get your tickets at the Temple Office or pay at the door on the day of the event. Advance reservations require payment. Call (518) 792-4364 for more information.

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Rabbi's Message

As we transition from the High Holy Days to the new month of *Cheshvan*, I pray that we have the strength and determination to go forth this new year with renewed strength and vigor. *Cheshvan* is the eighth month in the Jewish calendar. Our sages actually referred to this month as *Marcheshvan*, the "bitter month." But why would our sages call this month the "bitter month?" It is because *Cheshvan* is bereft of holidays while *Tishrei*, the preceding month, is full of holidays – *Rosh Hashanah*, *Yom Kippur*, *Sukkot* and *Simchat Torah*, all beautifully rich holidays - that bring us closer to the Divine.

But hang on; must we wait for *Channukah* to celebrate with family, friends and our community? Why must we wait for the next holiday in order to celebrate? We have many programs and classes which are sure to fill the void. Have you not yet become *Bar/Bat Mitzvah*? Do you wish to express your love of Judaism and its traditions to the community? Do you hope to study and broaden your understanding of Biblical text and to communicate your own personal perspective of this understanding on the *Torah* portions? Any adult who either has not yet become *Bar/Bat Mitzvah*, or wishes to have another, need not wait until *Channukah*. You can begin now! Just contact me. In a group we will begin a collective study of *Torah* with the aim of creating an adult *B'nai Mitzvah* program geared toward a greater appreciation for our sacred Scriptures. I encourage all who wish to participate in this wonderful and beautiful process to contact the Temple office to secure your place in the program.

In the same vein, if you were never given a Hebrew name, cannot remember your Hebrew name or wish to receive another one, we will be conferring Hebrew names in Temple on Friday, December 21 at 7 p.m. When we receive a new Hebrew name we express the hope that we might live up to the given name. At the same time we acquire a sense of joy in the heritage and rich traditions which we Jews hold sacred. Do not sit idly by waiting for the next holiday. Instead become involved now and let Temple become an integral part of your life.

I am very excited for our new classes and programs which are sure to enrich and provide meaning. Let us allow ourselves to be open to new ideas and activities! Let's make this year, 5773, a meaningful and community oriented year!

Rabbi Matthew Durbin

BLESSINGS IN A BAG-\$18!

Wait until you see these sets of prayer cards, perfect for your home, college student, or a little gift (house-warming, shower, hostess thank-you). The attractive, colorful cards offer guidance and blessings for the celebration of Shabbat, holidays, and special events such as affixing a *mezuzah*. These beautiful gift sets are available for purchase in the Temple office.

2013 Entertainment Books

The 2013 Entertainment Books have arrived and are on sale now in the Temple office!

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!
- Bonus Card for additional dollars off purchase from popular merchants!

Please support our fundraiser!

Get yours from Katie in the Temple office!

Hadassah 100th Birthday Celebration

Sunday, November 18th, 2012

Come celebrate with us for the 100th Birthday of Hadassah at Temple Beth El from 2 to 4 p.m.

Everyone is invited!





President's Yom Kippur Speech

Good evening, treasured members and welcomed guests. It is good to be with you at Temple Beth El at this time of reflection, of looking back at the year that is ending for us, as we take stock of our lives, and make personal commitments for the year to come.

We are gathered with our loved ones, friends, Temple members whom we have known for many years, new members whom we may be meeting for the first time, and welcomed guests, all of us honoring an ancient tradition that calls us together and beckons us to take stock of our lives.

Amidst all the change and uncertainty that seems to engulf our world at times, we return to Temple, secure in the knowledge that, while we have always struggled, we have persevered and thrived, hopeful that this will always be so. As it is for us, so it is for Temple.

Five years ago, we took a hard look at our Temple building and realized that it showed signs of aging. Through your contributions to our Project 21st Century initiative, we took big steps to restore our outer appearance, including replacement of almost all of our Temple windows, in the process greatly improving the efficiency of our heating system.

Following this, again through your generosity, we have been beautifying our interior, from our hallway, to this sanctuary, to our social halls. They remain the same, and familiar to you, of course, but renewed, redecorated and we think, more welcoming. I hope that you agree.

Now, I am asking for your help to ensure that Temple Beth El remains strong and sound well into the future. We recently conducted, with the invaluable assistance of Temple member and architect Dan Brown, an extensive review of all areas of our building. As a result, we have confirmed that Temple's structure is sound throughout. However, we have learned that we must make modifications and improvements in order to ensure the delivery of basic services, and to provide a safe and secure environment at Temple.

Accordingly, we are launching Project 21st Century, Phase Two, a fundraising and rehabilitation effort for this fiscal year that will enable us to address these issues.

The Board of Trustees is prioritizing and developing a plan. You will be hearing directly from the Board regarding our plan, and about ways that you can help us ensure the future of our growing congregation in our lovely, but aging building.

Temple has never had a building fund. Rather, we have relied upon the support of members and of other benefactors to assist us in special initiatives such as Project 21st Century. I am pleased to announce that three Temple members have, together, created a \$15,000.00 matching grant. This is a wonderful development for which we are most grateful, and by which we are greatly encouraged. I am certain that you are similarly excited about this development, and that you will join us in any way that you can to help us raise the funds to match this grant. We would, of course, be further gratified to receive additional matching grant proposals.

In conclusion, as you reflect this evening upon the year that is passing, and you make resolutions and plans for the year to come, I ask you to make Temple one of your priorities. Let us all, as one people, *Am Echad*, go forward with the knowledge that we have done what we can to ensure Temple Beth El's future, and to honor our ancient and current commitments to our people.

Steve Adler

President



\$15,000 Pledged to Match Donations!

With YOUR help, we are already half-way to our goal in this year's phase of the Project 21st Century to finance improvements to our beautiful building! As President Stephen Adler announced in his Yom Kippur message, three Temple Beth El members have already pledged a combined total of \$15,000 to match the first \$15,000 in contributions in this phase, to raise \$30,000.

Readers will recall the first phase of this campaign, conducted several years ago, when the generosity of many supporters enabled the Congregation to replace old windows with beautiful, energy-efficient glass and frames, saving significant sums in annual heating and cooling costs from the time the project was completed. Now it is time to address additional needs. Without a permanent building fund, we rely on generous donations from members and friends.

We are grateful to Temple member Dan Brown, an architect, who contributed many hours of his time to an exhaustive review of our building, identifying changes that should be made to ensure the security and integrity of the Temple and the comfort of those who use it. Our 87-year-old home is well-built and structurally sound, but requires repairs and modernizing in several respects, to ensure our continued enjoyment of the Sanctuary and other facilities. The first projects to be funded in the new phase of the campaign will be announced by the Board of Trustees at about the time you receive this issue of *The Shofar*.

Soon you will receive a letter with additional details, asking for your help. Please return the pledge card promptly, with part or all of your generous contribution. The value of all gifts up to a total of \$15,000 will be DOUBLED, with a matching grant from three of your fellow congregants. **To be** eligible for the match, pledges must be received no later than December 15, 2012. Half of the pledged amount is to be paid by December 31, 2012, and the remainder no later than June 30, 2013. Gifts may be made in honor or in memory of a loved one. All contributions will be gratefully received, and recognized appropriately.

Thank you for helping to meet this important challenge!

The Alzheimer's Association of Northeastern NY

Tuesday, November 13 from 5:00pm - 8:00pm

The Great Escape Lodge, Queensbury, NY, 12804

"When the Diagnosis is Alzheimer's: Medical, Legal, Financial and Practical Considerations."

This program is open to all community members. Hear short presentations from a distinguished panel including medical and legal experts, followed by the opportunity to have questions answered. Cost of the program is \$10 and includes light refreshments. Free on-site respite care is available.

For more information or to register go to:

<http://bit.ly/AlzEdForumADK>
or call (518) 867- 4999 x200.

Temple Beth El member, Chris Levy, serves on the local *Adirondack Leadership Council of the Alzheimer's Association of Northeastern NY* and would also be happy to answer any questions you might have about this program. She can be reached at (518) 796-8808.



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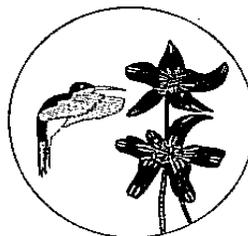
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Rabbis' Classes

Surfing through the *Siddur*

Mondays, November 5 and 12 at 5 p.m.

Have you ever wondered where our prayers come from? How they manifest into our prayer book? Is there a right or wrong way to pray? In this two-week session, we will explore the vast and varying ways Jews pray and access prayer through liturgy and the prayer book. No experience necessary - just a desire to learn more and open ourselves to the beauties of our tradition and how we utilize them in our *Siddur*.

The Second Torah—the Oral Tradition

Tuesdays, November 6 and 13 at 5 p.m.

Judaism has two Torahs—The Written Torah and the Oral. In this class, we will look at the origins of the Oral Law; how and when it was written and the implications this has for Judaism and our understanding of Jewish tradition.

***Impossible Infertility**

Sunday, December 2 at 9:30 a.m.

This class will focus on some of our barren women in our Biblical Narrative, the struggles and challenges of producing children, God's divine intervention and how these women struggled and exerted their own will and control to secure themselves "the next generation." (*Class will be taught by Rabbi Rose Durbin.)

***Action, Action, Read all about it!**

Mondays, December 3 and 10 at 5 p.m.

This class will explore issues of social justice and social action and the impacts they play on us as modern Jews. We will move from a collective understanding of how these issues are exposed in modern day and the focus will be on how we as Progressive Jews can use the material and thoughts in our daily actions. (*Class will be taught by Rabbi Rose Durbin.)

David's Dirt

Tuesday, December 4 at 6 p.m.

Come join us as we dig into our famous King David's policies, character, and the Kingdom that he built. Not only will we examine King David's character and his military action, but we will discuss these subjects against the backdrop of political unrest during King David's reign.

The Growth of Reform Judaism

Tuesday, December 11 and 18 at 6 p.m.

Last year we offered a class on the Rise of Reform Judaism in North America and throughout the world. This class will look at the expansion of the Reform Movement, its platforms and statements, and how the Reform Movement has grown and established itself firmly into the American mindset.

Class registration is required!!!

Call or e-mail Katie in the Temple Office to reserve your spot in one, some, or all of these classes!

If there are insufficient numbers, classes will be cancelled.



Torah Portions

November 3

Va-Yera

Gen. 18:1-22:24

Pr. II Kings 4:1-37

November 10

Chayyei Sarah

Gen. 23:1-25:18

Pr. I Kings 1:1-31

November 17

Toledot

Gen. 25:19-28:9

Pr. Mal. 1:1-2:7

November 24

Va-Yetzay

Gen. 28:10-32:3

Pr. Hosea 12:13-14:10

10 Minutes of Torah

Sign up to receive a one-page e-mail each day on a topic of Jewish interest. It only takes **10 minutes a day** to get started on a lifelong journey. Spend 10 minutes a day — and before you know it you'll have completed 100 hours of Torah study! All you need to do is find ten minutes a day to "do Torah." Reform Jews committed to having Judaism in their daily lives are encouraged to participate in 10 minutes a day of personal connection to a Jewish text, issue or topic. For example: Monday—Reform Voices of Torah; Tuesday—The Rhythm of Jewish Time; Wednesday—Israel Connection; Thursday—Delving into *Tfilah*; Friday—Reform Judaism Q&A. Select all five days or any combination. Each weekday morning, an e-mail will be delivered to your inbox for you to study at your convenience. Sign up for 10 Minutes of Torah by visiting: www.urj.org/learning/torah/ten. Take your study of 10 Minutes of Torah to the next level by signing up for *Eilu V'eilu*.

"Who among us is so busy that he cannot spend 10 minutes a day in the study of a Jewish text? Just 10 minutes? Such a commitment would enable us to meet our Jewish obligation to make Jewish study a fixed occurrence. If we make time to answer our cell phones a dozen times a day and to check our email five times an hour, surely we can find 10 minutes to contemplate sacred words that nourish the soul." -- Rabbi Eric Yoffie, November 8, 2003, 13 Cheshvan 5764

Help the Jewish War Veterans Establish a Permanent Marker in Washington

Members of the Jewish War Veterans Albany Post 105 and the entire Capital District Council invite the Jewish community with ties to Jewish veterans, past and present, to honor their service with a memorial paver stone in Washington, DC.

Fellow JWV members, area Jewish veterans and the families of past Jewish veterans are asked to help with donations to place a brick outside the entrance of the National Museum of American Jewish Military History.

The brick will be part of the museum's Remembrance Walk program, preserving the contributions of Jewish Americans to maintain the peace and freedom of the United States. The eight by eight inch paver will commemorate the service of Jewish veterans from across the Capital District.

The fundraising campaign begins November 11 and runs through December 16, the 68th anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge.

For more information about the museum, visit www.nmajmh.org.

To contribute towards the JWV Post 105 and Capital District Council Remembrance Walk paver, donations in denominations of *chai* are deeply appreciated. Checks made out to JWV Albany Post 105 may be sent to Anthony Linsk, Post 105 Quartermaster at 33 Oriol Lane, Rensselaer, NY 12144 or contact Tony at tlinsk@gmail.com.

For questions about membership in JWV, please contact Post Commander Lance Allen Wang at Lance.allen.wang@hotmail.com, Post Adjutant Rich Goldenberg at Richard.goldenberg@us.army.mil or visit www.jwv.org.

Book Club

Here is the list of books that we will be reading:

November 13, 2012: [In the Garden of Beasts](#) by Erik Larson

December 11, 2012: [The Chaperone](#) by Laura Moriarty

January 8, 2013: [Lots of Candles, Plenty of Cake](#) by Anna Quindlen

February 12, 2013: [Defending Jacob](#) by William Landay

Our annual Channukah party will be at Temple with a potluck luncheon during our December 11 meeting.

Happy reading,

Karen Marks



The November 2012 Shofar



NOVEMBER 2012

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
SAVE THE DATE: December 9: Latke Fest at 2 p.m. December 14: Channukah Service / Dinner at 6 p.m. December 21: Hebrew Naming Ceremony at 7 p.m.				1	2 6 p.m. Family Service 7 p.m. Potluck	3 10:30 a.m. Torah Study
4 9:30 a.m. Religious School 11 a.m.—4 p.m. Chronicle Book Fair	5 5 p.m. "Surfing through the Siddur" Class	6 2 p.m. Hebrew Classes for Adults 5 p.m. Class—The Oral Tradition	7 5 p.m. Hebrew Classes for Adults 6 p.m. Hebrew School	8 10 a.m. Crafter's Club NEW!!	9 7 p.m. Shabbat Service	10 10:30 a.m. Torah Service
11 No Religious School	12 5 p.m. "Surfing through the Siddur" Class	13 10 a.m. Book Club (<u>In the Garden of Beasts</u>) 12 p.m. Ritual / Pulpit Committee Meeting 2 p.m. Hebrew Classes for Adults 5 p.m. Class—The Oral Tradition	14 5 p.m. Hebrew Classes for Adults 6 p.m. Hebrew School	15 Shofar Deadline	16 7 p.m. Torah Service	17 10:30 a.m. Torah Study
18 9:30 a.m. Religious School 2 p.m. Hadassah Birthday	19	20 Rabbi Away	21 No Hebrew School	22 	23 7 p.m. Shabbat Service	24
25 No Religious School	26	27 Rabbi Returns 2 p.m. Hebrew Classes for Adults 7 p.m. Temple Board Meeting	28 5 p.m. Hebrew Classes for Adults 6 p.m. Hebrew School	29	30 7 p.m. Shabbat Service	



Contributions

GENERAL FUND

Judith Metzner Shepherd

In celebration of Rachel & Julia Lang receiving their Hebrew names

Judith Metzner Shepherd

In celebration of Eva Nemer receiving her Hebrew name

Judith Metzner Shepherd

Congratulating Christine McDonald on her retirement

The Silber Family

In memory of Marlene Jacobson

Marta Flaum

In loving memory of Louise Y. Pearl

Marta Flaum

In loving memory of Bertha & Paul Yanowitz

Marta Flaum

In loving memory of Elliot H. Pearl

Marta Flaum

In loving memory of Bertha & Paul Pearl

Sandy Terwilliger & Larry Silver

In memory of Mark Silver

Judith Metzner Shepherd

In celebration of Dr. Orel Friedman's 99th birthday

Judith Metzner Shepherd

Welcome new members, Philip & Erma Gordon

Judith Metzner Shepherd

Welcome new members, the Wolfield Family

Donald Schwartz

In memory of Marlene Jacobson

Myron & Barbara Rapaport

In honor of Orel Friedman's 99th birthday

Ralph Leinoff

In honor of Orel Friedman's 99th birthday

Friends of Ann Blanchard and Bernice Mennis

In honor of Ann Blanchard and Bernice Mennis

Dr. Orel Friedman

In appreciation

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Phil & Erma Gordon

In memory of Abraham Gordon

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Joyce Yaffee

In honor of Orel Friedman's 99th birthday

Joyce Yaffee

In memory of Jeanette Yaffee

Joyce Yaffee

In memory of Rose Wiener

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Ken Simmons

Deena Gill

In memory of David E. Grablow

Jerry Starr

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Dr. Orel Friedman

In appreciation

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Temple Beth El History "Decade"

[Following is an excerpt from the early history of Temple Beth El, written by Ella Cline. "Decade" is the chapter for 1934-1935.]

The Sisterhood, with Mrs. Maslon presiding, did very well financially during a winter of lingering depression. Instead of the usual five hundred dollars of previous years, the Sisterhood gave the men eight hundred dollars, emptying its treasury as soon as there was a sizeable sum in it. Thus during September, \$200; December \$200; February \$125; April \$150; and May \$125, making a total of \$800.

The mortgagee, however, kept on insisting that the mortgage note be reduced, when the congregation was finding it hard enough to meet the six per cent interest payments as these fell due. Mother Jacobson and the treasurer, Max Cline, between them managed to solve this troublesome problem. Mother Jacobson reduced the mortgage note by eight thousand dollars, which, at five per cent, would equal her yearly contribution. The mortgagee was offered that much cash by the treasurer if he would take the balance, seven thousand, at four per cent. In these days of moratoriums, he eagerly agreed, for a term of five years.

The saving in interest equals the dues of more than thirteen and one-half members annually at twenty-five dollars each. And where can we get thirteen and one-half new members these days?

Part of the year had passed before the final arrangements about the mortgage were completed, so that the full benefit will be felt more fully this year and in the years following.

We surely wish Mother Jacobson many more years of such good deeds, many more years of life, of health, and of happiness.

A new venture by the Sisterhood should be mentioned here. During January, at the suggestion and under the direction of Mrs. Maslon, the Sisterhood sold tickets for a theater benefit at the Rialto which netted a profit of \$129.76. A January thaw with heavy rain made walking anything but pleasant, yet the ticket sellers did their work. Mrs. Maslon sold 300 and Mrs. Dave Bronne 150 of all the tickets sold. Other activities continued as in previous years.

The Educational Hour continued, of course. During the October meeting, Miss Demarest, whose classes in psychology, geology, and similar cultural subjects many of us have attended, spoke to us on *Women and Living Conditions During Colonial Times*. Miss Demarest is a practiced and able lecturer. She vividly made real to us the limited living conditions of pioneer times, the many handicaps, the enthusiasm and the devotion that helped build our great nation.

Mrs. Fannie Erlanger, during the November meeting in an informal, charming way told us about life in Panama. She had lived there two decades. Her talk showed us how the manner of living can be conditioned by climate, how equatorial heat and humidity have to be reckoned with in Panama. Without leaving our cozy Home Room, we traveled far that meeting.

During the December meeting Mrs. Metzner read a story, *The Alte Shul*, by Ella Cline. This dealt with the Jewish situation in Germany, saddening by its realism.

During the January meeting, Ella Cline, who had originated and directed the Educational Hour, suggested that in future we stress the original intentions of that hour. That we should undertake a study, no matter how slender, of Jewish holydays, customs and history, as a matter of self-knowledge, with respect and reverence for traditions and origins.

So – during the January meeting, Mrs. Howard Silverman spoke on Purim and gave us her version of the festival. Others were to relate their childhood experiences, bring *Hamentaschen* that are served during Purim – but this venture was hardly a success.

The business of the remaining meetings seemed to occupy all the evening and there was no need or time for "educational pursuits." During the April meeting papers were read by several members about Maimonides, whose eight-hundredth birthday all the world was celebrating.



Religious School Update

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your dedication to your child's Jewish education. On October 14, we had our Consecration Ceremony in the sanctuary. We have 23 students with a strong desire to learn and amazing enthusiasm. The lessons we try to impress on the children are the importance of Torah and that being Jewish does not begin on Shabbat and end on Sundays. We are Jewish everyday and use the Torah to seek answers for everyday problems.

Those who received a consecration blessing at the special ceremony were Benjamin Steuer, Olivia Steuer, Rebecca Steuer, Grant Levin, Sofia Rice, Camden Wolfeld, Cooper Nadler, Benny Heyman, Jonah Levin, Luke Eichin, Noah Cohen, Mason Flatley, Brooke French, Zoe Nadler, Ahva Heyman, Ethan Hill, Charlie Gartner, Gavin Cohen, Henry Gartner, Avery Hill, and Caila Eichin. Students who had not previously received miniature Torahs from the religious school were presented with them at the ceremony.

We would like to begin collecting *tzedakah* for a local charity of the children's choosing. No donation is too small. *Tzedakah* is an important part of Judaism and if we start helping our children realize now that there are people in need, we can help our children learn empathy.

There are no classes on Sunday, November 11 and 25 or Wednesday, November 21.

Jennifer Steuer

TSRS Director



Left: Caila Eichin leads the 4/5 Sunday School class in a make (and eat!) your own *Sukkah* art activity. Caila is leading the Sunday morning art classes at TSRS. Thanks to Caila and her mom, Elissa, for organizing and presenting fun projects for our students.

Right: Hebrew School practices for *Simchat Torah*.

Rachel Gartner



TSRS *Mitzvah* Project of 2012 and 2013 Feed the body. Feed the mind.

The boxes of books full of words, ideas and imagination have been filling up very quickly and will bring many hours of enjoyment to those who might not have access to books. We are still collecting both adult, children and anywhere in between books. Please leave them in the box near the side entrance door of Temple Beth El.

These books and many more will be donated to the homeless teen shelter, the domestic violence shelter and food pantries.

Jennifer Steuer, TSRS Director



We Remember

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

November 2

*David Bronne, *Dr. Leonard Busman, *Anna G. Cohen, Tessie Grager Cohn, Bertha Eames, *Sarah Ginsburg, *Allan Richard Gordon, *Wolf Greenman, Gloria Levine, *Bessie Laura Orens, *Phillip P. Proller, Geneva Sonn, *Bess Weissman, *I. Edward Zumoff

November 9

Alfred Brown, Esther Cohen, Cele Finkel, Anne Daniels Goldberg, Julia Goldman, Bernard Grablow, Elsie Jarret, *Lillian Leinoff, *Herman Metzner, *Elliot Pearl, Esther Rome, *Elsa Gelman Rosoff, Rose Leah Rosoff, Harold Shapiro, Jeanette Shapiro, Michelle Shapiro, *Andrea Silver, *Rose Stichman, *Glenard Turner, *M. Michael Yaffee

November 16

*Abraham Bronne, *Herman Feigenbaum, William D. Fine, *Marcos Hellenberg, *Alexander Lazarus, *Joshua Lowe, Pearl Munzer, *Esther Nachman, *Samuel Nathan, *Esabella Schwager, Charles Searleman, *Ruth Turner

November 23

*Louise Bronne Baer, *Carl Bronne, *Flora Bronne, Rose Drew, *Dorothy Fagelman, Charles Garlen, Joseph Gladstone, Mary Hellman, Dr. Harrison Karp. *Leslie Klein, *Ruth Bronne Nathan, *William Parker, *Shirley Segan, Charles Wodicka

November 30

*Lydia Adler, *Louis Bassock, David Bittman, Billy Dopreen, Alice Doran, *Vilma G. Gelman, *Robert Carey Gordon, Marie Handen, Joseph Kmiecik, *Sol Koch, Gertrude Lebowich, Hannah Robbins, Benjamin Rothblatt, William Shapiro, *Edward Sommer, Sam Swirsky, *Bertie F. Task, Anna Waterman

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

Condolences

In her 97th year, Temple member, **Helen Kraus**, mother of Daniel (Deborah) Kraus, William (Cindy) Kraus, and Elizabeth (Klaus) Solomon, passed away peacefully on Saturday, October 13, 2012 at the age of 96.

Thank you!

Thank you to Todd Feigenbaum and the staff at Feigenbaum Cleaners for once again taking such good care of our embroidered tablecloths.

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Appreciation

To **Arthur and Barbara Blitman** for hosting an Oneg in October in memory of Sharon Coleman on her birthday.

To the **Eichin Family** for hosting an Oneg in October in memory of Ronald Goldstone.

To **Dr. Paul and Ann Silk** for hosting an Oneg in October in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Zevan Lake Solomon.



Get Well Soon

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Mitzvah Project for Veterans

There is a need at the Veteran's Administration for lap blankets, hats, scarves, gloves, and other ways to stay warm. These men and women have given so much for our country so that we may live in freedom. Living in upstate New York can make life difficult to get around when wheelchair-bound or homeless.

While we sit in our warm homes with our warm blankets and go outside with coats, hats and gloves we need to remember those who have less.

If you knit or crochet and would like to deliver some warmth and a smile to a veteran, please contact Jennifer Steuer at jfsteuer@hotmail.com to find out how.

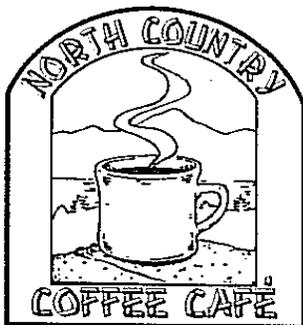
The lap blankets need to be 4x4 or larger. They cannot accept anything smaller than 4x4. Any adult size hats, scarves, gloves. We can use any colors or types of yarn. They have a year round need for these items - they distribute any where from 12-20 blankets per day to every veteran who is admitted and with the colder weather coming the need for hats, scarves, etc. is about 12-15 per day.

Red Cross Blood Drive Results

Thank you to all who donated, volunteered, and worked to make the Blood Drive on Sunday, October 14 a wonderful success. There were first time donors and donors who have given over and over. The total number of potential donors was 17 and, of those, 15 were able to donate.

We will be doing this again and our goal is 36 for the next blood drive. Isn't double-*chai* the perfect goal to reach for?

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The deadline for getting articles to Katie for the December issue of *The Shofar* is Thursday, November 15!