



## The October 2012 Shofar

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### ***Sukkot / Pizza In The Hut***

Please join us on

**Friday, October 5, 2012 at 6 p.m. for a Family *Sukkot* Service followed by pizza!**

(Please RSVP to Katie by Wednesday, October 3.)

#### Members:

2 and under: Free

Ages 3-12: \$5

13+: \$8

Total not to exceed \$18 per immediate family

#### Non-Members:

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Ages 3-12: \$7

13+: \$10

Total not to exceed \$25 per immediate family



### **Apple-Picking to Honor *Sukkot*! Saturday, October 6 at 11 a.m.**



*Sukkot* is the last of the three pilgrimage festivals. Like Passover and *Shuavu'ot*, *Sukkot* has a dual significance: historical and agricultural. Historically, *Sukkot* commemorates the forty-year period during which the children of Israel were wandering in the desert, living in temporary shelters. Agriculturally, *Sukkot* is a harvest festival and is sometimes referred to as the Festival of Ingathering.

Please gather with me as we celebrate on Saturday, October 6 at 11 a.m. for a special *Sukkot* family-friendly service at Hick's Apple Orchard in Granville. We will then spend the rest of the day apple-picking in celebration and in honor of *Sukkot* and this agricultural harvest!

I look forward to seeing you all there!

Rabbi Matt

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## **Rabbi's Message**

As we begin this New Year in the Jewish Calendar of 5773, Temple Beth El is proud to announce our fall schedule of classes. Please join us, if you can, for a variety of different sessions which are sure to intrigue and stir interest through thought-provoking discussions and study. All are welcome to attend and I look forward to greeting you then, if not before!

*L'Shanah Tovah*—Wishing you a happy, healthy and meaningful New Year.

### **Intermediate Hebrew**

*Tuesdays, October 16 - December 18 at 2 p.m.*

This class is an exploration of Biblical and Rabbinic passages beginning with the Story of Creation. We will examine and learn our textual tradition from the beginning of the Torah, Midrashic texts and rabbinic sources, to help foster a deeper understanding of our texts, combining both Hebrew and textual analysis. All are welcome to participate. May one's knowledge of Hebrew not be a stumbling block – come for the text study and leave feeling a deeper appreciation for our tradition!

### **Beginner Hebrew**

*Wednesdays, October 17 - December 19 at 5 p.m.*

Come and learn the Hebrew alphabet and begin to decipher the language. We will start from scratch and begin building our knowledge where in the end we will begin to learn prayers and pronouncing Hebrew words. No experience necessary!

### **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 Torah's—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.)

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## **Rabbi's Message (Cont.)**

### **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.

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

**Class registration is required!!!**

***If there are insufficient numbers, classes will be cancelled.***

## **President's Speech from Rosh Hashanah**

*L'Shanah Tova* and welcome, ladies and gentlemen.

It is wonderful to see you all here. Temple has spruced up for the High Holidays. We, as you, are wearing our best clothes, and we welcome you to our house of prayer and study, to the sacred space wherein we observe our life cycle events, to our community's home. This evening, I am going to speak to you about *L'Dor v'Dor*, From Generation to Generation, at Temple Beth El.

For a number of summers, we have welcomed children from Camp Eisner, one of the Union for Reform Judaism's camps, to Temple Beth El. They come to camp from around the country, Israel, England and other countries. One hundred and twenty-five campers and twenty counselors came this year. They arrived in the evening following a day of activities in Lake George, and they emptied out of three buses, sleepily carrying knap sacks and sleeping bags. The campers slept on the floor in our social room, and the counselors on the rug in our bubble room. We provided breakfast for them, and they left by 9 am, having cleaned up everywhere. During their visit, as in every year, they walked around Temple, viewing our sanctuary and school, and they remarked at the beauty and warmth of our building. It did my heart good to be among so many Jewish children, to welcome them to our home, to care for them for just a few hours. To see these young adults, and to see our own Temple children in this building, gives me great hope for our future.

I had reason to visit the Warren County Clerk's office on Temple business this summer, to obtain a copy of Temple's Certificate of Incorporation, originally filed on November 5<sup>th</sup>, 1924, and amended and filed on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1993. Temple Beth-El Reformed Jewish Congregation of Glens Falls thus became Temple Beth El. Well, we are still a Reform Jewish congregation, observing and practicing the core values and traditions of our faith, teaching them to our children, honoring the principles that motivated our founders to establish this beautiful sanctuary almost a century ago.

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### **President's Speech from *Rosh Hashanah* (Cont.)**

Temple Beth El is strong, vibrant and gradually growing in new ways. As always, we welcome all Jews to Temple, to full participation in all of our rituals, practices and activities, no matter what the journey that led them to our door. This is clearly reflected in the composition of our school classes, and our Board of Trustees, and in the many ongoing life-cycle events conducted by Rabbi Durbin throughout the year. Our founding members, may their names be forever remembered for a blessing, would be pleased to see that, in spite of changing times, and in spite of difficult economic circumstances, Temple remains vibrant and faithful to their guiding principles. *L'Dor v'Dor*.

Anthropologists, archaeologists, academics and others uncover, study and analyze the history of the Jewish people. They wonder and stand in awe of our survival, of the fact that, after five thousand years, an ancient tribe of Hebrews has persevered, thrived and spread its faith across the world, in spite of long periods of persecution, isolation and attempted annihilation. No matter where we live, no matter who we marry, or how we decide to become Jews, we teach our children about Judaism, we enhance the public dialogue, we contribute to the arts and sciences out of all proportion to our numbers, we observe our ancient traditions, and we remember and honor our ancestors.

In spite of having helped to turn on the lights of our Memorial plaques over the years, and of seeing many names on those plaques as I placed the names of my parents, my wife's parents, and, now, my wife there, I was stunned to read all of the names of our founding Board members while standing in the austere County Clerk's office. Names that I have seen over and over again on the walls of this sanctuary. After all of their struggles to build and sustain our congregation, to retain the services of a rabbi, often part-time or merely for High Holiday services, Temple Beth El remains a thriving active community, with, of course, a wonderful full-time Rabbi!

You received a list of programs offered during the past year with your High Holiday program, and I will mention a few additional highlights. We held our first annual Latke Fest during Chanukah which drew strong community participation and we will do it again this year. We hope that you will all consider entering our contest for the best latkes ever, and the winner will receive a fabulous trophy and the honor of having their recipe used for our Chanukah dinner. By the way, our Chanukah dinner was a great success, as was our Passover Seder.

We plan to conduct at least five family Shabbat dinners this year, beginning with a *Sukkot* dinner and service on October 5<sup>th</sup>. With enough support, we will move to monthly dinners throughout the year. These events are both fun and educational, and provide everyone with a chance to meet informally, to make new friends, and to become reacquainted with old friends.

We have contracted with a professional local company to help us establish a web site, and we have been working for several months toward its debut. Video and pictures of our activities will be available, and users of our web site will be able to access our schedule of educational programs, activities and a myriad of items that we have yet to discover. This is our key to the future, to the growth of Temple membership through the showcasing of who we are, and what we do, both locally and worldwide.

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### **President's Speech from *Rosh Hashanah* (Cont.)**

We have established a Torah Restoration Fund to enable us to repair our beautiful but old Torahs. This would not have been possible without the generosity of Elliott Brown, who, in memory of his parents, Peggy and Lou Brown, long-time members of Temple Beth El, donated the seed money to start this restoration. In fact, through the efforts of our Temple member Aaron Furman, who transported the first of our three Torahs to Monsey, NY and back, that Torah has been returned in wonderful condition to our ark in time for these services.

We also acknowledge the continuing generosity of our anonymous donor, whose contributions have greatly enhanced the décor of Temple, helping us in many ways to put our best foot forward, and to create a welcoming and warm atmosphere throughout our building.

Scott Wodicka: If you haven't seen his magnificent stained glass window, entitled "Illumination", affixed to our bubble room window, please take the time to do so after services. Wishing to honor his father's memory, Scott created and dedicated this work of art as a lasting tribute to be permanently displayed at Temple.

I want to thank all of the volunteers, too numerous to mention, who ensured that all of our programs were successful this year. Next to every letter, from A to Z, could go the names of many volunteers who gave their time and energy selflessly. We could not do any of this without them. Thank you, you are the lifeblood of Temple.

Each of our volunteers, out of a loving memory of family, a love of Judaism, or a love for Temple Beth El, finds a way to express that feeling. It works for them, and it works for us, as it always has, through the ages: *L'Dor v'Dor*, From Generation to Generation.

*L'Shanah Tova*, Steve Adler

### **LATKE FEST RETURNS!**

Do you make the best latkes? Enter your recipe in our friendly competition and fundraiser, Temple Beth El's Second Annual Latke Fest Sunday, December 9, 2012. For more information: [latkefest@gmail.com](mailto:latkefest@gmail.com). Interested cooks are asked to sign up by November 2. Tickets for tasters will go on sale in November. Stay tuned for more information!

### **Temple Beth El to Host American Red Cross Blood Drive**

Temple Beth El and the American Red Cross will join together to host a blood drive on Sunday, October 14, 2012 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at 3 Marion Avenue in Glens Falls, N.Y. All eligible donors are urged to make an appointment now to donate blood.

An emergency appeal early in the summer helped to temporarily stop the decrease in blood donations, but blood donations this summer for the American Red Cross were at the lowest they have been in 15 years. Your blood donation helps to ensure that there is blood available for the treatment of cancer patients, people with blood disorders, trauma victims, premature babies and others who face life-threatening illnesses.

You can help the Red Cross overcome the shortage of blood donations by doing more than giving a blood donation. Help spread the word about the need and invite family and friends to donate blood. When you spread the word, it helps rebuild the blood supply and ensure patients have the blood products they need. All presenting donors will receive a free lunch courtesy of Temple Beth El; as well as a coupon for a free Doritos Locos Taco (with the purchase of a large soft drink) courtesy of Taco Bell. Walk-ins are always welcome, but donors are encouraged to schedule an appointment in advance by calling 1-800 RED CROSS or by visiting [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

**Torah Portions****October 6***Fourth Day Chol Hamoed  
Sukkot***October 13**

Bereshit

Gen. 1:1-6:8

Pr. Is. 42:5-43:10

**October 20**

No-Ach

Gen. 6:9-11:32

Pr. Is. 54:1-55:5

**October 27**

Lech Lecha

Gen. 12:1-17:27

Pr. Is. 40:27-41:16

**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](http://www.urj.org/learning/torah/ten). Take your study of 10 Minutes of Torah to the next level by signing up for *Eilu V'eilu*.

*"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*

**Give. Receive. Rejoice!**

On Sunday, October 14, 2012 at 11:00 a.m., the Red Cross will be set up at Temple Beth El to receive your blood donations. This project took many hearts, minds and hands to bring to fruition.

- \* **Blood is a renewable resource. Your body will make more to restore your donation.**
- \* **Cookies and juice! Free cookies and juice after you donate.**
- \* **You do it lying down. Who doesn't need a chance to lie down during the day and let their mind wander?**
- \* **You can save a life. There is no better feeling in the world than knowing that any person who needs blood to help them live can receive the blood because you took a little time out of your day to help.**

I had not needed a blood transfusion when my triplets were delivered, though the doctors had said I should count on a transfusion. When I had a simple out-patient procedure done, I needed four transfusions. Crying while I felt the gift of life being restored to me I realized how blessed I was. Blessed because people like you and me donate such a precious gift. Blessed because I would get to see my children again and live. Blessed because my prayers were answered before I could even get them to my lips.

Give so that others may receive. Rejoice in the fact that you may be the person who saves a life and will never know who or when.

We need volunteers to take down names to give to the nurse, make sure that no one falls over and have lots of smiles to give. Thank you.

Jennifer Steuer





**OCTOBER 2012**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	<b>1</b> <i>Sukkot</i>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>6 p.m.</b> Hebrew School	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>6 p.m.</b> <i>Sukkot</i> Service <b>7 p.m.</b> Pizza- in-the-Hut	<b>6</b> <b>11 a.m.</b> Apple Picking at Hick's Orchard
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <b>10 a.m.</b> Book Club ( <u>Still Alice</u> ) <b>12 p.m.</b> Ritual / Pulpit Committee Meeting <b>Simchat</b> <b>Torah</b>	<b>10</b> <b>6 p.m.</b> Hebrew School	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <b>6 p.m.</b> <i>Simchat</i> <i>Torah</i> Service	<b>13</b> <b>10:30 a.m.</b> Torah Study
<b>14</b> <b>9:30 a.m.</b> Religious School <b>11 a.m.</b> Blood Drive <b>12 p.m.</b> Community Luncheon	<b>15</b> <b>Shofar</b> <b>Deadline</b>	<b>16</b> <b>2 p.m.</b> Intermediate Hebrew Class	<b>17</b> <b>5 p.m.</b> Beginner Hebrew Class  <b>6 p.m.</b> Hebrew School	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>7 p.m.</b> Shabbat Service	<b>20</b> <b>10:30 a.m.</b> Torah Study
<b>21</b> <b>9:30 a.m.</b> Religious School	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <b>2 p.m.</b> Intermediate Hebrew Class  <b>7 p.m.</b> Temple Board Meeting	<b>24</b> <b>5 p.m.</b> Beginner Hebrew Class  <b>6 p.m.</b> Hebrew School	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>7 p.m.</b> Shabbat Service	<b>27</b> <b>10:30 a.m.</b> Torah Study
<b>28</b> <b>9:30 a.m.</b> Religious School	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <b>2 p.m.</b> Intermediate Hebrew Class	<b>31</b> <b>5 p.m.</b> Beginner Hebrew Class  <b>6 p.m.</b> Hebrew School			



## Contributions

### GENERAL FUND

#### Larry Silver

In appreciation of Marty Wasserman

#### Sunny Buchman

In memory of Joan Stone

#### Bennett Patrick

In memory of Robert Patrick

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In Honor of Judy Shepherd on her birthday

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In honor of Elaine Sobel on her birthday

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In honor of Judy Shepherd on her birthday

#### Stanley Metzner & Selma Heflich

In honor of Judy Shepherd on her birthday

#### Lillian Leibman

In honor of Judith Metzner Shepherd on her birthday

#### Robert & Dorothy Morrissey

In honor of Mike & Gilda Siegel on their birthday and anniversary

#### Anita Kramer

In memory of Sari Erlanger

#### Ronnie Serlin

In memory of Marlene Jacobson

### RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

#### Jonathan & Dale Nemer

In honor of Eva Stelle Nemer's Baby Naming

### ENDOWMENT FUND

#### Norman & Sylvia Kudan

In memory of Marlene Jacobson

## Judaica Shop

The Judaica Shop has received a shipment of new items directly from Israel. Be sure to stop in to see the array of new things for all of your holiday and gift giving needs. The shop is open during regular office hours. If you cannot get there during those times, please email or call Gail Hamel at ghamel@hamelresources.com or call 761-1220 to arrange a time.

Shop early. Shop often!

Gail Hamel

## Book Club

Here are the next selections for our book club:

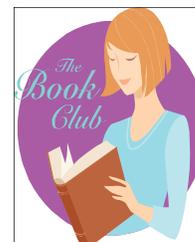
\*Oct. 9: Still Alice by Lisa Genova

Nov. 13: In the Garden of Beasts by Erik Larson

Happy reading,

Karen

\*The group will discuss and select books for discussion in December, January, and February.



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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.]

Our last history paper ends with the hope that the coming year may bring happier times. That hope, so wistfully expressed, has been, to a certain extent, justified. We, as a congregation, in spite of the chronic financial stringency, are facing the coming winter in a happier mood. As this paper is begun, elaborate plans are under way to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the dedication of our Temple with a dinner-dance and speeches by prominent rabbis. This celebration not only marks a decade of worship within the walls of this lovely edifice; it is also a Bar Mitzvah party, for this congregation was formed three years before the Temple was built. We shall return to this dinner-dance later. Let us note first what has happened during the year.

No year in its entirety is exactly like any previous year. The rather startling difference in the year 1934-1935 is that from one High Holyday through the next we were served by three rabbis. This is a bit out of the ordinary, even for our small group. We are not hard to please. Our rabbis invariably like the congregation and the town. On the whole we like our rabbi. It is just that chronic lack of funds added to the lack of that vague something referred to as a "future."

Rabbi Bertram Stein conducted our High Holyday services in the fall of 1934 and, after serving us for another month or so, accepted a more promising post in Waterbury, Connecticut, and left us.

Carl Bronne, president of the congregation, and the board of trustees, began again a search for a resident rabbi.

Rabbi Stein left on November the first. The next Friday Rabbi A. J. Michaels of New York preached a trial sermon here and agreed to remain on our terms. But, unfortunately, he altered his decision later.

So we relinquished, reluctantly, the search for a resident rabbi and began negotiations for a student-rabbi, as in former years. Rabbi Wendell A. Phillips, a third-year student in the Jewish Institute of Religion in New York, preached his trial sermon here – *The Religion of Joy* – on Friday, November 16, and met the congregation afterwards. We liked him and he liked us, and he was willing to come for twenty-five dollars the week-end if he could be the guest of a member of the congregation while here. This was most cordially arranged.

Although Rabbi Phillips served us about six months only, he will be remembered as one of our most popular student-rabbis. He reorganized the Religious School. The younger children were taught by means of plastic art. The mothers willingly paid a small sum every Sunday so that the younger teachers could receive a small stipend and the Religious School be assured of a constant staff.

Another innovation by Rabbi Phillips was a Hebrew Conversational Class that met every Saturday afternoon in the home of a member. There were only six in that class, but, health permitting, not one was ever absent. A few of these faithful six had not been able to distinguish one Hebrew character from another before joining, but towards the end of the season, each read Hebrew quite correctly, and with the Sephardic accent, if you please. All conversed in Hebrew, after a fashion.

Rabbi Phillips asked the Youth Group to select a subject, no matter how simple – whether Jewish or non-sectarian – for investigation or study, if they wished to continue to meet in the Temple. But as this group wished to continue merely as a social group, Rabbi Phillips saw no reason why he, as Rabbi, should give them of his time here, or why they should use the Home Room. The group disbanded.

During the winter – in our Northern winters the Chapel can be uncomfortably cool just once so often – gas heating was tried in the Temple. While we had gas heat, the temperature of the entire Temple was even and pleasant. The cost proved greater than had been expected. During the spring we returned to coal.



## Our First Day of Sunday School

The first day of school makes most people a bit nervous. I was nervous for a few reasons: as the new director, three of my own as first time students, and the bit of confusion that seems to come with every first day no matter how organized you think you might be.

Our students are so enthusiastic and had a good time on Sunday. We are so pleased to have so many returning students and new students to share in the fun and learning this year.

Not only are the students excited, we can barely contain the enthusiasm of our teachers. So many great ideas have come pouring out that we are going to have a year like no other. Our teachers have such a passion for teaching and learning more themselves that I am hoping we can all learn from one another.

On October 21, 2012, we are planning a field trip in our own back yard. We will be taking a bus trip to Albany to visit Ohav Shalom, Temple Israel, and to the JCC to see their mikvah. After, we plan to have a kosher-style lunch and back to Glens Falls.

Please remember that there is no school on October 7 in honor of Columbus Day.

On October 9 we will be celebrating Simchat Torah.

Our Consecration Ceremony for the 2012-2013 TSRS year will be on October 14 at Temple Beth El.

Jennifer Steuer

Director of TSRS

## TSRS Mitzvah Project Read all about it!

Feed the body. Feed the mind. Two simple phrases that many of us take for granted. We go to bookstores, grab a magazine as we are standing in line at the grocery store and we download books to our e-readers. What if you could not do any of those things? What if you had nothing to read?



Much of our community collects food and maybe some personal hygiene products to donate to the local food shelters. What if at the same time you are bringing in pasta and toothpaste, you could bring a book?

Our TSRS Mitzvah Project for 2012-2013 will be to collect gently used or new books. We believe that we can change someone's day by giving them a book or books.

Many parents read to their children at night and TSRS would like to give caregivers that option. Many people just love to read and learn. The TSRS Mitzvah Project will be that small ripple of change needed to start a larger ripple.

Feed the body. Feed the mind. Help the TSRS students make an impact in the area in which they live.

Thank you,

Jennifer Steuer



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## We Remember

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

### October 5

Fannie Abels, Walter K. Cohen, \*Jack Didakow, Barbara Sinclair Jackson, Izidor Jutkovitz, \*Herman Lazarus, Pearle L. Levy, \*Frances M. Lustig, \*Morris Karl Lustig, Abram Pock, \*Isidor Rothschild, \*Mark Silver, \*Elizabeth D. Yaffee, \*Jeannette Yaffee, Irving Yanklowitz

### October 12

\*Dena Avrin, Madeline Bassin, Elliott Harris, \*Deborah Klein, Philip Schlesinger, Miles Solomon, Fannie Steinberg

### October 19

\*Irving Armour, Clara Aronson, \*Marguerite Brown, Tom Coleman, David Ferdinand, \*Sura Beyla Friedman, \*Dora Garlen, Ronald Goldstone, Abraham Gordon, David J. Katz, Mildred Levine, Sadie Linker, \*Fannie Lunchick, \*Dr. Morris Maslon, Hilda Siegel, Allen Suckman, Albert Louis Upton, \*Rose Wiener

### October 26

Selma Berger, David Grablow, Albert Handen, \*Edward Israel, Edith Kramer, Fritz Liebman, \*Dr. Leslie M. Ofner, Isadore Proller, Hope Simon, Louis Steinberg, \*Philip Tucker

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

## Newly-Discovered History Documents

As readers of *The Shofar* know, most issues include an excerpt of an early history compiled by Ella Cline, a founding member of the Congregation and the appointed Historian of the Temple Sisterhood when it was first organized. Initially conceived as a Sisterhood project, the history covered other activities of the Congregation at the suggestion of a student rabbi who pointed out the value of a written "institutional memory" for future spiritual leaders and newcomers. The history, covering the period from the introduction of Reform Judaism to Glens Falls until 1936, was eventually printed in four volumes. The value of having this document cannot be overstated.

Recently, Katie Weaver, our Administrative Assistant, was organizing some long-neglected contents of the Temple safe, when she found an envelope containing three additional manuscripts of Temple history, also written by Ella Cline. Mrs. Cline, who passed away in 1943, continued her work until 1942; so we now have information about another critical period in the life of the Temple. The manuscripts are rough, apparently never edited.

In this month's issue of *The Shofar*, we begin the last chapter of the last book of the original, published history. When it is finished, I expect to begin sharing an edited version of the newly-found manuscripts. Expect to be surprised, and even shocked, by what is said and, especially, by what is left unsaid.

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## Welcome New Members!

Philip & Erma Gordon

Daniel, Rachel, Camden, and Julia Wolfeld

## Happy Birthday!

Christine Levy (10/1), Tyler Weaver (10/2 – 9 years old!), Michael Serotta (10/2), Tim Flatley (10/2), Ann Silk (10/3), Jeffrey Levy (10/3), Paul Binns (10/4), Amy Brady (10/6), Lynne Silverberg (10/7), Renee O'Brien (10/7), Eric Reed (10/8), Barbara Rosoff (10/11), Nathan Solomon (10/12), Golda Hellman (10/12 – 12 years old!), Ami Goldstein (10/13), Beverly Luft (10/14), Phyllis Brown (10/14), Diane Martin (10/15), Peter Kafin (10/16), Camille Wodicka (10/18), Alissa Adler (10/18), Eric Amengual (10/23), Mark Fleischer (10/26), Howard Nadler (10/28), Rebecca Letwin (10/28)

## Mazel Tov!

To Julia and Rachel Lang for receiving their Hebrew names in September.

## Appreciation

To the Lang family for hosting an Oneg in September in celebration of Julia and Rachel receiving their Hebrew names.

To the Levin family for hosting an Oneg in September in celebration of Grant's birthday.

## Condolences

**Joan S. Stone**, a long time former member of Temple, wife of Lewis Stone, passed away in Camarillo, CA on August 10, 2012 at the age of 78.

**Marlene Jacobson**, wife of Ira Jacobson, mother of Michael and Jessica, passed away on Wednesday, August 29, 2012 at the age of 70.

## Get Well Soon

Dan Baker, Donald Bartlett, Ronald Binns, Elaine Faller, Linda Friedman, Victor Friedman, Alan Gartner, Jacqueline Gordon, Mark Grunblatt, Seth Gutman, Ilene Hartung, Nancy Hellman, Mike Jucowics, Shirley Kanofsky, Paula Knight, Rose Kohn, Eleanore Leinoff, Larry Leinoff, Elizabeth Levy, Jeff Levy, Betty Maloney, Leonard Meyers, Richard Muller, Suzanne Murphy, Zafar Naqvi, Paul Offricht, Jessica Panebianco, Donna Lee Peters, Leo Ritter, Edie Rudnick, Bob Savarin, Sonny Segan, David Setzer, Frank Sheridan, Benjamin Steuer, Jennifer Steuer, Alfred Supe, Judy Supe, Carole Wells, Jared Winchell, Sylvia Wodicka

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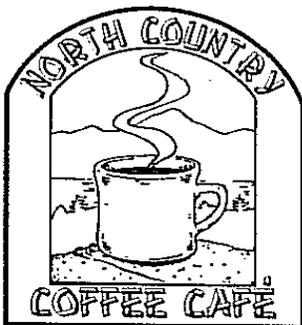
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**The deadline for getting articles to Katie for the November issue of *The Shofar* is Monday, October 14!**