



The September 2010 Shofar
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SAVE THE DATES!!

Saturday, September 4 (Selichot)

7 p.m. Havdallah
 7:30 p.m. Selichot Service

Wednesday, September 8 (Erev Rosh Hashanah)

8 p.m. Erev Rosh Hashanah Service followed by a Temple sponsored Oneg coordinated by the Board of Trustees

Thursday, September 9 (Rosh Hashanah)

10 a.m. Morning Service
 2 p.m. Children's Service
 3 p.m. Tashlich Ceremony (Crandall Park)

Sunday, September 12

1 p.m. Cemetery Service

Friday, September 17 (Kol Nidre – Erev Yom Kippur)

8 p.m. Kol Nidre Service

Saturday, September 18 (Yom Kippur)

10 a.m. Morning Service
 2 p.m. Children's Service
 3 p.m. Afternoon Service
 5 p.m. Yizkor
 6 p.m. Neilah
 6:30ish "Break-the-Fast"

Friday, September 24 (Supper in the Sukkah)

Family Supper in the Sukkah following 6 p.m. service
 (More information will follow. Check your e-mail! Check your mail!)

Friday, October 1 (Simchat Torah)

7 p.m. Simchat Torah Family Service followed by an Oneg

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Rabbi's Message

Dear Members and Friends of Temple Beth El,

Let us take the time this new year for remembering the old--reflecting--repenting--renewal--reawakening, looking forward to the coming new year!

This can be a time for *teshuvah* - turning, returning to God, to those whom we have wronged--to our loved ones, to our people, to ourself.

Is this the fast that I have chosen? Is this the affliction of the soul? Is it to droop your head like a reed, to grovel in mourning? Is that what you call fasting, a fast that God would accept? This is My chosen fast to loosen all the bonds that bind people unfairly, to let the oppressed go free, to break every yoke. Share your bread with the hungry, take the homeless into your home. Clothe the naked when you see them; do not turn away from people in need. Then cleansing light shall break out like the dawn, and your wounds shall soon be healed.

- from Yom Kippur reading, Isaiah 58:3-9

As the Jewish year begins anew in the weeks to come, may we have the courage to look not only backward, but also forward. The Days of Awe - *Selichot*, *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur* - along with *Sukkot* and *Simchat Torah*, give us just that opportunity. *Rosh Hashanah* arrives with new challenges and new opportunities. Let each of us take a good look and see where we are and where we should be. Let us resolve to try a little harder, do a little better, care a little more ... and bring our best into the New Year. *May this New Year be the best year we have ever lived.*

In this New Year, may we learn more in the ways of life.

In this New Year, may we be kinder and wiser than last year.

In this New Year, may our ears be attuned to each person's cry.

In this New Year, may our eyes know better the sights to seek,

In this New Year, may our hearts be lightened by joy and laughter.

As God created each of us b'tzelem Elohim, in the image of God,

In this New Year, I pray, may we be deserving of blessings.

So, may we be inscribed for another year of health and happiness, of hope and renewal, courage and strength and fulfillment, for your highest dreams and most precious aspirations.

May we find ways to share our blessings for the sake of others and for the sake of heaven.

I look forward to greeting you personally in the New Year and to the times that we may be privileged to share. To you and yours, may the season ahead that we share together be a time for remembering the old - reflection - repenting - renewal - reawakening and looking forward to the coming year and then to making the new in the New Year sacred! Then may we greet one another with the profound and sacred words:

"L'shana tova tikateivu ... May you & your loved ones be inscribed for a good year!

Rabbi Matthew J. Durbin

Apple Picking to Honor Sukkot!

Sukkot is the last of the *Shalosh R'galim* (three pilgrimage festivals). Like Passover and *Shavu'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 *Chag Ha-Asif*, the Festival of In-gathering. Please gather together with us as we will celebrate together on **Saturday, September 25** for a special *Sukkot* family friendly service at Ami and Barry Goldstein's farm in Granville (details to follow). Upon completion of the service, we will go to Hick's Apple Orchard in Granville and spend the rest of the day apple picking in celebration and honor of *Sukkot* and this agricultural harvest! I look forward to seeing you all there!!!

Rabbi Durbin



President's Message

Shana Tova.

A New Year places us in the middle of a continuum, from the past to the future. During the 10 Days of Awe between *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur*, we weigh and consider our lives and actions during the past year. We know that soon the old gates will close and new gates will open.

What lies beyond these new gates?

The founding families of Temple Beth El did not know the answer eight decades ago, but their foresight, generosity, and commitment have brought us here today.

Our past Board members and president have brought us to our beautifully renovated building. Our Rabbi has provided us and our children with spiritual and educational sustenance.

Our new Board of Trustees and I know only that the gates to the future of Temple Beth El are open to the challenges and decisions that lie ahead. We invite you to enter the gates of the future and join us on our way to meet it.

We all will work together to increase our membership, develop new events, activities and classes, and participate in them. Doing this, eight decades from now congregants of Temple Beth El, Glens Falls New York will be gathering to celebrate the New Year and the Days of Awe.

The Rosoff family sends you our wishes for a *Shana Tova*.

Barbara

TSRS Update

The first Sunday of religious school will take place on September 12th. I started the planning for this year before last year had even ended, and the students will have many exciting activities, both old and new, to look forward to throughout the year. I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Ellen Katz into her new position as president of the school board. I look forward to working with Ellen and the rest of the board throughout the year.

The organization of the religious school library has been a project of mine throughout the past year. My goals were to create a suitable location for the books and an organizational system, which reflected our curriculum and could be successfully continued from year to year. I am pleased to announce that I was finally able to complete the library over the summer. Our books can now be found in a "children's corner" of the Louise Y. Pearl Temple Beth El library and are all permanently labeled according to subject. In continuing this organizational process, my goal for this year is to create a computerized card catalogue for all of the books and possibly link this list to the websites of the Temple and Synagogue, so that all of our families can have access to our wonderful collection of Jewish children's books.

It is my distinct pleasure to announce that this newly completed TSRS library will be named in honor of Sheldon Binns. Mr. Binns dedicated many years of his life as director of the religious school. It is only fitting that the TSRS library will now bear his name, which can still be found inside many of our books. Further details regarding a naming ceremony will be forthcoming.

I wish everyone a happy and meaningful new year.

Sincerely, Adam Fine, TSRS Director

Tree of Life

The Tree of Life is still growing. This summer eight more leaves have been added. We welcome Rabbi Matthew J. Durbin, Rabbi Rose K. Durbin, Jeffrey Hill, Deirdre Hill, Avery Hill, Ethan Hill, Sydney Gabriella Marks, and Xavier George Marks.

It's been a lot of fun working with you and making this Tree of Life grow and it still will as Elaine Sobel will assume the responsibilities for the Tree of Life. Thank you, Elaine!

To order leaves for the Tree of Life, please call Elaine at (518) 792-6192.



Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York 26th Annual Yom Kippur Hunger Appeal

The Regional Food Bank performs the important *mitzvah* of alleviating hunger. The Food Bank collects large donations of food from the food industry and distributes it to food pantries, soup kitchens, and other agencies feeding hungry people. In 2009, the Food Bank provided 22.4 million pounds of food, or the equivalent of 17 million meals, to more than 1,000 agencies in 23 counties of northeastern New York.

On *Yom Kippur*, the Day of Atonement, please remember your hungry neighbors by donating the cost of meals not eaten to the Regional Food Bank's *Yom Kippur* Hunger appeal. The Jewish community has generously supported this important appeal for the past 25 years. This year your help is needed more than ever.

The Regional Food Bank provides \$10 worth of food for every dollar it spends, so any donation you make will feed many hungry people.

The Regional Food Bank extends its deepest gratitude to all the temples, synagogues, and congregants that have supported the *Yom Kippur* Hunger Appeal. Every year, the enduring support and continued partnership of the Jewish community enables the Regional Food Bank to provide food to those in need.

Thank you very much for helping us alleviate hunger . . . together.

Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York

965 Albany-Shaker Road, Latham, NY 12110; (518) 786-3691; www.regionalfoodbank.net

Food for Thought & Food for the Hungry

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

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

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

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

Nancy Fagelman

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

Gearing Up for the Holidays

The Temple Beth El Judaica Shop is gearing up for the holidays and needs your ideas.

If there is anything special that you would like to see and buy this year, PLEASE let me know. You can look at the on-line at items at www.yaelimports.com and/or let me know if there are items that you want and don't see there and I will get them for you. I will place an order for Channukah and other items on October 1st.

Please remember that if you order directly, you may not receive the discount that you can get by purchasing at the Judaica Shop.

I will need your wish list by September 30th. Call Katie during Temple office hours or contact Gail Hamel at 761-1220 or at gahamel@hamelresources.com. Order lots, order often. Gail Hamel



Kol Nidre in Concert

Kol Nidre is not just for *Yom Kippur*. Max Bruch wrote an orchestral piece for cello and orchestra based upon this traditional melody and you can hear it performed by Jameson Platte, principal cello and the Glens Falls Symphony Orchestra on Sunday afternoon October 10 at 4PM at the Glens Falls High School. The GFSO has given a block of tickets to the Temple for us to sell. And by purchasing your tickets from the Temple, you help us raise funds, and you help the Glens Falls Symphony with your attendance. It's a win-win plan.

All tickets are \$25. Just call Katie, and arrange to pick them up at your convenience.

So come, hear Kol Nidre, Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso for violin featuring concert master Michael Emery. The orchestra closes the program with Brahms Symphony No.1. You'll hear Great Music Right Here, help the Temple, and nourish your soul.

Questions? Call Robert or Barbara Rosoff at 792-1023.

New Keys At Temple Beth El

As announced in the July-August issue of *The Shofar*, all exterior door locks for the Temple building have been changed as part of an effort to improve the security of the building and those who use it. Keys have been distributed to Temple staff and members whose activities require regular access to the building, as well as representatives of the Religious School and our commercial tenants. All holders of keys have signed a log in the Temple office, acknowledging and agreeing to uphold the security policy.

Temple members who need temporary access to the building after hours may borrow a key with the permission of the President or the Chairman of the House Committee. The keys are obtained from the Temple office, and members borrowing them must sign the log. Because the keys are expensive and cumbersome to replace, members must furnish a deposit of \$50.00 in cash before obtaining a key. The deposit will be returned when the key is surrendered. We regret that checks and credit cards may not be used for the deposit. Thank you for your cooperation.

House Committee

Larry Silver, Chairman

History Committee Welcomes Volunteers

Last year, the Board of Trustees established a History Committee to gather, organize, and preserve the documents and artifacts Temple Beth El has accumulated in its 88 years, and to make them available for presentation and study. The current members of the Committee are somewhat "historical," themselves. We would welcome other members who have been associated for many years with the local Jewish community and may be able to identify information in our photographs. It would also be wonderful to have some (maybe younger) people who are interested in learning along with us. If you like detective work or have an interest in libraries or museums and the history of our community, and can spare a few hours now and then to root through old records and interpret them, please send me an e-mail. Teens are welcome!

Judy Metzner Shepherd, Historian

judithshepherd@hotmail.com

Condolences

Jill Yanklowitz Shannon passed away on Monday, June 14, 2010 at her Colorado home with her family by her side. Jill is survived by her husband, Richard; two brothers, Stephen Yanklowitz and Daniel Yanklowitz; two sisters, Carol Aronson and Patti Yanklowitz; two sons, and three grandchildren.

**SEPTEMBER 2010**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3 7 p.m. Service / Oneg host to be announced	4 7 p.m. <i>Selichot</i> Service & <i>Havdallah</i>
5 Rosh Hashanah Oneg Set-Up	6 Labor Day	7	8 8 p.m. Erev Rosh Hashanah / Board of Trustees Oneg	9 10 a.m. Morning Service 2 p.m. Children's Service 3 p.m. <i>Tashlich</i>	10 7 p.m. Service / Oneg host to be announced	11
12 9:30 a.m. TSRS at Temple 1 p.m. Cemetery Service	13	14 10 a.m. Book Club Meeting (<i>The Help</i> by Kathryn Stockett) 4 p.m. Ritual / Pulpit Committee Meeting	15 6 p.m. TSRS at Synagogue Shofar Deadline	16	17 8 p.m. <i>Kol Nidre</i> Service	18 10 a.m. Morning Service 2 p.m. Children's Service 3 p.m. Afternoon Service 5 p.m. Yizkor 6 p.m. Neilah 6:30 p.m. Break-the-Fast
19 9:15 a.m. Chai Society (Dr. Norm Enhorning—Former Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis and His Views on Zionism) 9:30 a.m. TSRS at Temple 12:30 p.m. Sukkot Building / Decorating	20	21	22 No TSRS	23	24 6 p.m. Sukkot Service 7 p.m. Supper in the Sukkah	25 10:30 a.m. Apple Picking to Honor Sukkot at Barry & Ami Goldstein's and then Hick's Orchard
26 9:30 a.m. TSRS at Temple 12 p.m. Dairy Potluck Community Luncheon	27	28 7 p.m. TBE Board Meeting	29 6 p.m. TSRS at Synagogue	30		



OCTOBER 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
					1 7 p.m. Simchat Torah Service / Oneg	2 10:30 a.m. Torah Study
3 9:30 a.m. TSRS at Temple	4	5	6 6 p.m. TSRS at Synagogue	7	8 7 p.m. Service / Oneg	9 10:30 a.m. Torah Study
10 No TSRS 10 a.m. Chai Society Breakfast (Guest Speaker: Bill Brender)	11 Columbus Day	12 10 a.m. Book Club Meeting (<u>A Confederacy of Dunces</u> by John Kennedy Toole) 4 p.m. Ritual / Pulpit Committee Meeting	13 6 p.m. TSRS at Synagogue	14	15 7 p.m. Service / Oneg Shofar Deadline	16 10:30 a.m. Tot Shabbat
17 9:30 a.m. TSRS at Temple	18	19	20 6 p.m. TSRS at Synagogue	21	22 7 p.m. Service / Oneg hosted by Rabbis Matt and Rose Durbin ICO their wedding anniversary	23
24 9:30 a.m. TSRS at Temple 12 p.m. Dairy Potluck Community Luncheon	25	26 7 p.m. TBE Board Meeting	27 6 p.m. TSRS at Synagogue	28	29 7 p.m. Service / Oneg	30 10:30 a.m. Torah Service
31 9:30 a.m. TSRS at Temple						

*Saturday Services: Unless noted otherwise, there will be a *Shabbat* 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.



Contributions

GENERAL FUND

Ruth Lichtman

In memory of Helen Silverstein

Michael & Nancy Cohen

In loving memory of Silas & Janet Berkowitz

Howard & Lynne Silverberg

In appreciation of Elaine Sobel for making a delicious challah for Elena's *Bat Mitzvah*

Howard & Lynne Silverberg

In honor of Elena Silverberg becoming a *Bat Mitzvah*

Howard & Lynne Silverberg

In gratitude and appreciation of Rabbi Durbin for his work and support during Elena's *Bat Mitzvah*

Dr. Anthony & Florence Riesner

In honor of the congregation for welcoming us as summer visitors to the area!

The Levy Family

In honor of Jack and Lois Hellman's 47th wedding anniversary

Norman & Sylvia Kudan

In memory of Helen Silverstein

Sunny & Paul Buchman

In memory of Jill Shannon

Lois & Jack Hellman

In celebration of the wedding of Dale Tracy and Jerry Starr

Marilyn Bazan & George Conable

In honor of Mike Siegel's 80th birthday!!!

Arthur & Barbara Blitman

In memory of Sharon Coleman

Paul J. Isaac

In memory of Helen Silverstein

Sonny Segan

In memory of Helen Silverstein

Judith Metzner Shepherd

In memory of Helen Silverstein

Lillian Leibman

In honor of Barbara Rosoff being elected as President of Temple Beth El

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Lillian Leibman

In honor of Robert Rosoff being awarded the Golden Baton by the League of American Orchestras

Lillian Leibman

In memory of Helen Silverstein

Phyllis Feigenbaum

In memory of Helen Silverstein

Lewis Goldberg

In memory of Helen Silverstein

Barb & Allan (Goldberg) Brumer

In memory of Helen Silverstein

Sandra Terwilliger

In memory of Alvin Silver

Martha & Sanford Searleman

In memory of Helen Silverstein

Martha & Sanford Searleman

In honor of Dale Tracy and Jerry Starr's wedding

Bari Nisoff Mattison

In memory of Jill Shannon; "with fond memories of growing up together in happier, less complicated times"

Jennifer & Howard Nadler

Metzner Family Challenge

Florence Handen

In honor of Dale Tracy and Jerry Starr's wedding

Helene Rudnick

In honor of the wedding of Dale Tracy and Jerry Starr

Charles & Ann Dolin

General Donation

Ronald & Eva Pierce

In honor of the birth of Elliot Nathan Schatz

Judith Metzner Shepherd

In memory of Jill Yanklowitz Shannon

Dr. Orel Friedman

In honor of Mike Siegel on his birthday

Jean & Leonard Every

In honor of Mike Siegel's special birthday



Contributions (Cont.)

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Sonny Segan

In memory of Rae Segan

Melanie, Jan, Alyssa and Chelsea Katz

In honor of Mike Siegel on his birthday

Jack Tanzman

In honor of Mike Siegel on his birthday

Eleanor Elliott

In honor of Mike Siegel's birthday

David & Carol Aronson

In memory of Harold Yanklowitz

Florence Handen

In honor of Mike Siegel on his birthday

Ruth Heller & Dr. Harold Luria

In honor of Mike Siegel on his birthday

Ralph Leinoff

In honor of Mike Siegel's birthday

Dick & Ellie Krakower

In honor of Mike Siegel's special birthday

Donald Schwartz

In memory of Marilyn Schwartz

Philip & Erma Gordon

In memory of Bertha Greenman

Jack & Lois Hellman

In honor of the birth of Bruce & Ellen Katz's new grandson, Samuel David Katz

Mace & Suzanne Comora

In memory of C. Harry Nystrom

Mace & Suzanne Comora

In memory of Gertrude Strassman

Sunny & Paul Buchman

In memory of Helen Silverstein

Sunny & Paul Buchman

In honor of Mike Siegel's 80th birthday

Judith Metzner Shepherd

In celebration of Lois Hellman on the addition of her name to the *Mitzvah* Plaque

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

Bari Nisoff Mattison

In memory of her father, Samuel Nisoff

Matt & Allison Levin

In appreciation of Molly Lieberman, Daniel Schwartz, and Elena Silverberg

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Albert Beson

General Donation

Stephen Kowel

General Donation

Judith Metzner Shepherd

In celebration of Kaili Jackson becoming a *Bat Mitzvah*

ENDOWMENT FUND

Norm & Sylvia Kudan

In memory of Jill Shannon

**The 2011 Entertainment Books
have arrived and 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!**



We Remember

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

September 3

Felix Ales, Emanuel Berg, Barnett Dmocher, *Philip Gelfand, Celia Horelick, Edna Little, *Robert A. Patrick, Ruth Savitz, Irving Schulwolf, Herman Stichman, Stephen Waterman, Morton Yulman

September 10

*Mina Avrin, *Fanny Kaplan Breslaw, *Lillian Fenster, Dow Gill, Robert B. Glasser, *Julia Jacobson, *Nathan Jacobson, *Oscar Kalman Kraus, Bertha Lebow, David Levine, *Dr. Wolf Maslon, George Pacter, Julius N. Persk, Steven Charles Scolnik, Belle Searleman, Morris Silverstein, Siegfried Wordschild

September 17

*Jennie Armour, Charles Cambridge, *Michael Corton, *Mae Goldberg, Nellie Goldsmith, Esther Budelo Hazan, *Annette Kaufman, *Betty Ovitz, *Sylvia Parker, Helen Patack, Marie Rosensweig

September 24

Walter Cohen, *Jack Didakow, Rose Dmocher, *Sophie Erlanger, Dorothy Frank, *Leonard Leopold, *Esther Maslon, Molly Metviner, Mildred Proller, *Sidney Rosoff, *Ida Schulman, *Rebecca Silverman, Nathan Stillman, *Bertha Yanowitz

(*name appears on yahrzeit plaque in the sanctuary)

Book Club

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

September 14, 2010: The Help by Kathryn Stockett

October 12, 2010: A Confederacy of Dunces by John Kennedy Toole

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!

Karen Marks

Torah Portions

September 4

Deut. 29:9-31:30

Pr. Is. 61:10-63:9

September 11

Deut. 32:1-52

Pr. Hosea 14:2-10

Micah 7:18-20

Joel 2:15-27

September 18

Yom Kippur

September 25

First Day Chol Hamoed
Sukkot

Officers & Board of Trustees

President: Barbara Rosoff

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Immediate Past President: Steve Adler

Trustees: Fred Fagelman, Larry Silver, Michael Seldel, Sanford Searleman, Judith Metzner Shepherd, Phyllis Brown, Jeffrey Hill, Jennifer Nadler, Scott Schwartz

Temple-Synagogue Religious School

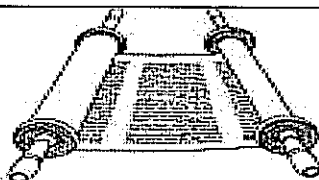
President, Ellen Katz

Director, Adam Fine

Temple Board Members: Elissa Eichin, Linda Friedman, Ellen Katz, Dave Lieberman, Marcla Krantz

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

Treasurer, Linda Friedman



Committees

Ritual/Pulpit Chair, Jack Hellman

Fundraising Chair, Mike Siegel

Cemetery Chair, Michael Seldel

Membership Chair, Dave Lieberman

Personnel Chair, Kathy Naftaly

Musical Director, Diane Martin

History Chair, Judith Metzner Shepherd

House Chair, Larry Silver

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



Temple Beth El History Part 31 - "Faith"

[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.]

The Booklovers continued to meet with Rabbi Alpert, sometimes in a home, oftener in the Temple. Several times the books were neglected and in their stead the differences in the denominations of Christianity were explained to us. Mr. Jesse A. Stanchfield told us about the Quakers; Dr. John Lyon Caughey spoke about the Presbyterian faith; Dr. Charles Otis Judkins explained to us the origin of the Methodist denomination, their conservative and liberal views. No doubt our Rabbi explained to them, and to many other non-Jews, the hopes and trials of Reform Judaism in a way to gain their sincere respect, for he was asked to join the Clerisy. During his residence here he was one of the most enthusiastic, and probably the youngest, member of the Clerisy. He was also elected a member of the Glens Falls Rotarians.

Our services were well attended throughout the year. Non-Jews sometimes coming in equal numbers with the members of the congregation. During the year every denomination, Jew and Christian, had representatives there at one time or another. Rabbi Alpert rightly believed that a public institution to be effective must have a certain amount of dignified, constructive publicity, and took care of our newspaper publicity most efficiently. Our Rabbi had besides a love for poetry and books, a keen appreciation of music. When before did we hear so many unusual and delightful compositions sung by our choir? We had the Hallelujah Chorus and an evening of Brahms. The music of the Dybbuk was rendered by Mr. Cecil Wright, choir master of the Presbyterian church.

Our Rabbi exchanged pulpits twice. Once with Rabbi Maurice Bloom of Newburgh, New York, who preached in our pulpit on November 12 on the subject: Can there be a universal religion? His plea was for tolerance and for the realization of the great differences that exist between the races that people the earth and the corresponding differences in their intellectual and social requirements. Tea and a social hour followed in the Home Room. Sometime later, Rabbi Maurice Hirshberg, of New Brunswick, spoke to us on Feuchtwanger's *Power* which he considered a good pen picture of the life of the Jews of the period the book describes.

Meanwhile every one worked hard selling tickets for the hope chest. Mrs. Sara Marks, the chairman of the hope chest, worked tirelessly; and the result, when the chest was raffled at our December monthly card party, justified the work. The Sisterhood treasury was enriched with \$410.00; and some lucky person won a handsome cedar chest, overflowing with blankets, silver, and embroidered linen, for a twenty-five cent chance.

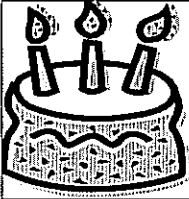
We were prosperous and bought eighteen card tables and thirty folding chairs. Even after this costly purchase we continued to feel prosperous and voted to furnish the rest room. Here a gay note was achieved with cretonne and wicker to blend in with the Chinese red velvet hangings in the Home Room. We even covered the tables in the rest room with plate glass! Everything of fine quality to harmonize with our Temple.

Dr. and Mrs. Lipkind surprised us with a visit on March 21. Dr. Lipkind had been our first religious leader, coming every other Sunday from Schenectady. He was astounded when he saw our congregation filling our beautiful Temple, and was told that we had a resident rabbi! He addressed the congregation, comparing it most favorably with the gathering he had served several years before.

Temple Beth El *Chai Society*

Sunday, September 19, 2010 at 9:15 a.m.

Dr. Norman Enhorning will be our kick-off speaker for the *Chai Society's* 2010 Fall breakfast. Dr. Enhorning's topic will be "Former Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis and His Views on Zionism." Justice Brandeis was the first Jew to serve on the Supreme Court from 1916 to 1939. Sandy Searleman will be the chef for this first breakfast.



Happy Birthday!

Sylvia Wodicka (9/9), Leah Conklin (9/11), Stephen Adler (9/11), Grant Levin (9/20—3 years old!), Cooper Nadler (9/21—5 years old!), Karen Marks (9/21), Katie Weaver (9/22), William Brender (9/29), Orel Friedman (9/30—97 years old!)

Happy Anniversary!

Mike & Lynn Seidel (9/1 – 43 years!)
Joel & Gail Solomon (9/8 – 36 years!)

Jonathan & Dale Nemer (9/13 – 29 years!)

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Mazel Tov

Elliot Nathan Schatz, son of Elyse Krantz and Eric Schatz, was born on June 23 at 9:40 a.m. in Southington, CT. Elliot Nathan is the grandson of Temple members Marcia and Howard Krantz.

Samuel David Katz, son of Daniel and Nichole Katz, and little brother to Jillian Katz, was born on July 21 at 10:11 a.m. Samuel is the grandson of Temple members Bruce and Ellen Katz.

Betty Gancher who recently retired from teaching science at the Queensbury High School.

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