



The September 2012 Shofar
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HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 8: *Havdallah & Selichot* Service at 6 p.m.

Sunday, September 16: *Erev Rosh Hashanah* Service at 8 p.m.

Monday, September 17: *Rosh Hashanah* Service at 10 a.m.
 Children's Service at 1 p.m.
Tashlich Service at Crandall Park at 2 p.m.

Sunday, September 23: Memorial Service at Temple Beth El Cemetery at 11 a.m. (Directions on page 3.)

Tuesday, September 25: *Kol Nidre / Erev Yom Kippur* Service at 8 p.m.

Wednesday, September 26: *Yom Kippur* Service at 10 a.m.
 Children's Service at 2 p.m.
 Afternoon Service at 3 p.m.
Yizkor Memorial Service at 5 p.m.
Neilah & Closing Service at 6 p.m. followed by "Break-the-Fast"

Sunday, September 30: *Sukkah* Decorating Party at 12 p.m.

Friday, October 5: Family Friendly *Sukkot* Service at 6 p.m.
 Pizza in the Hut at 7 p.m.

Saturday, October 6: Apple Picking at Hick's Orchard at 11 a.m.

Chai Society Breakfast Program

Topic: Jews in Congress
 Speaker: Dr. Norman Enhorning, Professor Emeritus of History at SUNY Adirondack
 Date and Time: Sunday, September 9th at 9:30 am.
 Summary: In this talk, Dr. Enhorning will review the major contributions of Jewish congressional members from the founding of Congress through the 1970s. As usual, there will be a question and answer session when the presentation is completed.
 The head chef for this breakfast will be Sandy Searleman.

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Rabbi's Message

As we enter into High Holiday mode, I would like to offer a prayer written by Rabbi Eric Yoffie, which I hope will give us comfort and strength during this new coming year! I hope that the dreams we imagine on this day will be with us all year long.

In Your House, *Adonai*

We are alone no more.

The shofar sounds, our voices stir

Like a great rustling of leaves.

Hear Us! Comfort Us!

In Your House, *Adonai*

We are strangers no more.

How goodly are your tents, O Jacob

Your dwellings, O Israel.

Heal Us! Comfort Us!

In Your House, *Adonai*

We are empty no more.

You fill the hollows of our souls,

And lift us into the light.

Heal Us! Comfort Us!

In Your House, *Adonai*

We are in exile no more.

You return us to Torah,

And teach us the ways of righteousness

Heal Us! Comfort Us!

In Your House, *Adonai*

We despair no more.

You restore our hope and renew our faith

Blessed are You, O God,

Who hears our prayers.

Amen.

Rabbi Matthew J. Durbin

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

Sukkot / Pizza In The Hut

Please join us on

Sunday, September 30, 2012 at 12 p.m. for a Sukkah Decorating Party

and 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:

2 and under: Free

Ages 3-12: \$7

13+: \$10

Total not to exceed \$25 per immediate family



President's Message

I hope you are enjoying the summer, a chance for many of us to relax at least a little bit, and perhaps to think about what our New Year will bring. Your choir has been rehearsing for over a month, working around vacations and some personal challenges, dedicated to doing its best under Diane Martin's very capable direction, to enrich your High Holiday experience. Katie, our Administrative Assistant, has been working with the Rabbi, board members and other volunteers to prepare all the materials necessary for the Holy Days, and we're definitely on schedule! While the summer is a relatively quiet time, things will really pick up right after Labor Day, and I'm going to share our plans with you when I speak with you during the High Holidays.

Temple's website team has been meeting regularly with our vendor to develop our new website. We expect to provide complete, current information about both present and future programs and activities, keeping all members "in the loop", and sharing who we are, and what we do, with the Greater Glens Falls community, as well as with those who are thinking about relocating to this area.

We have recently installed a security system that will alert us if anyone enters Temple without permission, and will record any unwelcome intrusions. This is an unfortunate but necessary step in today's world and we sincerely hope we will never require future action.

Your Joint Committee has met with their Synagogue counterparts, and has produced several reports for Board review. All of the Committees will next meet on August 30th, in an effort to provide further clarification and direction to the respective Committees. As President, I have replaced outgoing President Barbara Rosoff in the process, but she and I will continue to confer. I plan to attend the August 30th meeting.

Temple will resume monthly Family Potluck Dinners in October. These wonderful occasions were hugely successful just a few years ago, with early Shabbat Services followed by dinner. A wide representation of Temple and Synagogue members participated, enjoying a shortened Children's Service, delicious food, and a socially rewarding time. We will announce the schedule next month. Please plan on joining us, and please share your ideas with the Board members and the Rabbi for other ways for us to get together as a Jewish Community. Many hands make light work, and a little help would be gratefully appreciated.

Be well, and I will see you in September at Temple.

Steve

Temple Beth El Cemetery Directions

Gansevoort Road; Town of Moreau (between Bluebird & Reservoir Road)

Directions from downtown Glens Falls:

*drive south on Rt 9 (and Rt 32) crossing Hudson River bridge into South Glens Falls

*when Rt 9 and 32 fork, bear left onto Rt 32 which is the Gansevoort Road

*go through two traffic lights and about ¼ mile beyond Bluebird Road, the cemetery is on the right opposite the entrance to Moreau Town Park

Directions from the Adirondack Northway (I87):

*take exit 17N toward South Glens Falls

*at first traffic light at the intersection, turn right onto Rt 197 (there is a Hess station on the corner)

*go to first traffic light at the intersection of Rt 32 (Gansevoort Road) and turn left

*follow Gansevoort Road (north), cross Reservoir Road and look for cemetery on the left opposite the entrance to Moreau Town Park

**Break-the-Fast**

The Holidays are fast approaching (*Gottenyu!*) and we are all looking forward to enjoying the Break-the-Fast, which is Wednesday, September 26, 2012. Therefore, we are again requesting your cooperation and generosity in providing any of the following:

Apples	Juices
Butter	Kugels
Cakes	Lemons
Challahs	Margarine
Cheeses	Milk
Cider	Pastries
Coffee	Quiche
Crackers	Rice Pudding
Cream Cheese	Salads, Egg/Herring/Tuna
Fruits	Sodas
Gefilte Fish	Sour Cream
Herring-Tidbits Only	Tea Bags
Honey	Vegetable or Fruit Platters
Horseradish	

Make me an offer!

Gelt is always welcome to purchase those items not donated. (Please make checks payable to Temple Beth El and send them directly to the Temple with a notation that it is for the Break-the-Fast.)

After deciding what you can bring, please contact Sandy Searleman at 793-6086 or sandy722@nycap.rr.com **BEFORE MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2012**. In the past, some people did not let me know what they were bringing until several days before Yom Kippur. In fact, in some cases, I did not know until Yom Kippur DAY! Please let me know so the Temple does not spend money unnecessarily!

Thank you for your understanding. Your continued cooperation and thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

Shalom,

Chef "Fresser"



Torah Portions

September 1

Ki Tetze

Pent. Deut. 21:10-25:19

Pr. Is. 54:1-10

September 8

Ki Tavo

Pent. Deut. 26:1-29:8

Pr. Is. 60:1-22

September 15

Nitzavim

Pent. Deut. 29:9-30:20

Pr. Is. 61:10-63:9

September 22

Vayelech

Pent. Deut. 31:1-3-

Pr. Hos. 14:2-10

Micah 7:18-20

Joel 2:15-27

September 29

Haazinu

Pent. Deut. 32:1-52

Pr. II Sam. 22:1-51

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

Book Club

Here are the next selections for our book club:

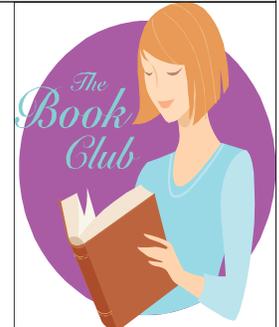
Sep. 11: The Greater Journey by David McCullough

Oct. 9: Still Alice by Lisa Genova

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

Happy reading,

Karen



Appreciation

To **Cantor Joel Colman** for singing during his visit in July.

To **Mike & Gilda Siegel** for hosting an Oneg in July in celebration of their birthdays, Ray Futia's 19th birthday, Matt Futia's graduation, and their anniversary.

To **Bruce & Ellen Katz** for hosting an Oneg in July in memory of Samuel Katz.

To **Jack Hellman, Steve Adler, Molly Lieberman, and Elena Silverberg** for conducting services in July and August while Rabbi Matt was away on vacation.

To **Helene Rudnick and Lois Hellman** for hosting an Oneg in August in memory of their aunt, Esther Reed.

To the **Nemer Family** for hosting an Oneg in August in celebration of Eva Nemer's Baby Naming.

High Holy Day Child Care

There will be child care during the High Holy Day Service on Monday, September 17th in the morning and on Wednesday, September 26th both in the morning and afternoon, thanks to Temple member Dan Rice!

Please call Katie in the Temple office if you will be taking advantage of this service.



Help Wanted

As we approach the High Holy Days, I thought I would join the Rabbi and the President in reviewing past accomplishments and setting goals for the New Year. It has been nearly 8 years since I approached Temple President Bob Fine and then *The Shofar* editor Abe Corton, asking if I could work with Abe each month to produce our Temple bulletin. Abe and Mia's health was failing and they were no longer able to attend Temple functions as freely as they had in the past. I felt that I had something to offer and together we could come up with a better product. We knew that Temple Beth El was facing a transitional period and it was important to give an optimistic view of the congregation. I wanted to use *The Shofar* to attract visitors and new members. Abe and I had a happy and successful collaboration until his passing in 2005. By this time, Katie Weaver had taken over the production of *The Shofar* and Judy Shepherd had agreed to become a second assistant editor. *The Shofar* was on our Website and we were happy with the results.

A recent review of *The Shofar* indicates there is a need for "new blood." The appearance and timeliness of *The Shofar* has improved a great deal over the years, but there are fewer "human interest" stories. Katie, Judy and I are happy enough doing what we have been doing but we are not covering all of the wonderful things that are happening at Temple; it does not do justice to all of the exciting events and interesting people here at Temple Beth El. With a new Website in development, I want to be ready with a *The Shofar* worth posting. Beginning with the October issue (deadline September 14th), I am hoping to make initial changes and introduce new feature articles. And no later than September of 2013, I hope there will be a new editorial board with a new editor made up of people across the full spectrum of Temple Beth El.

I am looking for those people who have been looking at *The Shofar*, thinking they have some good ideas, some time to put them into place and/or the writing skills to make a difference. It's OK if you just want to send us some good ideas for an occasional article. It's also OK if you are ready to step up and become the next Editor of *The Shofar* – or assistant editor. Rest assured Katie will continue to coordinate the actual printing and organization. Judy and I (at least for now) will continue to provide the perspective of long term and ritually and socially active members. We plan to serve where we are needed. Please call me at 518-793-2184 or Katie at 518-792-4364. Or "button hole" any of us when we happen to meet. And tell us what you are thinking. Don't worry about our feelings. We know that *The Shofar* needs improvement. We hope you will be part of the solution.

And so I wish all of our readers *L'Shana Tovah Tikatevu* as we share our hopes for the future of Temple Beth El.

Lois Hellman

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What Changes Would You Recommend?

General:

- Does your newsletter:
 - Inform?
 - Educate?
 - Build consensus?
 - Stimulate thought and discussion?
 - Celebrate?
 - Honor?
 - Reach external audiences?
 - Establish your place in the community?

Content:

- Does your newsletter present "sound bites" for the eyes?
- Do you have columns from:
 - Rabbi?
 - Educator?
 - President?
 - Other?
- Do you report on:
 - Upcoming Religious events?
 - Upcoming social events?
 - Upcoming program events?
 - News from the Religious School?
 - News from the Board of Trustees?
 - News from your annual meeting and budget?
 - News from Brotherhood?
 - News about ARZA?
 - News from the Jewish Community?
 - News from the Union and your Region?
- Do you feature names and addresses of new members?
- Do you feature changes of address and phone numbers?
- Do you carry advertising?
- Do you list your Temple funds?
- Do you list contributors to these Funds?
- Do you have a listing of officers, trustees, and committee chairs with phone numbers?
- Does your newsletter identify your congregation as a member of the Union?
- Do you list yahrzeits?
- Do you feature an easy-to-read calendar of program events?
- Do you feature library news and new books?
- Do you have a "Letters to the Editor" department?
- Do you have a guest column?
- Do you have an honor roll for volunteers?
- Do you list an usher schedule?
- Do you limit the size of your articles?
- Do you desktop publish?

Process:

- Do you have an editorial committee?
 - Do you review the content with the rabbi or executive director?
 - Does a proofreader check your pages for spelling errors?
 - Do you typeset through a printer?
 - Is your layout consistent?
 - Typeface
 - Headlines
 - Column width
 - Regular features in the same location
 - Do you use recycled paper?
 - Is your newsletter timely?
 - What is your lead time?
 - 2 weeks?
 - 4 weeks?
 - 6 weeks?
 - Do you use promotional flyers in your newsletter either as inserts or art to reinforce messages?
 - Would you like to have your newsletter on the Internet using your own congregations home page?
- Distribution:**
- Do you use volunteers to help get your newsletter mailed?
 - Are you up-to-date on postal regulations?
 - Do you send the newsletter to your college students and young adults?
 - Do you send it to neighboring churches and synagogues?
 - Do you send it to your Regional office and the URJ New York office?
 - Do you send it to selected press in your community?
 - Do you send to neighboring public libraries?
- Evaluation**
- Do you do readership surveys?
 - Do you review the bulletin annually with your congregation's leaders?

**SEPTEMBER 2012**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
						1
2	3 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice Rabbi Away (HUC/LA)	4	5	6	7 6 p.m. Family Service / Oneg hosted by the Lang Family in celebration of Rachel and Julia receiving their Hebrew names Rabbi Returns	8 6 p.m. Havdallah Service and Selichot Service
9 9:15 a.m. Chai Society (Guest Speaker: Dr. Norman Enhorning) 9:30 a.m. Religious School	10 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice Deadline for Break-the- Fast	11 10 a.m. Book Club (<u>The Greater Journey</u>) 12 p.m. Ritual / Pulpit Committee Meeting	12 6 p.m. Hebrew School	13	14 Shofar Deadline 7 p.m. Shabbat Service	15
16 8 p.m. Erev Rosh Hashanah Service	17 10 a.m. Rosh Hashanah 1 p.m. Children's Service 2 p.m. Tashlich Service at Crandall Park	18 7 p.m. Temple Board Meeting	19 6 p.m. Hebrew School	20	21 7 p.m. Shabbat Service	22
23 9:30 a.m. Religious School 11 a.m. Memorial Service at Cemetery (Directions on page 3)	24	25 8 p.m. Kol Nidre / Erev Yom Kippur Service	26 10 a.m. Yom Kippur 2 p.m. Children's Service 3 p.m. Afternoon Service 5 p.m. Yizkor 6 p.m. Neilah & Closing Service "Break-the-Fast"	27	28 7 p.m. Family Service / Oneg hosted by the Levin Family in celebration of Grant's birthday	29 12 p.m. Build / Set Up Sukkah
30 9:30 a.m. Religious School 12 p.m. Sukkah Decorating Party						



High Holy Day Seating

Temple Beth El welcomes members and guests to our High Holy Day services.

As in previous years, admission to Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services will be by ticket. Please be prepared to show your ticket to the usher as your family enters the Sanctuary. By bringing your ticket, you will help reduce congestion at the Sanctuary entrances. If you come without a ticket, you will be directed to a volunteer who will supply you with an appropriate Member or Guest ticket.

Members

A personalized ticket for admission to all services will be provided to each member family of Temple Beth El that has made its dues contribution or an arrangement to fulfill its dues commitment for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012. If we have your e-mail address, the ticket will be sent in PDF format for you to print out. If you do not have an e-mail address or access to a printer, you can request the ticket be mailed to you, or you can pick it up at the Temple during office hours or at any service. Your ticket admits all family members living in your household, including college students.

Members of Reform Congregations

A benefit of our membership in the Union for Reform Judaism is that a member in good standing of any Congregation affiliated with the Union is entitled to attend High Holy Day services at any affiliated Congregation in another city. If you are planning to attend services out of town, or have guests who belong to other Congregations, please call the Temple well in advance of the holidays for information and access to the appropriate form.

Guests

Temple Beth El also welcomes unaffiliated members of the Jewish community. Because non-members do not support the facilities and staff that make their worship with us possible, we request a minimum contribution of \$125 for an individual guest, or \$200 for a guest family. A guest ticket may be used at any or all of the High Holy Day services. Guests should contact the Temple in advance to arrange for tickets.

Non-Jewish Guests

Temple Beth El is proud to have non-Jewish friends who worship with us or want to learn more about our services. We welcome them to attend our High Holy Day services without obligation. Please contact the Temple to arrange for complimentary tickets.

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



Contributions

GENERAL FUND

Mia Corton

In memory of Abe Corton

Monica Corton

In memory of Abe Corton

Jean Every

In celebration of Mike & Gilda Siegel's anniversary

Allan & Judy Korot

In celebration of Mike & Gilda Siegel's anniversary

Donald Schwartz

In memory of my wife Marilyn Schwartz

David & Carol Aronson

In memory of Harold Yanklowitz

Helene Rudnick

In memory of Dr. Harold Luria

Sandy Terwilliger & Larry Silver

In memory of Blanche Silver

Judith Metzner Shepherd

In celebration of Mike & Gilda's Siegel anniversary

Florence Handen

In celebration of Mike & Gilda Siegel's anniversary

Helene Rudnick

In celebration of Mike & Gilda Siegel's anniversary

Eleanor Elliott

In celebration of Mike & Gilda Siegel's anniversary

Ruth Heller

In celebration of Mike & Gilda Siegel's anniversary and birthdays

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In memory of Gertrude Strassman

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In memory of Ray Leibman

GENERAL FUND (Cont.)

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In memory of Melvin & Edith Weiskopf

Sandy Terwilliger & Larry Silver

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Temple Beth El History "Our Ideals"

[Following is an excerpt from the early history of Temple Beth El, written by Ella Cline. "Our Ideals" is the chapter for 1933-1934.]

One of the happiest events of this spring was the confirmation exercises of our religious school. The three confirmants were the children of three families who had been closely connected with the forming of this congregation and who had been steadfast in attendance and support.

Louise Bronne, Victor Maslon and Henry Metzner were confirmed on May 20th. All our confirmation exercises have been as inspiring and as promising as the sunrise on a clear spring day. Every confirmation as it occurs seems the loveliest. These three spoke among banked flowers and were as lovely. Their mothers had prepared ample and tempting refreshments in the Home Room for the many friends and relatives who were present. Sincerely we wished the confirmants happiness and the fulfillment of their promising youth.

After the confirmation Rabbi Stein left to spend three months in travel. Services continued throughout June, led by members of the congregation, with a fair attendance. We have acquired the habit of attending services on Friday night.

In order to advance our rabbi's salary so that he could travel, the board of trustees voted to borrow five hundred dollars. During the year the cemetery committee, with Mr. Cline as chairman, had spent about six hundred dollars to fence and lay out the lots in the cemetery, but that was a capital expense and need not be debited to one year. But we are an optimistic group, as previously stated.

During the summer members of the Sisterhood continued to give parties for the benefit of the Sisterhood as in the previous summer. Something new were parties given by the men of the Congregation to help reduce the deficit.

There was a steak dinner on the shores of Lake George with Lester Erlanger as chef, assisted by Carl Bronne and anybody they could inveigle into helping them. The steak broiled over an open fire, *et cetera*, was really as good as the view was beautiful. Those who have seen upper Lake George at twilight will realize how good the food was. The other affair was a cabaret night at the home of Samuel Kohn, with his wife doing most of the work, so she usually claims, and Sam never contradicts. Any way, our treasurer was made considerably happier by these two affairs.

But, there was no religious school and congregational picnic this summer.

At the beginning of September our rabbi returned to us refreshed and enthusiastic after three months' travel in the company of two other young rabbis. He had spent three soul-stirring weeks in Palestine and had much to tell us about the German refugee colonization there. We felt our rabbi's deepened sense of responsibility, the broadening effect of travel, in each of his sermons as well as in conversation.

It is nearly ten years since this Temple has been our spiritual home. Between its walls we have found comfort and peace, social relaxation and recreation. We are facing the fifth winter of depression. More than ever before do we need spiritual help, and the social activity that centers about Beth-El. We have survived four winters of depression; possibly this winter will bring us unexpected good. Let us count our blessings and be of good cheer, and we shall surely come to happier times.

Ella Cline, *Historian*.

October, 1934.



The New TSRS Director

Shalom! My name is Jennifer Steuer and I will be taking over this year for Adam Fine. My family has been members of Temple Beth El for seven years and our three children will be enjoying the pre-K classes at the religious school.

A little bit about me. I have a BS from Empire State College in Community and Human Services. I worked at the Glens Falls YMCA for ten years teaching swimming and lifeguarding. I have done work with domestic violence programs and the rape crisis hotline in Albany. I have learned empathy through being a parent and working with other human beings. Thinking outside the box is natural for me. I like to find solutions and make satisfying compromises.

Being the Director of the Religious School is an amazing chance for me to help the religious community and set an example for my children that hopefully they will follow.

I look forward to meeting everyone soon. Let's make this a wonderful year for our children.

I am available by email at jfsteuer@hotmail.com or my home phone at 453-5690, feel free to leave a message.

Jennifer Steuer



New TSRS Director, Jennifer Steuer, with her son, Benjamin



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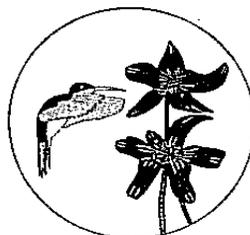
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We Remember

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

September 7

*Mina Avrin, *Fanny Kaplan Breslaw, *Lillian Fenster, *Philip Gelfand, Celia Horelick, Bertha Lebow, Edna Little, Arlene Menkis, Ruth Savitz, Irving Schulwolf, Steven Charles Scolnik, Morris Silverstein, Herman Stichman, Siegfried Wordschild

September 14

*Jennie Armour, Dow Gill, Nellie Goldsmith, *Julia Jacobson, *Nathan Jacobson, *Annette Kaufman, David Levine, *Dr. Wolf Maslon, *Sylvia Parker, Helen Patack, Julius Persk

September 21

Charles Cambridge, Rose Dmocher, Dorothy Frank, Robert B. Glasser, *Mae Goldberg, Esther Budelo Hazan, *Oscar Kalman Kraus, *Leonard E. Leopold, Molly Metviner, John Travis Mulligan, *Betty Ovitz, George Pacter, Mildred Proller, Marie Rosensweig, *Sidney Rosoff, *Ida Schulman, Belle Searleman, *Rebecca A. Silverman, Belle Wishnick

September 28

*Michael Corton, Norman Didakow, *Sophie Erlanger, *Sam Langbert, *Esther Maslon, Samuel Proller, *Marion Schwartz, *Eileen Slawsby, Nathan Stillman, *Bernard Yaffee, *Bertha J. Yanowitz

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

It is better to give and to receive

I have given blood a few times in my life; though not since becoming a mother. I hardly felt I had the time or energy to do something so important and keep up with my responsibilities.

My mother, Sue, gives blood every time she can, she feels the desire to repay and pay forward. She has many reasons to do so. When my brother, Jared, was severely injured in a car accident ten years ago he needed multiple transfusions to stay alive. There are also three other reasons she repays the blood bank: Olivia, Benjamin and Rebecca. My three preemies needed two transfusions each before being able to come home.

I was warned over and over that I may need a transfusion during my surgery to deliver my triplets. I prepared myself psychologically to feel worthy of such a gift. The best gift I received are my children. I did not need the transfusion. I was glad that the gift of blood and life was available for someone else in need.

In June I had a routine surgery. I was only going to be in the hospital overnight, then go home and take it easy for six weeks or so.

Donations of blood saved my life. My 'routine' procedure turned into a life and death situation. I started bleeding internally and was asked if I would accept a blood transfusion. I began to cry because I felt like I was stealing from someone who needed the donation more than I. As my recovery progressed I needed a total of four transfusions.

The donations made to the Red Cross kept me alive. I have no way of writing thank you notes to the donors. My thank you to the Red Cross is helping to start a blood drive with Temple Beth El so that the blood banks can be restocked. Please consider your ability to give and receive. This is a mitzvah that has no measure. I thank you for the time and energy donating requires. With your help maybe we can end the blood shortage and pay some forward for others in need.

It is now the present, my children are going to be five in January and are very healthy. I am also recovering nicely, thanks to giving people like those at Temple Beth El.

Jennifer Steuer

(Temple Beth El is currently working with the Red Cross to schedule a blood drive. More information will be either e-mailed or snail-mailed as it becomes available.)



The September 2012 Shofar

Happy Anniversary!

Mike & Lynn Seidel (9/1/ - 45 years)
 Joel & Gail Solomon (9/8 - 38 years)
 Jonathan & Dale Nemer (9/13 - 31 years)
 Harlan & Jenn Steuer (9/18 - 7 years)
 Philip & Erma Gordon (9/26 - 43 years)

Happy Birthday!

Dan Rice (9/4), Sasha Rae Rubenstein (9/7—2 years old!), Sylvia Wodicka (9/9), Leah Conklin (9/11), Stephen Adler (9/11), Steven Binns (9/13), Aaron Friedman (9/14), Grant Levin (9/20 - 5 years old!), Cooper Nadler (9/21 - 7 years old!), Karen Marks (9/21), Katie Weaver (9/22), Camden Wolfeld (9/28—6 years old!), Bill Brender (9/29), Linda Friedman (9/30), Dr. Orel Friedman (9/30 - 99 years old!)

Mazel Tov!

To **Joshua and Trina (Healey) Cohen** who were married on August 5, 2012.
 To **David & Mary Lang** on the birth of their twin daughters, Rachel Emery and Julia Ryan.
 To **Alexandra Nemer (daughter of Temple members Jonathan & Dale Nemer) & Alejandra DeLaRosa** on the birth of their daughter, Eva Stelle DeLaRosa Nemer, who was born on Monday, August 20, 2012.
 To **Eva Nemer** who will receive her Hebrew name on August 31, 2012.

Condolences

Sandra L. "Sandy" (Fontaine) Lewis, sister of Martha (and Sanford) Searleman passed away on Saturday, June 20, 2012 at the age of 62.
Diann Gordon, sister of Clyde, Jr. (and Laurie of Congregation Shaaray Tefila) Moore passed away on Wednesday, July 11, 2012 at the age of 47.
Harold Jack Luria, MD, longtime devoted companion of Ruth Heller, passed away on Thursday, July 12, 2012 at the age of 88.

Get Well Soon

Dan Baker, Donald Bartlett, Ronald Binns, Luke Collins, Elaine Faller, Linda Friedman, Victor Friedman, Alan Gartner, Jacqueline Gordon, Mark Grunblatt, Seth Gutman, Ilene Hartung, Nancy Hellman, Mike Juwovics, Shirley Kanofsky, Paula Knight, Rose Kohn, Eleanore Leinoff, Elizabeth Levy, Jeff Levy, Sue Lieberman, 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, Alfred Supe, Judy Supe, Katie Weaver, Carol Wells, Jared Winchell, Sylvia Wodicka

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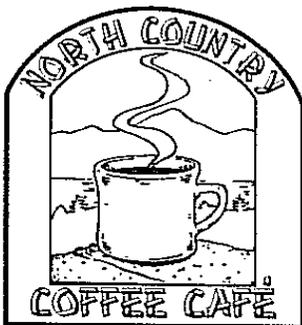
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Remember: If your article will be timed to coincide with a holiday or event, you will want it to appear at least as early as the issue preceding the event. And if you are asking for volunteers, for reservations, or for advance ticket or merchandise purchases, your article or announcement may need to appear several months in advance. Even for something that is several months away, it is never too early to submit an announcement to get *The Shofar* readers to "save the date"!

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