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December 2014 - Kislev/Tevet 5775

Hanukkah Party

Celebrate the Festival of Lights at

Temple Beth El

Wednesday, December 17, 2014

4:15 pm - Religious School begins

5:00 pm - Menorah Lighting outside at Winton Road Entrance

After the Menorah Lighting:

Adult Hanukkah Happy Hour

PJ Library Program (1st grade and younger)

Hanukkah Happenings (open to all 2nd - 7th grade school children)

"Make Your Own Menorah" Contest -

Bring your own homemade Menorah with you for the contest!

6:15 pm - Dinner & Menorah Contest Winners Announced

Following Dinner:

Magician

See Page 8 for cost and reservation information!

TBE Menorah Lighting Schedule

- Tues. Dec. 16: 1st Night Lighting at 6:15 pm
Come welcome our New Members!
- Wed. Dec. 17: 2nd Night Lighting at 5:00 pm
TBE Hanukkah Party!!
- Thur. Dec. 18: 3rd Night Lighting at 6:15 pm
Challah Baking & USYers.
- Fri. Dec. 19: 4th Night Lighting at 4:00 pm
Free Challah to the first 25 people.
- Sat. Dec. 20: 5th Night Lighting at 5:30 pm
Latke & Vodka night.
- Sun. Dec. 21: 6th Night Lighting at 6:15 pm
Interfaith Community invited.
- Mon. Dec. 22: 7th Night Lighting at 6:15 pm
Sisterhood Rosh Hodesh night & yoga.
- Tue. Dec. 23: Last Night Lighting at 6:15 pm

Menorah lighting will take place at the
Winton Road entrance

Sufganiyot (donuts) & cider served nightly.

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Weekly Services

Shacharit:

- Sunday: 8:30 am
- Monday-Friday: 7:30 am
- Rosh Hodesh: 7:15 am
- Shabbat 9:00 am
- Secular Holidays 8:30 am

Mincha/Ma'ariv:

- Sunday-Friday 6:00 pm

Temple Beth El

Mission Statement

Temple Beth El is a vibrant and inclusive community of Jews who join together for prayer, education, celebration, mutual support and comfort, tikkun olam and acts of loving kindness. We are guided by Torah and the principles of the Conservative movement. We are committed to our community, the State of Israel, and Jews around the world.

Vision Statement

Our vision is that Temple Beth El will be an inspiring center of Conservative Judaism in which meaningful experiences and memories take root and grow.

Values Statement

We are a welcoming and inclusive congregation.

We value and respect each congregant and his or her personal journey in Judaism.

We foster a sense of connectedness with our community.

We value participation in all aspects of synagogue and Jewish life.

Our congregation will be here for the entire Temple family now and for future generations.

Welcome to our house.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

When I travel and am away from home on Shabbat, I often find my way to the nearest synagogue. Over many years and after visiting many synagogues, I have noticed that there are some telltale signs as to which synagogues are alive and thriving, and which ones are on the downward swing of the pendulum.

The clearest snapshot of a synagogue's vitality is a careful reading of their weekly Shabbat brochure. (It's not a good sign if they don't have one.). Recently, we completely redesigned our Shabbat-o-gram to make it easier to read and more informative. Each congregant should be receiving our Shabbat-o-gram by e-mail on a weekly basis. If you are not receiving it, please let the office know. If you are receiving it and not reading it, it's time to start, because it is the Shabbat-o-gram that reflects the pulse of our synagogue. Last week's Shabbat-o-gram (at the time of my writing) shared 11 notices for upcoming events and programs. The diversity of these events is truly mind boggling. There is something happening for everyone; from the pitzels of Keshet to the seniors of Hazak. For those who like to "get their hands dirty" there are challah baking classes and volunteering at the many ongoing Tikkun Olam projects, and for those looking for a more intellectual activity, there is Shabbat Torah Study and Sisterhood Book Club discussions. If you are looking for a way for your entire family to celebrate Hanukkah together, then join us on Dec. 17th for our Annual Hanukkah Party. Anyone who attended last year's event knows that this is a must go to celebration. And this year Temple Beth El has the honor of hosting the Union Thanksgiving Service on Thanksgiving morning, the longest running annual Interfaith Service in the country. This is just a sampling of life at Temple Beth El and it is your weekly Shabbat-o-gram that keeps you in the know.

A list of events and programs is just a list on a piece of paper. It comes alive, however, with the recognition that nothing "just happens". It is easy, and I am just as guilty as anyone, to forget that Kiddush doesn't just happen every Shabbat after services. A group of our friends and fellow temple members went shopping, set the tables, prepared the food, served the food and cleaned up after the rest of us have gone home for our Shabbat nap. And the same work and dedication applies to every event listed in our Shabbat-o-gram. Our Hanukkah Party does not begin on Dec. 17th, it begins with a group of committee members and co-chairs turning ideas into reality. And the real reward for their efforts are the friendships made and the sense of community achieved in service to our Temple community. Our synagogue IS alive and thriving and so in this season of Thanksgiving let's remember to give thanks to our staff and express our gratitude to everyone who contributes to the vitality of Temple Beth El.

Happy Hanukkah ,
Dan Glowinsky
President
TBEPrez@tberochester.org



FROM THE DESK OF THE SENIOR RABBI

December Dilemma

To most people in America December is a happy month. To American Jews the magnitude of the Xmas celebration and its commercialized spirit represent a challenge to Jewish identity and the wisdom of parents.

Some may like to escape to a vacation resort and thus avoid massive media influence. In one way or another, December awakens in us a feeling of being apart.

To help parents and every Jew in his/her Jewish identity I present to you the following clarification of concepts.

1. Thanksgiving Day, Fourth of July, Veterans Day and any other secular celebratory day are national holidays. Xmas is not in the same category. It is a sacred festival for those who follow that faith.
2. Responsible community and religious leaders deplore the secularization of Xmas. At the core of Xmas there are fundamental religious teachings.
3. Xmas symbols have no place in a Jewish home.
4. No Jew, child or adult should participate in observance, play acting or musical program that includes Xmas carols.
5. It is not inappropriate to give gifts to Christian friends in their holiday, but these should not be given to our fellow Jews.
6. Hanukkah is in no way equivalent to Xmas, and it should not be treated in that way. Hanukkah is a minor festival in the Jewish calendar. It should not be presented as the Jewish counterpart, either in observance or sanctity. Two violations of the Constitution don't make a better America.

As parents we need to show our children a warm appreciation of our own Jewish heritage. The December Dilemma arises when we associate Judaism with the idea that we deny or deprive our children from enjoyment others have. Judaism is an enjoyable religion 24/7 and we must continue telling our children of Judaism's blessings. The affirmation of Jewish values is what we need to work on, not just in December, but the whole year around.

To help in the affirmation of our values, a new Menorah (Hanukkiah) will be lit in our shul. It will be displayed at the Winton Road entrance of our building. It will stand tall and bright to send a signal to every Jew that drives by, that the Jewish flame of religious freedom will be never extinguished. We thank you for your contribution and support to this new project.

Happy Hanukkah to y'all!

Rabbi Leonardo A. Bitran



NOTES FROM OUR HAZZAN...

Now that the High Holy Days are behind us, we have an opportunity to reflect for a moment on those powerful, intense, and yes, fun times we all shared. Musically, we were able to infuse our services with some enhancements, namely collaborating with the Penfield Symphony Orchestra for Selihot and the choir for Kol Nidre. Thank you so much for your overwhelming support and positive feedback! We have, indeed, 'set the bar high' as we go forward!

We now can look forward to our Hanukkah celebrations. For me, it is impossible to think about Hanukkah without recalling the little menorah that my family used when I was growing up. I am sure that you also have wonderful memories surrounding the festival celebration. Before the more familiar multi-colored candles, many of us remember the solid orange variety. Drip-less? I think not! They had not yet been invented! They dripped all over everything! The Hanukkiah itself was always in need of some repair, the shamash would list to one side or another, thereby melting even faster because of the candle directly below it. My sibs and I would spend the days and weeks before searching the house for presents, usually stashed away in new and rather inventive hiding places devised by my parents. But we were very resourceful! If they were there, we would find them! We'd never open them, but we just felt a whole lot better knowing that they were there. And then there were always the latkes...store-bought?. Frozen? Are you kidding? Only homemade would do. My father, (z"l) would grate as my mother, (z"l) would peel. We kids had our roles too...eating!

I reflect on all of these wonderful memories to remind all of us that we are all creating memories for our children, especially during family, holiday times. Children will always remember the images of their parents, grandparents, and sibs in only the light of the candles...images that, God willing, will last a lifetime.

At the same time, we need to remember that Hanukkah, and Purim as well, are not only holidays for our children. Below the surface of sights and smells, gifts and fun, there remain important Jewish historical and religious lessons. More important and more accurate than the favorite folk tale concerning the miracle of the oil lasting for eight days, even though there was but enough for one, is the poignant message about the few over the many and the weak over the strong. We, as adults, are never too old to learn and yes, to have a little fun as we join in the celebration.

I sincerely hope that you find the warmth of the candles of Hanukkah and that you celebrate this and future celebrations of this wonderful holiday together with loved ones and dear friends.

Also, I am looking forward to resuming our popular Shabbat Morning "L'Chayim" class which meets in the Beit Cafe each week at 8:45 am sharp! We study a variety of subjects including prayer texts, essays in spirituality and service format. The sessions are not sequential so that you may join us at any point. Hope to see you at our first session on December 6, 2014.

Happy Hanukkah,

Hazzan Martin Leubitz



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CORNER

The Great Hanukkah Debates

There are several debates we have each year at Hanukkah. The first that comes to mind is how to spell the holiday's name in English. Is it Chanukah? Or Hanukkah? Or Chanukkah? Or Hanukah? Or Hanukah? Because it is transliteration, I find myself spelling it differently each time I write it! A debate my family always had when I was growing up was: are the latkes better served with apple sauce or sour cream? The other food debate at Hanukkah is: which is better, latkes or sufganiot? My mother tells me that when my brother and I were little, she and my father had a debate about gifts. As a child she always received a little gelt at Hanukkah to play dreidel with, but my father received gifts on each night of the holiday. They came to a compromise of sorts; we were given small gifts on several of the nights, but one night we received gelt that we would donate to a charity of our choice.

There is a great debate recorded in the Talmud about how to light the Hanukkah candles. When Hanukah was still a new holiday, there was a difference of opinion on how it should be celebrated. The students of Shammai, a great teacher, said that Chanukkah should begin with eight lights, and one light should be taken away each night. But the followers of Hillel, an even greater teacher, disagreed. They said that Hanukkah should begin with one light, and each night one light should be *added*, because holiness is something that should grow, not become smaller. Ultimately, the House of Hillel won this debate. Today when we celebrate Hanukkah we begin with one candle and add another one each night. When lighting the candles, we use the shamash to light the newest candle first.

These "great" Hanukkah debates can be good holiday conversations to have with your family. Do you agree with the students of Hillel or the students of Shammai? In what ways can we give to those who are less fortunate at a time when we are giving gifts? Which is tastier, latkes with apple sauce, latkes with sour cream or sufganiot? And how *do* you spell the holiday's name in English?!

B'Shalom
Samara Sofian

Pajama Havdallah

at Temple Beth El

Come in your PJs for a fun evening of crafts, songs, Jewish bedtime stories and milk & cookies. Bring along new pajamas, blankets, books and teddy bears for donation.



Saturday

December 13, 2014

6:30-7:30pm

\$5 per family

RSVP by December 8 to the TBE School Office

473-1190 or ssofian@tberochester.org

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Mazal Tov

New Baby!



Mazal Tov to Myrna and Richard LaBaer on the birth of their grandson Spencer Lee LaBaer on October 15, 2014. And Mazal Tov to parents, Joanna and Loren LaBaer and brother, Max Scott of Charlotte, NC; aunt and uncle Victoria and Michael Palumbos; and cousins Alexandra, Talia and Sidra Morchower.



ENGAGEMENT & MARRIAGE



Mazal Tov to Andrew Feldman and Remy Mars on their marriage on Saturday, November 1, 2014 in Scottsdale, Arizona. And Mazal Tov to Roberta & David Feldman, parents of the groom and Wendy & Peter Mars, parents of the bride; and to the grandparents of the groom, Florence Kirsch & Sy Kirsch z'l and Florence Feldman & Mort Feldman z'l; and grandparents of the bride, Gert & Sid Kosowsky z'l and Barbara & Bud Mars.

Congratulations to Danielle Mand & Scott Rogers on their marriage on Saturday, October 18, 2014. Congratulations to the parents of the bride, Iris & David Mand and parents of the groom, Diane & Don Rogers and to the grandparents of the bride, Barbara Mand & Herman Mand z'l and Aliza & Alexander Stark z'l.

Kol HaKavod to:

Kol HaKavod to Temple Beth El members Asher Flaum and Aaron Hiller who are among those who were recognized at the Forty Under 40 Awards held Thursday, November 20 at the Riverside Convention Center. This award is a prestigious honor that recognizes men and women under the age of 40 who have achieved professional success and made significant civic contributions to our community. This is the 20th Anniversary of the award.

Welcome to our new members!

Leslie Johnson and Brian Lustick

HURRAY!!

I'M FINALLY OLD ENOUGH TO BE A PITZEL AT KESHET PRESCHOOL!!!

Open to children ages 18 -24 months

Due to the small class size, first come first served!!

Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning in January

2 ½ hours of Jewish fun and learning in a safe and loving environment..

Contact Randi Fox Tabb.. NOW at 473-1190 x 121 or rfoxtabb@tberochester.org



For the month of December, USY will be collecting new packages of socks and underwear, jackets, and sweatshirts to be donated to those in need.

We are also collecting old cell phones to be donated to the Validation project.

Save the date! USY Hanukkah Party on December 18
Latkes, Sufganiot and lots of fun for teens in grades 9-12!
7:00 PM in the Beit Cafe

RSVP to LeahDFriedman@gmail.com





Shabbat B'Yachad

Searching for a lively, more personal
Shabbat experience?

Looking for a musical "Chavurah" style
service featuring dynamic prayer and
contemporary Torah study?

Then Shabbat B'Yachad is for you!

Join Dr. Max Steiner and
Dr. Dan Glowinsky for a participatory
service featuring traditional liturgy and
joyous singing and interactive text study.

**Youth Lounge 10:00-11:45.
December 6**



WE KNEAD YOU!!
BAKING CHALLAH –
SPREADING BLESSINGS
IN ROCHESTER

Thursday, December 18 at 6:00 pm



Led by Silvana Bacman

This service is designed for families with
children in 2nd grade and younger.

**In the Youth Lounge
Service at 5:30 pm - Nosh to follow
Friday, December 19**



Interested in an Aliyah?

If you would like an aliyah in recognition of a yahrzeit, birthday, anniversary,
an upcoming trip or just because, please contact Colleen at 473-1770 or at
cschaefer@tberochester.org.



Family Tefillah

Led by Silvana Bacman

Shabbat Morning Service
from 10:30 to 11:45 in the Chapel.

December 13



Simcha Service

Please join us to celebrate birthdays and
anniversaries at Friday night services
once a month.

**6:00 pm in the Chapel
Friday, December 12**



Temple Beth El Hazak, USY for Seniors,
will have a Hanukkah meeting,

December 18 at 1 PM
in the Beit Cafe at Temple Beth El.

Rabbi Simi Kolko will speak on:

"The quest for religious freedom;
from the Maccabees to today."

The meeting is open to all.

This is a free event and refreshments will be served.

Sheila Gissin Weinbach 585-732-0865

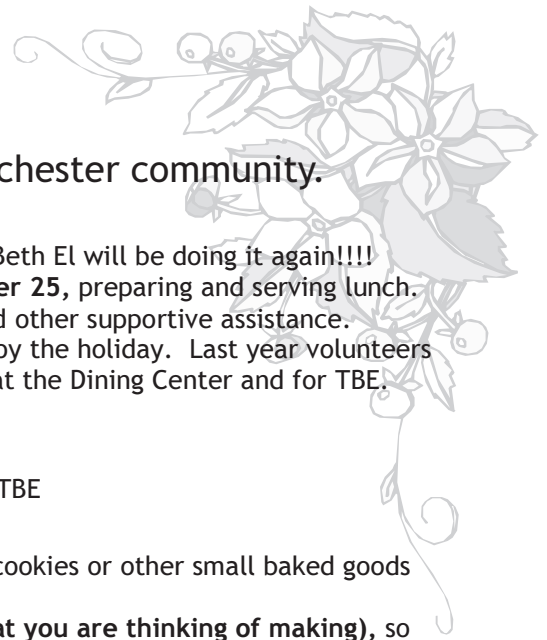


Parashat HaShavuah
Torah Study with
Melissa Nunes-Harwitt

10:00 am - Pastoral Conference
Room

Saturday, December 20

Tikkun Olam



Join us as Temple Beth El helps others in need in the Rochester community.

MITZVAH OF THE MONTH PROJECTS - December:

LUNCH AT ASBURY DINING & CARING CENTER ON CHRISTMAS DAY: Temple Beth El will be doing it again!!!!

We will be running the Asbury Dining & Caring Center on **Thursday, December 25**, preparing and serving lunch. Asbury is a place where anyone in need may receive a hot, nutritious meal and other supportive assistance. The Dining Center is usually closed on Christmas day so that the staff may enjoy the holiday. Last year volunteers from Temple Beth El ran the Dining Center, a wonderful event for the guests at the Dining Center and for TBE.

Morning of Wednesday, December 24:

Help cook in the TBE kitchen

Volunteers to assemble cookies/baked goods (see below) into bags at TBE

We Need Bakers Prior To 12/24:

We will serve home-baked desserts with the meal, as well as provide cookies or other small baked goods to go home with the guests.

Please register first before you start baking (letting Carol know what you are thinking of making), so that we have the right amounts.

Baked goods can be dropped off at TBE by December 24, with a note if you have included nuts, so we can accommodate guests with nut allergies.

On Thursday, December 25:

Preparing the meal (probably starting at 9, with others needed throughout the morning)

Setting up (10:30 - noon)

Decorating (10:30 - noon)

Helping plate food in the kitchen (various shifts 11:30 - 1:30)

Serving (various shifts from 11:30 - 1:30)

Dish washing (1 - 2:30)

Clean up (1 - 2:30)

If you want to help, please register with Carol Konuksever (ckonuksever@tberochester.org or 473-1770). All ages are welcome.

RAIHN

Temple Beth El Congregants have been working with our neighbor, the First Unitarian Church, to help Rochester homeless families by providing warm meals, activities and a place to stay through RAIHN (Rochester Area Interfaith Hospitality Network). RAIHN keeps local homeless families together while they work toward living independently.

Want to learn more about RAIHN? Hear about the program's impact on participating families and how you can get involved from our guest speaker, Sue Stanger, Temple Sinai's RAIHN Coordinator.

Sunday, December 14 in the Beit Café, 11:30 am.

Please contact Leah Goldman, lgoldman525@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

Our next RAIHN Volunteer week is in January.

Recruiting Members for New Inclusion Committee!

TBE embraces our families and children living with special needs and disabilities. Our new Inclusion Committee is committed to making TBE a place where all individuals, regardless of their unique challenges and differences, feel welcome and have meaningful access to Jewish life and learning. We need committee members who do NOT have a family member with special needs. Please consider joining us - this is Tikkun Olam here at TBE, making a difference in the lives of fellow members of our TBE family.

Please contact Deborah Zeger in the Temple Office at 473-1770 if you are interested in participating or have questions.

PS- If you have a family member with special needs, we want to hear from you too!

Hanukkah Party

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Wednesday, December 17, 2014

139 Winton Road South

5:00 pm - Menorah Lighting outside at Winton Road Entrance

5:30 pm - Activities for all ages - 0 to 99

6:15 pm - Dinner of brisket, homemade latkes, vegetarian option available

"Make your own Menorah Contest"



Reservation for TBE Hanukkah Party

Please return this form with payment to the Temple office or register online at www.tberochester.org.

Sign up early! Prices increase \$2 per person or \$5 per family after December 7, 2014.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Please seat us with: _____

	Prices thru December 7		Prices December 8 to 17	
	TBE Member	Non-member	TBE Member	Non-member
# Adults (13 years & older)	___ @ \$18	or ___ \$20	___ @ \$20	or ___ \$22
# Kids' Meals (12 & younger)	___ @ \$ 9	or ___ \$10	___ @ \$11	or ___ \$12
Maximum cost per family household is	___ @ \$60	or ___ \$70	___ @ \$65	or ___ \$75

**Pricing at the door will increase by another \$3 per person and \$5 per family.
Make your reservations soon!**

We are also looking for volunteers to help set-up and clean-up for dinner that afternoon/evening. If you are interested in helping, please contact the Temple Office at 473-1770.



**RSVP at www.tberochester.org
or 473-1770**

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TBE Religious School Students preparing dinner for the Sukkah



Veterans Day at



Hard to believe we are thinking "summer" now!
It's barely winter!

But we want those with children,
Ages 2.5 – 5 [for 2 weeks in June] and children
2.5-3.5 [in July] to know that registration for

CAMP KESHET

Will be coming your way early 2015!
Watch for information...



LIMMUD

Winter/Spring

5775 CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday

10:00 AM—11:00 AM

Reading Torah

11:00AM—12:30 PM.

Parenting Through a Jewish Lens

Sundays: 12/7/14, 1/11/15, 2/8/15, 3/8/15, 4/12/15

12/7/14 December Dilemmas

1/11/15 A Jewish Parents Guide to the College Search Process

Monday

6:15 PM—7:15 PM

Hebrew I; November 10, 2014—June 22, 2015

7:30 PM—8:30 PM

Conversion Class; November 10, 2014-June 22, 2015
(Hebrew Class is a requirement)

7:30 PM—8:30 PM

Adult B'nai Mitzvah:
(Hebrew Class is a requirement)

Tuesday

6:30 PM—7:30 PM

How to be a Gabbai (*by invitation only*)

Wednesday

12:00 PM—1:00 PM

Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Leonardo Bitran

Wednesdays: 1/21/15, 2/18/15, 3/18/15, 4/22/15, 5/20/15

- Judaism and the Environment
- Learn How to Die, Learn How to Live
- Understanding the Source of our Soul and its Eternal Essence
- What the Fight in Israel is All About
- Why are there Commandments?

Thursday

12:00 PM—1:00 PM

Lunch for a Bunch (Designed for *parents of young children*)

Thursdays: 1/8/15, 2/12/15, 3/12/15, 4/9/15, 5/14/15

Shabbat

8:00 AM—8:45 AM

Torah Study Session

8:45 AM—9:15 AM

L'Chayim; Saturday mornings December to May

10:00 AM—11:00 AM

Parashat HaShavuah

11/22/14, 12/20/14, 1/24/15, 2/14/15, 4/11/15, 5/16/15, 6/13/15

CLASS DETAILS

Reading Torah with Rabbi Simeon Kolko

This class will be offered for those who are well versed in Hebrew and have an interest in reading Torah. This is a great session for those who have children becoming a Bar/Bat Mitzvah and would like to participate in reading Torah. *Cost: Free*

Parenting Through a Jewish Lens Monthly Series

An opportunity to discuss a variety of parenting issues from a Jewish perspective. *Cost: Free*

Hebrew I with Nili Kinel

Beginning Hebrew classes to learn the Aleph-Bet and increase your reading skills. *Cost: \$125 for members; \$150 for nonmembers; \$100 for conversion class and adult B'nai Mitzvah class.*

Conversion Class with Rabbi Leonardo Bitran

A non-Jew went to Hillel and said, "Teach me the whole *Torah* while standing on one foot, and then I'll convert." Hillel replied, "Do not do unto others what you would not have them do unto you. The rest is commentary. Now go and learn." Explore and learn Judaism through continued study and experience. Materials are provided. *Cost: \$360 (Hebrew class a requirement for Conversion)*

Adult B'nai Mitzvah with Rabbi Leonardo Bitran, Hazzan Martin Leubitz, Rabbi Simeon Kolko

A class for those who have never celebrated becoming B'nai Mitzvah. *Cost: \$360 (Hebrew class a requirement for Adult B'nai Mitzvah)*

How to be a Gabbai with Hazzan Martin Leubitz

By Invitation only. Cost: Free

Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Leonardo Bitran

- Judaism and the Environment
- Learn How to Die, Learn How to Live
- Understanding the Source of our Soul and its Eternal Essence
- What the Fight in Israel is All About
- Why are there Commandments

Cost: \$10 with bagged lunch; free with no lunch

Lunch for a Bunch

An opportunity to discuss early childhood issues from a Jewish perspective. *Cost: \$10 with bagged lunch; free with no lunch*

Torah Study Session with Carter Brown.

Lay-led Torah discussion. *Cost: Free*

L'Chayim with Hazzan Martin Leubitz. Join us to explore Shabbat Prayer and Jewish Spirituality in traditional and contemporary texts. This session serves as a "warm-up" in preparation of our Shabbat morning service. (We always end our session by making a "L'Chayim.") *Cost: Free*

Parashat HaShavua: Torah Study on the Weekly Portion with Melissa Nunes-Harwitt

Explore the weekly Torah Portion and the insights of our sages. This in depth study enables you to add your unique voice and perspective to the 3500 year old Jewish conversation. *Cost: Free*

Learn More, Understand More, Enjoy More

Judaism is a lifelong journey! We offer numerous ways for you to explore the multiple facets of Jewish Life and Jewish Thought, to enhance your knowledge, your understanding and your ritual practice through interesting, challenging and stimulating opportunities for study.

Come to a class that is just right for you, wherever you are on your journey. We look forward to joining in study with you!

Limmud Registration Form

M	NM	Course	Cost
Free	\$36	Reading Torah	
Free	Free	Parenting Through a Jewish Lens Series	
\$125	\$150	Hebrew I (Conversion and Adult B'nai Mitzvah Cost: \$100)	
N/A	\$360	Conversion Class* (Hebrew I a Requirement)	
\$360	NA	Adult B'nai Mitzvah* (Hebrew I a Requirement)	
		Total \$	

M	NM	Course	Cost
Free	Free	How to be a Gabbai	
Free	Free	Lunch and Learn (\$10 w/bagged lunch; free without lunch)	
Free	Free	Lunch for a Bunch (\$10 w/bagged lunch; free without lunch)	
Free	Free	Torah Study Session	
Free	Free	L'Chayim	
Free	Free	Parashat HaShavua	
		Total \$	

*Hebrew I is a requirement for Conversion Class and Adult B'nai Mitzvah

Pricing: Member is **M** and Nonmember is **NM** - *Refunds not available*

There may be an additional cost for materials.
There is a minimum registration of 5 people per class.

Please make check payable to Temple Beth El.
In the memo line please enter *Adult Ed 5775*.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please contact the office for more information or if you have any questions.

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CONDOLENCES

We record with sorrow the passing of:

Ronni Arlene Abramovitz, z'l

Wife of Leslie B. Abramovitz; mother of Amy (Mike) Brasley, Pam (Bill) Glatter & David (Alexis Kropp) Abramovitz; grandmother of Natalie & Jacob Glatter, Ryan & Sarah Brasley; daughter of Dorothy Waltzer; sister of Sally (Harvey) Ullman, Cyrelle (Paul) Enders & Don (Debbie) Waltzer.

Rose Bresloff, z'l

Wife of Dr. Jesse Bresloff; mother of Karen (Michael) Haymes; grandmother of Benjamin & Michelle Haymes.

Ruth L. Lazarus, z'l

Aunt of Dr. Steven (Elissa) Lazarus & Lynn (Edward) Koffsky; great-aunt of Michael (Robyn) Lazarus, Jean (Brian) Virtue, Stuart (Jenny) Lazarus, Mark (Ann) Koffsky & Jay (Elissa) Kofsky.

Warren Moryks, z'l

Cousin of Charles (Barbara) Freeman

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May their souls be bound up in the bond of life.

Highlights of the Minutes of the Board Meeting on October 20, 2014

What's the Big Idea? Blessings. Samara had us make a list of the things you are thankful for and look at that list every day.

Auditors Report: David McDonald of McDonald, Cointot & Crouse LLP, our auditor, presented results of the auditor's review. It was a very positive fiscal year.

Membership Report: 2 new members Alexandr and Ann Belous, Peter Planer, and Adela Planerova, 3 deceased & 2 moving away.

High Holy Day Review: We discussed some of the changes put in place for this year's High Holy Day services including:

Yasher koach to the staff and clergy for making this a successful High Holy Day season.

President's Report: RASP Collaboration thinking about the process of change in the community. Needs assessment committee is working to determine recommendations in terms of hiring additional staff/clergy as needed. Start thinking about Centennial Celebration of TBE in 2016. Think about a year of activities/celebration we would like to have.

Good & Welfare: Bar Mitzvah of Sam Zarkowsky-Mazel Tov. Successful Sukkah dinners and events. Mazel Tov to Education Committee/Samara. Mazel Tov Hazzan on great Selichot Service.

A Message About Mincha at the Jewish Home

Dear Friends,

Rabbi Katz at the Jewish Home leads Mincha Service at 4:30-5:00 pm on Tuesdays. She needs help transporting the residents who would like to attend to the Eber Room (across from the elevators near the lobby).

Can you help? Can you help spread the word and tell your friends and family members?

I will be in the main lobby at 4:15 to meet anyone who can join us. At 5 we will return the residents to their units.

It's a wonderful thing to help the residents maintain and enjoy our Jewish culture and traditions. We will be doing this weekly so there will be many opportunities to help.

Looking forward to seeing you,

Susan Zauderer

Questions? Call me on my cell at 317-3189 or home at 385-7663.



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Sunday, December 14

Breakfast Program

9:30am

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Hot Breakfast Buffet: 9:30am

Program: 10:15am

Everyone is invited.

TBE Sisterhood

Sisterhood Calendar December 2014

****December 14 Regular Board Meeting**

NEW TIME 10:00 A.M.

December 16 Erev Chanukah (First Candle)

****December 22, Monday evening:**

Chanukah Rosh Hodesh Tevet

Garden Room 7:30 p.m.

SPECIAL:

Save the date: Saturday, January 17, 2015

for Sisterhood Shabbat!

**Kabbalat Shabbat* on Friday and

**Mincha/Maariv/Havdallah* late *Saturday afternoon in addition to *Shabbat morning services*.

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Reply to Lisa Cline if you would like to participate or have any questions.

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The In Between Book Club

Save the evening of December 10 to meet with your Sisterhood friends.



Join Athene Goldstein in a discussion of ..

The Spinoza Problem, by Irvin Yalom

Alfred Rosenberg, a rabid anti-Semite meets Baruch Spinoza across the three hundred years that separate them. Each man comes from a complicated background and needs to identify his place in the world... a task which faces each of us. This novel is a must read.

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December 2014	Friday Evening 6:00 pm	Shabbat Morning 9:00 am	Conclusion of Shabbat
5th & 6th	Candle Lighting 4:17 pm	Sidra: Vayishlach Shabbat B'Yachad - 10:00 am in the Youth Lounge	Mincha: 3:50 pm Havdalah: 5:22 pm
12th & 13th	Candle Lighting 4:17 pm Simcha Service - 6:00 pm	Sidra: Vayeshev Family Tefillah - 10:30 am in the Chapel	Mincha: 3:50 pm Havdalah: 5:23 pm
19th & 20th	Hanukkah - 3rd Day Candle Lighting 4:19 pm Tot Shabbat & Nosh - 5:30 pm	Hanukkah - 4th Day Sidra: Miketz Parashat HaShavua - 10:00 am in the Pastoral Conference Room	Mincha: 3:55 pm Havdalah: 5:25 pm
26th & 27th	Candle Lighting 4:23 pm	Sidra: Vayigash	Mincha: 4:00 pm Havdalah: 5:29 pm