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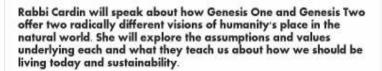
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God, Gardens and Generosity: living the vision of Eden a discussion with Rabbi Vina Beth Cardin

Sponsored by the David E. Sadick Jewish Environmental Education Fund.

> Thursday, May 15, 2014 7:00 pm



Rabbi Nina Beth Cardin is the Chair of the Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake (an organization devoted to educating, supporting and motivating communities of faith to care for the Earth and all its habitants); and Founder and past Co-Chair of the Sustainability Initiative of the Associated: the Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore.

She also founded and directs the Baltimore Jewish Environmental Network.



Following the discussion will be the dedication of the

Temple Beth El Community Garden

Funding for the TBE Community Garden provided by the Max and Marian Farash Charitable Fanudation.





Friday Night Jazz

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May 30, 2014 6:00 pm

Led by Rabbi Leonardo Bitran, Hazzan Martin Leubitz & Rabbi Sarah Freidson-King, featuring Friday Night Live musicians and welcoming back - Gap Mangione



Shabbat Dinner to follow - make your reservations early, prices increase \$2 per person and \$5 per family on May 14

Adults: member \$16 & non-member \$20 Kid's (12 & younger): member \$8 & non-member \$12

RSVP to the Temple Office or online at therochester.org

Friday Night Jazz is sponsored by Marcia Shapiro in honor of her family and in memory of her late husband, Sidney, z'l.

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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



I hope you had the opportunity to be present for the Purim celebration. It began with a spectacular Saturday evening. There were over 200 people who dressed up in costumes, enjoyed a beautiful megillah reading by our teenagers and ate, drank and danced the night away. On Sunday, there was a terrific 'Purim under the Sea' carnival and a

wonderful family megillah reading. There were countless volunteers who made this happen. There was a two-page spread in last month's Kol thanking everyone, so I won't repeat it now. And also, thanks to the businesses who donated goods and a special thanks to Spikes, the Rochester Red Wings mascot for his special appearance both days. If you missed it, don't make the same mistake next year!

As you know, Temple Beth David and Temple Beth El have been meeting informally and formally for the past year and a half. What began as a conversation between two Temple presidents envisioning a new model for Conservative Judaism in Rochester, has grown to a committee of nearly 30 people from both of our synagogues working collaboratively to - hopefully - bring this vision to reality. Our shared vision is to create a vibrant center for Conservative Judaism in Rochester, one that provides many points of engagement for people - spiritual, educational, social, and so much more.

A group of 10 representatives met for several months, essentially planning to plan. This was followed by the formation of a steering committee, and four task forces, which are examining governance, ritual, finance and facilities. This collaboration committee is working with the support of Judy Beck and Bob Leventhal of USCJ, who endeavor to keep us forward-moving and provide us with invaluable insights and ideas. This effort is funded by a grant from the Max and Marian Farash Charitable Foundation.

Where are we heading? At the time of this writing, the proposed model is still in development. Please be assured that the task groups and, specifically the governance group, are seeking input from congregants, staff and our consultants. Leadership at both Temples have identified key elements that are important to each congregation. I am proud to be a part of this process that includes dedicated, thoughtful and insightful members of each congregation.

Change is difficult. We know that. Our vision respects the histories of both of our congregations, yet we don't want to be handcuffed by these histories. It respects our similarities and the differences, and understands that there may be some discomfort in making adjustments.

Will this work? We hope so because we know that the long-running, current model for synagogues needs updating.

By late-June, if not earlier, we expect to be able to share a better picture of the model for the future.

You are welcome to contact me for more information and to share your ideas. Once the collaboration committee has a workable model developed, we will present that to our congregations at multiple meetings - ensuring that all have an opportunity to hear about, consider and possibly contribute to improving the model. This is an exciting and transformative time in Conservative Judaism, especially here in Rochester.

B'Shalom, Todd Stein TBEPrez@rochester.rr.com

FROM THE DESK OF THE SENIOR RABBI

How Should We Observe Yom HaShoah?

Whenever we participate in Yom HaShoah ceremonies and programs, as we just did, (April 28, 2014) we feel, as a religious community, that we have not yet finalized, or given definitive

form, to the observance of this day.

The Yom HaShoah liturgies are psalms, prayers, Kaddish, and other written materials borrowed from classical Jewish liturgies of mourning. Our rituals, like the lighting of the candles, are also drawn from other contexts of Jewish tradition. Though almost seventy years after the Holocaust, we have not developed a final Yom HaShoah rite. It seems urgent that we do develop a Holocaust-specific ritual/liturgy, which will allow us to make this day unique in the Jewish liturgical year, because it is so unique in our historical experience. We can easily find it in every Jewish calendar. However, the task of organizing, creating and establishing Jewish liturgy so as to remember the Holocaust is not an easy one. This should not be done individually; rather it should be a collective and creative congregational effort.

Jewish history teaches us that the creation of rituals and liturgies are extremely difficult. We also know that once created, it takes time for these transitions to be adopted by the community at large. One could comfortably say that the Holocaust ritual and liturgical experiences are right now in the stage of experimentation. Therefore, it seems reasonable in our days to learn and to become acquainted with the life style of the Jews who lived during the Holocaust era, as a way to impregnate ourselves with what they believed in, and thus be attuned to Holocaust rituals. This should effect our way of feeling and understanding the Holocaust.

Every year on Yom HaShoah, the North American community and friends are called upon to perform a very simple but significant act of remembrance. Tens of thousands of families of all denominations will light a special yellow candle, as a reminder to the world that the lives and deaths of 6,000,000 Jewish Martyrs will not be forgotten.

Most importantly, the Yom HaShoah yellow candle provides our families, friends and neighbors with the first step in the Holocaust observance in our homes. The candle shall serve to begin a process of making our minds and souls informed and sensitive to a devastating time in human history. It shall also provide valuable educational and social lessons for our children and others who did not live through that period, nor experience its horrors.

Just when the Northern Hemisphere prepares itself to welcome the spring season, (even in Rochester, NY,) we, Jews, immerse ourselves in a spiritual search in which our essence seeks to find Jewish Liturgical responses for our long suffering collective memories. Let us then strive for a proper and legitimate way of observing Yom HaShoah, the day when we will find ourselves paying tribute to our people. This will make possible the arrivals of a day when a new prayer book will provide our consensual way of observing Yom HaShoah and every Jew on the planet will feel connected through prayer to God and to the memory of our brothers and sisters killed in the Holocaust. May all their memories become a blessing.

B'Shalom, Rabbi Leonardo Bitran

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NOTES FROM OUR HAZZAN...

As we approach Yom HaAtzmaut, the 66th anniversary of the establishment of the State of Israel, I thought it would be interesting to reacquaint ourselves with the poetry and the

music of "Hatikvah" (The Hope). In preparing this column, I consulted various books and articles on the subject, all of which reminded me of how rich the history of the anthem actually is.

Hatikvah was formally adopted by the First Zionist Congress in Basel, Switzerland, in 1897. It was declared the Zionist anthem in 1933 in Prague. It was the unofficial anthem of Palestine for more than fifty years and was sung at the proclamation of the State of Israel on May 14, 1948. The poem was originally called "Tikvatenu" ("Our Hope") and was written by the poet Naphtali Herz Imber (1856-1909).

As you might expect, not everyone agreed with the selection of Hatikvah to be the national anthem of Israel. Some observant Jews felt the anthem lacked specific Jewish references without the mention of God or Torah, and switched the word "chofshi" (free, alluding to a non-religious Jew being free of mitzvot) with the word "kodshi" (holy), reading the line: "To be a holy nation," referring to the verse in Exodus 19:10: "You shall be for Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation." Rabbi Abraham Isaac Kook objected to the secular aspect of Hatikvah and wrote an alternative anthem titled HaEmuna" ("The Faith"). However, Rav Kook did not object to the singing of Hatikvah and endorsed it, as he had great respect for secular Jews, indicating that even in their work it was possible to see a level of kedushah (holiness).

There is also significant differences of opinion when it comes to the origin of the melody we know as Hatikvah. No fewer than eight melodies have been thought to be the precursor of the familiar setting.

It is also unusual for a national anthem to be in a minor mode. Nevertheless, the lyrics and melody remain uplifting and optimistic. As the poet wrote: "Our hope will not be lost, the hope of two thousand years. To be a free nation in our land. The land of Zion and Jerusalem.

May we celebrate with the State of Israel in her 66th year. May she continue to be an *Or LaGoyim*, a light unto the nations in a world at peace.

B'Shalom, Hazzan Martin Leubitz

FROM THE DESK OF THE ASSOCIATE RABBI

It was my privilege to write not one or two, but four(!) letters of recommendation for high school seniors applying to Nativ, a challenging academic gap year

program in Israel dedicated to creating and inspiring the Conservative Jewish leaders of tomorrow. Finding out that all four of them had been accepted to the program was thrilling. At the time of writing this article, they hadn't all decided whether or not they would be spending the year in Israel, but I sure hope they do and have the life-changing experience that awaits.

When I was a junior in high school, I spent two months living and studying in Israel on what was then called the Alexander Muss High School in Israel program. That time shaped my Jewish identity and cemented my love of Israel. Commitment to Zionism and the Jewish homeland is a foundational element to who I am as a Conservative Jew. Supporting Israel can be complicated today as Israel often gets a bad rap in the media, but that makes our support and commitment all the more important.

I hope that you will do your part to encourage the young people in your life spend time in Israel whether on a vacation, teen trip, gap year program like Nativ, or on Birthright Israel. Birthright trips have recently become available for young adults who have spent time on a teen tour of Israel, an important change. Please join your Temple Beth El family in creating a connection between upcoming generations and the State of Israel.

The beginning of May holds two holidays of particular significance to modern day Israel. In the evening of Sunday, May 4th and continuing during the day on May 5th, Israel observes Yom HaZikaron, Memorial Day. While Memorial Day in America often involves barbecues and major department store sales, in Israel the day is somber. Israelis remember and honor the lives of those who fought to establish, protect, and preserve the land. Every Israeli knows someone who passed away defending the country or in a terrorist attack. In the morning, a siren wails for two minutes, and everyone stops what they are doing and remembers the fallen. The sight of cars pulled over on the freeway is incredible.

Yom HaAtzmaut, Israeli Independence Day, immediately follows Yom HaZikaron. This joyous day is celebrated across the country and in the Diaspora with patriotic displays. When I studied abroad in Israel during rabbinical school, I fondly remember going to a nearby park with friends and setting up our picnic blanket and portable grill along with what seemed like the entire neighborhood. Kids joyfully chased each other and played, as the adults kibitzed and celebrated the special day.

At Temple Beth El, we observe Yom HaAtzmaut not only by joining with the rest of the Rochester Jewish community to attend the Federation's celebration, but also by unique additions to our daily service. We recite Hallel, the joyful psalms recited on holidays, and insert a special paragraph "al hanisim (for the miracles)" into the Amidah. By adding to our liturgy, we recognize that Yom HaAtzmaut holds religious significance in addition to historical importance for us.

May we join together with our brothers and sisters throughout the world to support the State of Israel, seeking blessing and peace for its inhabitants.

B'Shalom, Rabbi Sarah Freidson-King

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CORNER

This will be my last Kol article and I want to take this opportunity to publically say goodbye.

I have dedicated three years to Temple Beth El, developing curriculum, hiring outstanding educators, presenting new programmatic formats, and making sure that all Jewish children, regardless of their learning capabilities, have a place in each classroom. The teaching staff is a cohesive one where teamwork is the norm. Working with these amazing educators has truly been a pleasure and honor for me. I will miss this very much. The following teachers have enriched my life and have taught me much:

Amy Ressel – Kindergarten; Melinda Yanoff – First Grade; Karen Fernandez – Second Grade (who will be retiring this year after 27 years of service at TBE); Iris Mand – Third Grade; **Tzippy Kleinberg** – Fourth Grade (who will be retiring this year after 37 years of service at TBE); Vered Tzur - Fouth Grade Hebrew, First Grade Aide and Kindergarten Art; Dalit Spindel – Fifth Grade; Silvana Bacman – Sixth Grade; Rabbi Bitran – Seventh and Tenth Grade; **David Leichner** – Eighth Grade; **Bev** Movsky - Ninth Grade; Rebecca Stein - Eleventh Grade; Rabbi Freidson-King – Twelfth Grade: Hazzan Leubitz – Sixth Grade Trope; Scott Rogoff – Koolanu Elective teacher; Rabbi Smookler - Koolanu Elective teacher; Terri Rosenhouse -Hebrew Tutor; Nira Mehlenbacher – Hebrew enrichment and tutor; Gail Vail – Hebrew tutor; Emily Krohn – Special needs coordinator; Judy Alderman - Special needs teacher; Joan Papkin – Special needs teacher; Deborah Kornfeld – Special needs teacher; Brad Spencer - Art; Nili Kinel - Art/ Conversational Hebrew; Sam Asher – Music; Lisa Cline – Dance. And a special thank you to **Rachel Zeger** for aiding this year in the Third Grade class.

I want to thank **Randi Fox Tabb** for her ideas, support, friendship and dedication to our very young learners. And a special thanks to **Michelle Caron** who has kept the school afloat on many occasions, gives 120% effort each day and cares a great deal about our community.

We are witnessing a change of command and makeup of membership that will usher in a new phase in the religious life of the synagogue. The challenge for any institution in a stage of growth is not to lose sight of the essential elements that make it a caring, warm, welcoming, and honest organization that is based upon the ethical foundations supporting our faith.

Thank you to all who have made me feel respected and accepted within the Temple Beth El family.

Sincerely, Susan Bernstein Director of Education

Torah, Tapas & Tequila:

Ancient Wisdom meets

Modern World



Upcoming Dates/Topics

Wednesday 5/14 – Where Do You Feel At Home?

All Events are at CHAR at the Strathallan Hotel, 7:30 PM and are for young professionals.

The first round of drinks and vegetarian appetizers are <u>FREE</u> for Temple Beth El members, \$10 for non-members.

Mazal Tov B'nei mitzvah

Julia Stern May 3, 2014

Daughter of: Chantiza & Allan Stern

Sister of: Max Stern

Granddaughter of: Marcia & Gary Stern and Charisse Singh and Ray Singh, z'l

Julia is a 7th grader at Twelve Corners Middle School. Julia has been an avid horseback rider since the age of 5. Like all teenage girls she loves pop music, shopping and spending time with her friends. She is looking forward to becoming a Bat Mitzvah and celebrating with friends and family.



Hillary Haas May 24, 2014

Daughter of: Betsey & Marc Haas Sister of: Samantha & Eric Haas

Granddaughter of: Eileen & Michael Grossman, Esta Steckler and Lloyd & Judy Haas

Hillary is a seventh grade student at The Harley School. She enjoys figure skating and competes on a synchronized skating team. Hillary is looking forward to spending her sixth summer at Camp Seneca Lake. Hillary is excited to celebrate her becoming a Bat Mitzvah with her family and friends.



Zachary Micah Till Tabachnikoff May 31, 2014

Son of: Rabbi Debbi Till, Rabbi Jonathan Tabachnikoff

Brother of: Ariel & Jordan Tabachnikoff

Grandson of: Annett & Stan Till, Paula Tabachnikoff & Rabbi Barry Tabachnikoff, z'l

Zachary is a 7th grader at Twelve Corners Middle School. He loves baseball, listening to music and spending time at the JCC with friends. He hopes to be the first Jewish left-handed catcher in Major League Baseball and is most excited to celebrate his becoming a Bar Mitzvah with friends and family from near and far.



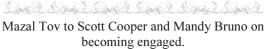
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ENGAGEMENT & MARRIAGE



Mazal Tov to Jill & Ben Eisenstein on the marriage of their daughter Helene Eisenstein and Shmulik Belo on April 6, 2014

And Mazal Tov to the parents of the groom, Orly & Eliezer Belo; grandparents of the bride, Annette & Marvin Eisenstein and Rosalind & Werner Marx; and grandparents of the groom, Regina & Samuel Belo and Tivka & Herzi Chetayat z'l.



And Mazal Tov to Scott's parents Joan & Michael Cooper; Mandy's parents James & Trina Bruno; and Scott's grandparents Geraldine & Sanford Appelbaum and Marilyn Cooper.



New Baby!



Mazal Tov to Kathy London on the birth of her granddaughter Rebecca Sylvia Mecias. And Mazal Tov to parents Shira Faye London and Jose Armondo Mecias; siblings Kayla London-Rivera and Jonathan London-Rivera; and additional grandparents Dennis London, Armondo Mecias and Mabol Cerpa Martinez.

Thank You!

Thank you to the Lee David Schacht Minyan Chapel Fund and the Schacht Family for sponsoring the Siyum Bekhorim before Pesach. And to Athene Goldstein for her hard work coordinating the breakfast.

Thank you to Henra Briskin for organizing and helping to fund the 16th Annual Richard W. Briskin Cantor-in-Residence event with this year's recipient Frani Goodman at TBE



Sunday, March 30th.
Accompanied by pianist
Alla Kuznetsov,
Frani wowed the audience
with her versatility and
amazing voice. She also
performed several
entertaining duets with
Hazzan Martin Leubitz.

Tikkun Olam

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

MITZVAH OF THE MONTH PROJECTS - MAY:

ASBURY: Help serve lunch at Asbury Dining & Caring Center from 11:15/11:30-1:30. Sunday, May 11. Please contact Carol Konuksever (ckonuksever@tberochester.org or 473-1770) to register.

REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT: It is not too late to join our newest TBE refugee resettlement team, which has just started to work with a refugee family from Burma. Join us, you can make a difference. You sign up for only those tasks for which you have time and interests, and set your own level of commitment and schedule. For more information contact Mike Miller (mikemiller99@gmail.com).

COLLECTING FLIP-FLOPS: We are collecting new and gently used flip flops for Asbury Dining & Caring Center and for refugee families. All sizes are needed. Adult sized shower flip flops are also needed, for guests who use the shower facilities at the Dining Center.

Temple Beth El volunteers supported homeless families in our March shift of the RAIHN (Rochester Area Interfaith Hospitality Network) program. RAIHN provides meals, lodging and company to homeless families working toward transitioning to independence. TBE has been serving as a supporting a partner to the First Unitarian Church, where participating guest families are hosted.

Thank you to:

Dvorah Kolko and Maddie Goldman for making a yummy broccoli dish, setting the table and serving dinner; Noa and Debbie Zarkowsky for making fabulous cupcakes from scratch, serving dinner and attending a concert organized by the kids; Shoshana Germanow for providing a fresh salad for dinner; and Lauren Hosek and Joe for volunteering for an afternoon shift playing games with the kids.

We are looking for more volunteers! Our next RAIHN shift is in July. If you are interested in volunteering or learning more, please contact Leah Goldman, lgoldman525@gmail.com



HAZAK

Attention Senior Citizens:



Have you seen the adds for Jewish Summer camps and thought about how wonderful they were or could be for those who attended and those who did not?

Now you too can attend a Jewish Summer Camp!



Hazak, the Conservative Jewish organization for Senior Citizens is having a week program at a mountain hotel with Kosher food, camp amenities in a resort hotel with the adult pleasure of lectures by Jewish scholars.

When: June 25- July 2, 2014

Where: Hudson Valley Resort in the Shawangunk Mountains on 400 acres with a Catskill view

Program: Kosher Meals, athletic activities, golf, crafts, fitness center, daily and Shabbat Services, nightly activities & entertainment, and lectures and participatory activities by Rabbis and professors

How much: \$965 - \$1255 depending on double or single occupancy

For more information email: Destinations613.com or locally: Sheila Weinbach email: sweinbach@msn.com or call 585-732-0865





HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS EVENT

Hosted by Temple Beth El and Temple Beth David



Sunday May 18th 3:30-5:00 pm At Temple Beth El, 139 S. Winton Rd. The Garden Room

Awareness is the first step in engaging people to DO SOMETHING

Presented by

Angels of Mercy. Inc. and Center for Youth

Every hour 34 children in the United States are forced into the horrific world of child sex trafficking. Human trafficking is growing exponentially in the United States, in New York, and right here in Rochester. Through awareness we strive to prevent children from becoming victims.

Join us for a presentation of the video "Chosen", which tells the true stories of two "All-American" teen girls, both lured into sex trafficking. Both were exploited. Both were manipulated. Both were CHOSEN.

Learn more about how human trafficking is going on in our own backyard, and how YOU can make a difference. Our daughters, sisters, and granddaughters are all vulnerable. We need to educate ourselves about how to identify traffickers and their recruiting techniques. Greater awareness of this important issue will help us to keep our children and other high-risk children safe.

Presentation is open to the public.



Additional Questions?

Contact Rabbi Sarah Freidson-King, 585-473-1770, sfreidson-king@tberochester.org

OR Rabbi Rachel Smookler, 585-266-3223, rachel@smookler.com

We grow strong roots! Jewish education begins here!





Do you have a child who is 2-4 years old?

We have a wonderful Jewish Preschool waiting for them!

Keshet Preschool – Enrolling NOW Camp Keshet – June and July, 2014

For information, please contact Randi at rfoxtabb@tberochester.org or Michelle at mcaron@tberochester.org

CALLING ALL TEENS IN GRADES 8-12! TZAFON USY invites you to....



JOIN US May 23-26, 2014 at Camp Ramah in Verbank, MA

If you've never attended a USY convention before, this is the one to try!

If you've already come to one.. this is one not-to-miss!

All USYers and present 8th graders are invited to apply!

Due to staying in bunks, space is limited and you should apply ASAP!

Applications available online: www.Tzafon.org/applications/kinnusgadol2014
Registration is open until May 8! Grab a friend and join us for a memorable weekend!

*Questions? Leah Friedman, local advisor: LeahDFriedman@Gmail.com

Sandra Goldmeer, Tzafon USY regional director: Goldmeer USCJ @Gmail.com

Temple Beth El Education
Department invites you to
celebrate our Seventh Grade
Commencement &
Koolanu Graduation
Wednesday, May 21, 2014
6:00 pm

Commencement Seventh Graders

Bonnie Comisar Eliad Kane Roei Dery Daniel Kolodny Lily Glaser Iessica Sherin Jessica Gordon Rachel Sherin Hillary Haas Shira Silverstein Alexander Harris Reed Spindelman Tanya Herrmann Julia Stern Ronnie Hollenberg Zachary Tabachnikoff Max Kalish

With special thanks to our faculty:
Rabbi Bitran, Rabbi Freidson-King,
Hazzan Leubitz, J. Alderman, S. Asher,
S. Bacman, L. Cline, K. Fernandez,
N. Kinel, Z. Kleinberg, D. Kornfeld,
E. Krohn, D. Leichtner, I. Mand,
N. Mehlenbacher, B. Movsky, J. Papkin,
A. Ressel, S. Rogoff, T. Rosenhouse,
B. Spencer, D. Spindel, R. Stein,
V. Tzur, G. Vail, & M. Yanoff

Koolanu Graduates

Jared Dietz Avi Presberg Jacob Eckhaus Lauren Reiner Ilana Krill Spencer Ressel Josh Krill Elena Rubin Jenna Kuperberg Bethany Sacks Rachel Sacks Eliana Lande Gillian Schmerl Gabi Lipschitz Roslyn Menachof Samantha Singer Noah Meyers Talia Smookler Alexandra Morchower Zach Smookler Rebecca Orbach Adam Stein

Koolanu Post-Graduates

Sydney Gray Elyssa Steinberg
Erin Grieff Simona Zaretsky
Allison Plotnik Rachel Zeger



Shavuot 2014 June 3



A night of study including clergy, music, storytelling, and the Blintz Bar!

Temple Beth El Annual Meeting
6:30 pm



Service - 8:00 pm Blintzes - 9:00 pm

Study Sessions - 10:00 pm until...
Teaching, Presentations
Songs & Coffee





Wednesday, June 4



Yoga - 6:00 am Breakfast - 7:00 am Services - 9:00 am

You Are Invited

To

Temple Beth El's

2014 Annual Meeting

Tuesday, June 3 at 6:30 p.m.

President's Report
Finance Committee Report
Volunteer of the Year Award
Installation of Officers & Board Members

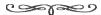
The Nominating Committee, co-chaired by Elyse Gilman and Linda Cornell Weinstein, announces the following nominees:



Nominated Officers

President Dan Glowinsky
Vice President Caroline Korn
Vice President Amy Libenson
Vice President Lisa Silverstein
Treasurer Marc Haas
Secretary Seth Charatz

Asst. Secretary Leslie Crane (Board Approved)



2014-2017 Board of Trustees

For a three-year term:

Gail Drew Karen Elam Justin Goldman

Dan Goldstein Debby Landsman Jodi Groden Roberson

Brett Shulman Brad Spencer

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For a second three-year term:

Abe Glazer Linda Kingsley Dan Medved

Joe Myers

Shavuot Services, Blintz Bar and Program to follow



Welcome to our returning member!

Sue Cassorla

Upcoming Services and Study Sessions at TBE in May

L'Chayim 8:45 am Shabbat mornings weekly in the Beit Cafe

Tot Shabbat Service - 5:30 pm May 2 in the Beit Café Nosh to follow

Family Tefillah - 10:30 am May 10 in the Chapel

Spirit of Shabbat - 10:15 am May 17 in the Youth Lounge

Coming in June

Shavuot Services & Program June 3, 4 & 5

Sign up for Limmud Adult Jews Living & Learning

Spring 2014 Calendar At A Glance

Sunday

11:30-12:30PM The Sacred Art of Writing: Tapping Into Your Soul; May 4 6:30-7:30PM Hebrew I; October 7 – May 19 7:30-8:30PM Conversion Class; October 7 – May 19

<u>Wednesday</u>

9:30-10:30AM Hebrew I (new session); \
April 30, May 7, 14 and 21

12:00-1:00PM Lunchtime study sessions led by Rabbi Leonardo Bitran at TBE.

- ●What a Conservative Jew stands for May 14
- •A short study on Abortion June 18
- A short study on Money and Charging Interest - July 16

6:30-7:30PM Hebrew II; 10/9/13 - 5/14/14

Thursday

6:30-7:30PM Tikkun Olam: April 30, May 7 and 14

<u>Shabbat</u>

8:45-9:15AM L'Chayim: Weekly 10:00-11:00AM Parashat HaShavua: Torah Study on the Weekly Portion; May 10

Just Judaica Hours:

Sunday 9 am-12 pm when Religious School is in session Tuesday 3-6 pm Wednesday 4-6 pm or by appointment.

Events Coming in May

Religious School & Koolanu Graduation 6:00 pm Wednesday, May 21

Friday Night Live 6:00 pm & Family Shabbat Dinner 7:00 pm Friday, March 28

Save the Date: June

TBE Annual Meeting 2014 6:30 pm Tuesday, June 3

TBE Sisterhood

OPEN SISTERHOOD MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 4

12:30 – 2:30 p.m. Lunch Provided by Sisterhood

Planning ideas for next year have begun!

Let Susan know you will be there! 385-7663 or email susanz@rochester.rr.com

Todah Rabah to Rebecca and Friends!

On March 30, Temple Beth El Sisterhood sponsored the dinner at the Ronald McDonald House. Many thanks from the Ronald McDonald House and our Sisterhood for the excellent organization of the dinner by Rebecca Orbach and the volunteers who prepared the meal: Lisa and Allison Zeznick, Shari and Jenna Kuperberg, Lisa Maas-Vangellow, Barbara Schron, Linda Kingsley, and Rebecca Orbach.

Additionally, dozens of temple members donated goods and funds to the dinner. We want to especially thank Temple Beth David (through Rabbi Smookler) for their generous donation. The meal included roasted chicken, vegetarian chili, green and fruit salads, potatoes, rice, and fresh vegetables plus three desserts. This is the first time so many young adults took part in the dinner and we hope to keep the tradition going.













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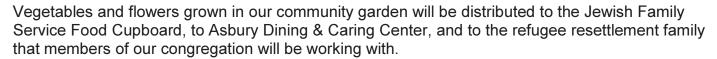
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Don't let the winter blues get you down...look ahead to the spring...help plan Temple Beth El's new Community Garden.

Whether you have gardening expertise or not we need your help to:



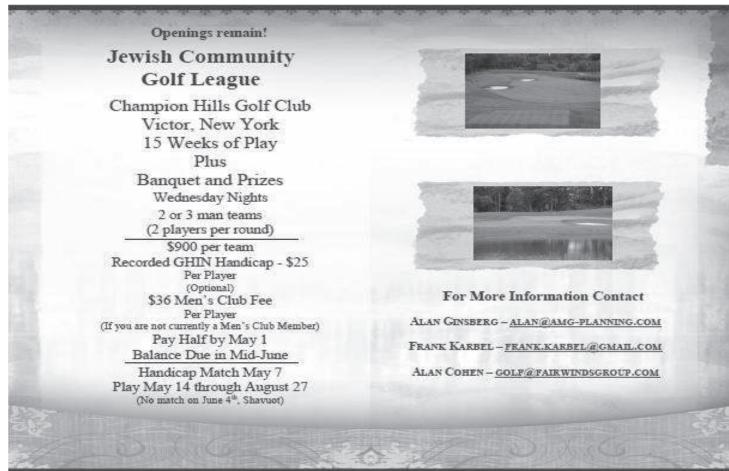
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- maintain a garden plot in the spring/summer months
- provide general maintenance of the garden
- deliver produce to The Brighton Food Cupboard and/or
- Asbury Dining & Catering Center
- Help plan Jewish educational programs relating to agriculture and the Jewish responsibility to address hunger
- or be involved however you prefer



The garden will be located at Temple Beth El and will be cared for by congregants, their family and friends, and clients of Jewish Family Service who ask for a way to give back to the community.

We are grateful to the Max and Marian Farash Foundation for providing the funding needed to establish the Temple Beth El Community Garden.

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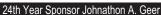
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May their souls be bound up in the bond of life.



Chalutzim Children's Group Event at Color Me Mine

The kids had a great time and each made their own Matzah Plate. Melinda Yanoff, Logan Newman, Lisa Cline, Silvana Bacman and Rabbi Rachel Smookler, participated with the children. Color Me Mine gave them use of the party room and also did not charge any studio fees.

YAHRZEITS... Dates are determined according to the Hebrew calendar. The names will be listed in the Shabbat program booklet on the date listed.



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D'var Torah: (Dan Glowinsky)—Dan spoke to the notion of speaking to, and teaching, our children, as per the V'ahavta. He will distribute several articles to board members in the coming days.

Membership Committee Report: No new members, two deceased members this past month. Overall a net loss of \$950.

Education Committee Report: Status of the educational program was discussed as well as future plans.

Finance Committee Report: Details of the proposed budget for fiscal year '14-'15 were presented.

President's Report: Todd Stein reported on the following items:

- (Centennial) Capital Campaign is being planned and a small committee led by Jay Birnbaum is being assembled
- Collaboration efforts continuing along nicely
- Folding doors to Garden/Board rooms are broken and need repairing
- USCJ proposed dues structure changes were recently voted down (by USCJ members)
- Purim is a few days away!
- 2nd Seder dinner already has over 200 people registered

Good and Welfare:

- Mazal Toy to Tracie Glazer, the new principal of Hillel School
- Speedy recovery to Matt Ryen (broken leg)
- Mazal Tov to Emily Krohn who recently opened her own private social work practice

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9th & 10th	Candle Lighting 8:02 pm	Sidra: Behar Family Tefillah - 10:30 am	Mincha: 7:30 pm Havdalah: 9:04 pm
16th & 17th	Candle Lighting 8:10 pm	Sidra: Bechukotai Spirit of Shabbat - 10:15 am	Mincha: 7:40 pm Havdalah: 9:12 pm
23rd & 24th	Candle Lighting 8:17 pm	Sidra: Bamidbar Bat Mitzvah of Hillary Haas	Mincha: 7:50 pm Havdalah: 9:19 pm
30th & 31st	Candle Lighting 8:23 pm Friday Night Jazz 6:00 pm Family Shabbat Dinner 7:00 pm	Sidra: Naso Bar Mitzvah of Zachary Tabachnikoff	Mincha: 7:55 pm Havdalah: 9:25 pm