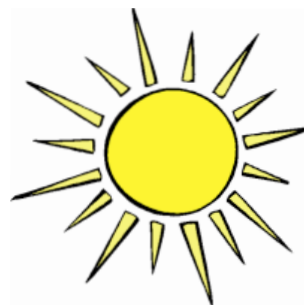


A SPECIAL FAMILY SHABBAT
ON THE FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH!

FAMILY CAMP SHABBAT Friday, February 4

- 5:30pm Kabbalat-Shabbat service with singing & dancing for all ages
- 6:15pm Family Shabbat Dinner with Eisner Camp director Louis Bordman
Dinner \$10 per person
- 7:15 pm Family Service with 2nd, 3rd & 4th Grade Participation



February Highlights

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Kabbal-tot Shabbat Service
5:30 pm
Family "Camp Shabbat" Dinner
6:15 pm
Family "Camp Shabbat" Worship Service w/2nd, 3rd and 4th Grade Participation
7:15 pm

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Construction Site Walk-Through
with TBE President, Harry Cohen
11:15 am

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Shabbat Service of Gratitude 8:00 pm

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Adult Education Brunch with Joshua Bloom,
Director of Online Media for Rabbis for
Human Rights
11:15 am - 12:45 pm

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Knitzvah Corps Meeting 7:30 pm

17 - 27

Congregational Trip to Israel

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Simchat Shabbat 9:00 am

Join us for a night filled with song and hear what our Eisner/Crane Lake kids have to say about what camp means to them and fun for all who enjoy Jewish camping everywhere! Camp presentation given by Eisner director Louis Bordman during dinner, followed by a special Shabbat service and oneg. RSVP for dinner through our form at www.bethelnw.org, or contact Karen in the temple office at 238-3928/kbulzachelli@bethelnw.org.

For more information contact Heidi Auerbacher at 769-1156.



RABBIS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS: JUDAISM AT THE FRONT LINE

**Sunday, February 13, 11:15 am-12:45 pm
Adult Education Brunch**

Co-sponsored by TOC, Israel Action & Adult Ed.
Join us for an enlightening discussion with
Joshua Bloom, Director of Online Media
for Rabbis for Human Rights.

Founded in 2002, Rabbis for Human Rights,

North America is an organization of rabbis from all streams of Judaism that acts on the Jewish imperative to respect and protect the human rights of all people.
(See page 2 for details and registration information.)



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(Rabbis for Human Rights)

Grounded in Torah and our Jewish historical experience and guided by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, we support the work of Rabbis for Human Rights in Israel as we educate, organize and advocate for human rights in Israel, North America and around the world. Hear about their efforts to end U.S.-sponsored torture and indefinite detention, to combat the global pandemic of slavery and human trafficking and to advocate for justice for Palestinians, Bedouins, foreigners and all those in poverty in Israel and the Occupied Territories.



Adult Ed Brunch
Cost: \$10
RSVP by February 7
Deborah Ross
Director of Education's
Assistant
dross@bethelnw.org
914-238-5641

Joshua Bloom served as a consultant to Rabbis for Human Rights in Israel between 2009 and 2010. He is a graduate of Binghamton University and Harvard School of Public Health. As a human rights and international development specialist, he has worked in over a dozen countries around the world for organizations and institutions such as Mercy Corps, American Jewish World Service, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, the Conflict and Health Programme at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, the Health and Human Rights Programme at the University of Cape Town, UNICEF, Amnesty International-USA and the LIFE Program in Israel and India. Joshua is engaged to a second-year rabbinical student at Hebrew Union College.

SHABBAT SERVICE OF GRATITUDE

A celebration of strength, survival and healing,
 set to the music of Debbie Friedman
Friday, February 11 at 8:00 PM

All of us travel life's difficult road at one time or another in our lives. Within our tradition are texts that give us strength and comfort during the journey. And within our congregation are people who are survivors of both physical and emotional challenges. Join us for this special evening of gratitude and reflection meant for all of us.

Simchat Shabbat

The Joy of Shabbat

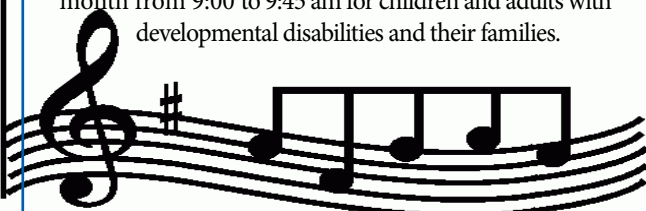
Led by Cantor Ellen Dreskin



Saturday, February 26 at 9:00 am

Next date: March 26

A special Saturday musical service, which occurs once a month from 9:00 to 9:45 am for children and adults with developmental disabilities and their families.



SAVE THE DATE

March 4: 1st Friday w/Dinner
 and 5th Grade participation

May 15: Mitzvah Day

February 6, 11:15 am
Construction Site
Walk-Through

with TBE President, Harry Cohen



Rabbi Joshua M. Davidson



Dear Friends,

One of the areas of concern about our Northern Westchester community uncovered during our recent Listening Campaign, in which more than 100 temple members were interviewed, is the environment we are creating for our school-aged children. Along with countless wonderful opportunities for learning and growth, come considerable pressures.

Many parents harbor deep concern about the unintended consequences of our

community's focus on achievement. Sometimes our desire to see our children *do well* gets in the way of their *being well*. When we place heavy emphasis on scholastic achievement, "well-roundedness" in extracurricular activities, and discovering that special skill which sets our children apart from the rest, the burden becomes - not for all but for many - simply too much to bear. When I hear stories of fifth graders crying themselves to sleep at night because of all that's on their plate, I can tell something is wrong.

While these issues are not new, there seems little doubt that they are more prevalent in communities like ours today than they were in this or similar communities a generation ago. I grew up in Great Neck, a larger version of Chappaqua. When I was in high school twenty-five years ago, the pressures were nothing like what our kids are experiencing today. And when you add to those pressures the influence of technology — the web-based social groups which can take social pressure and bullying to whole new levels, not to mention the Internet exposure to ideas and options that our children may not be emotionally ready to explore — we see that their world can be a much scarier one than any of us knew.

About a year ago — after we witnessed a rash of bullying incidents within our town, and after one-too-many conversations with parents agonizing over the social and academic pressures their children were enduring — I invited the Chappaqua School District Superintendent and the administrators of the middle and high schools to join me in an open and frank conversation about the responsibility we who serve in *loco parentis* have to ensure our kids' emotional and physical wellbeing. I was joined in the initiative by two former presidents of the Chappaqua School Board, Temple Beth El members Richard Laster and Lisa Davis. The group was expanded to include additional school district administrators and the leadership of Chappaqua's other religious institutions, PTA, New Castle Parks and Recreation, and other local organizations that care for the community's children outside the home. Now, after four meetings of this group, there is agreement that every institution represented shares common goals and has a role to play beyond turning our children into Hebrew or Rhodes Scholars, Olympic soccer players, or CEO's. And it is equally clear, that our community is blessed with strong and thoughtful institutional leadership. Out of this collaborative effort which is probably one of the few like it assembled anywhere in the country — and with the support of communities like ours organizing to address such matters — I believe we will witness a transformation in the environment we create for our children, and a reprioritization of the values on which our community life is built.

If these concerns resonate with you, watch for ways you can get involved. In the next phase of our Listening Campaign, you will have the opportunity to join together with other community members to strategize how we can change the paradigm and ensure that our young people grow, not just in intellect, but in character, social, and emotional dimensions.

As some of you know, this coming May, June, and July I will be taking the first three months of a six-month sabbatical. (The final three months come next spring.) I want to assure you that all aspects of our ritual and educational program with which I am generally involved will continue under the leadership of Rabbi Mitelman, Cantors Anesi and Dreskin, our Educator Susan Cosden, and Early Childhood Director Janet Goldstein. Organizational management will continue under the stewardship of our President Harry Cohen and Executive Director Gennifer Kelly. All will certainly keep me in the loop on important matters during my time away.

I also want to share with you what I will be doing during that time away. First and foremost, I will be catching up on time with my family. But I also intend to begin my work toward a Doctorate in Hebrew Letters at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York. So during May and June I may see many of you on the train! The focus of my work will be the collection of Midrash known as *Shir Ha-Shirim* Rabbah and what it teaches us about our relationship to other faith communities. I anticipate the study to be exhilarating. I look forward to refreshing my skills with rabbinic texts. And I know it will be professionally enriching, with its implications for the interfaith work which is so important to my rabbinate. And the best part is I will be studying with our own Rabbi Dr. Norman Cohen, the brilliant Professor of Midrash and Provost Emeritus of HUC-JIR.

I am not saying *l'hitaot* — "see you soon" — quite yet. I will be around through the end of April and know that we will have lots of opportunities to share together between now and then. And I look forward to returning in August, renewed for another exciting temple year, one which sees the completion and the dedication of our Center for Jewish Life.

Warmly,

Rabbi Joshua M. Davidson

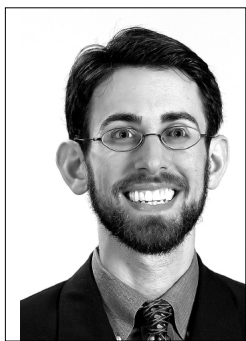
RABBI MURRAY SALTZMAN MEMORIAL BOOK

The Memorial Book Committee of Temple Bat Yam on Sanibel is proud to announce that the book of Rabbi Murray Saltzman's "words and wisdom" will be available soon.

It is a special remembrance of our beloved teacher. All who knew him, studied with him and attended services led by him will consider the book a prized possession for themselves and to give as gifts to family and friends. Please let us know if you would like to place your order for one. Each book is \$18. For further information contact Jaclyn Trustman at 914-238-3928 or jtrustman@bethelnw.org.



Rabbi Mitelman



**From Rabbi Mitelman's Blog,
Sinai and Synapses**

Pick a Destiny, Any Destiny

**The Amazing Illusion That We Experience
Every Day**

I love a great magic show – who doesn't? And if you're anything like me, your immediate reaction is always, "Oh my God – how did he do that?!" It almost feels like magicians read-

ing our minds, especially because we feel like we had the choice to have "picked a card, any card." But in fact, where great magicians are truly "masters of illusion" is when they create the best illusion of all – the illusion that we have free choice.

One of the reasons magicians are able to "know" what card we've picked is that they have predetermined what card they wanted us to pick. Where we get fooled is in thinking that we were the ones who actually made the choice – in truth, the magician has "forced" us to pick a particular card. Authors Stephen Macknik and Susanna Martinez-Conde are the authors of the book *Sleights of Mind: What the Neuroscience of Magic Reveals About Our Everyday Deceptions*, and they explain that [f]orcing works because your brain is on a constant, active lookout for order, pattern, and explanation and has a built-in abhorrence of the random, the patternless, the nonnarrable... Your mind will go to surprising lengths to preserve its sense of agency and choice and continuity of the self. When you are influenced by others, you rationalize their influence as being good decision making on your part. (Macknik and Martinez-Conde, 171-172)

In other words, our brains constantly play an incredible trick on us – they make us believe that we have total freedom of choice. In reality, we are often deeply influenced by many factors outside of our control, but our brains tell us that it was really "our" choice. We didn't just pick "any" card – we always pick the card the magician had chosen for us. The real illusion is that we felt like we were the ones who chose it.

Rabbi Akiva's Magic Show

This question of how much free will we actually have is not a new one – it's an eternal philosophical question. And the Rabbis, too, grappled with it. Perhaps the most classic statement comes from Rabbi Akiva in *Pirkei Avot*, where he says, "All is foreseen, but freedom of choice is given." (Avot 3:15)

On a simple reading, it almost sounds like Akiva is saying that life is essentially a well-executed card trick, with God as the ultimate magician, allowing us to think we are choosing freely, when in fact God has already decided in advance what our life would be! But perhaps we can take this phrase "all is foreseen" to mean something a little more metaphorical.

Clearly, for Rabbi Akiva, it is God who "foresees" everything. But we can read "God" to represent all the factors that we can't control – or even, at times, understand. So perhaps we can take this phrase to mean this: "While we do have some level of free choice, there will be always be factors we cannot control, know, or even understand."

And experience bears this out. After all, we can not simply "choose" to get a million dollars – we have to work hard at a high-paying job, and even then, luck will play a big role in whether or not we succeed. We cannot just "decide" to lose weight – we have to diet and exercise, and even then, our metabolism or our willpower may make it challenging to meet that goal. Our genetics, our environment and our past decisions all restrict our choices. While we may want to think we have total and complete free will, when we stop and really reflect on it, we are not nearly as free as we think.

Yet ultimately, this question of how much "free will" we really have isn't truly all that important. What all those "pick a card, any card" tricks show us is that if we feel invested in our choices, then we own them. We feel like those choices are "ours." And so even if it's not objectively true that our choices are truly ours, a subjective sense of ownership is what truly impels us to act. After all, we take pride in "our" ideas, in "our" accomplishments, in what "we" do. We feel more motivated to act – and more responsible for our actions – if we simply feel like we are the ones who are making the decisions, even if that's not precisely the case.

We may never know just how free we truly are. But that's OK. The goal of life isn't to control or even know everything. It's to do the best we can with what we have. And if we do that, then we may truly be able to pick our destiny – any destiny.

Cantor Anesi



Once again this year, a notable confluence of the secular and Jewish calendars [brought] the start of the birthday weekend of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. together with our celebration of Shabbat Shira (the "Shabbat of Song").

For my message this month, please read my article, *The Right To Be Free*, online at <http://accantors.org/acc/notesworthknowing>, and enjoy some wonderful music through the links provided there.

American Conference of Cantors Website
<http://accantors.org/acc/notesworthknowing>

Susan Cosden, Director of Education

"Take to heart these instructions with which I charge you this day. Impress them upon your children. Recite them when you stay at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you get up."
- Deuteronomy 6:6-7.
Found in our services as part of the Shema/V'havta.



These lines from the Torah are the origins of Jewish education. Take the instructions of how to love God and teach them to your children. Speak of them both in your house and wherever you go. Jewish education begins at home. Every child's first Jewish teachers are their parents. We at Temple Beth El of Northern Westchester know our synagogue and its educational programs are only partners in this process of teaching our children Jewish education and assisting our adults in their continued Jewish learning. One of the best ways we nurture Jewish learning for our adults and our children is through family education, giving our parents the opportunity to continue their own Jewish learning and to foster Jewish conversations with their children.

This year all families with students in grades kindergarten through seventh grade have had or will have opportunities to study together. Some of our family education programs are geared around children in the process of becoming b'nei mitzvah. Saturday, February 5 all of our students who will become bar or bat mitzvah in 2012 and their parents will be gathered together at the temple for a day-long Shabbaton with our clergy and myself. One of the highlights of the Shabbaton is when our families get to study the Torah portion the bar or bat mitzvah student will read at the service and then pick the verses he or she wants to read. This study session not only brings the family together but it also allows them to connect with our clergy and educator who help guide the sessions. The day also provides an opportunity for our families to get to know each other better, especially those families who will be sharing the same service.

Another family education opportunity for those in the process of children becoming b'nei mitzvah are our b'nei mitzvah chavurot. These groups of friends, who are grouped together based on when their service will take place, gather together three times during the six months prior to the child becoming a bar or bat mitzvah. During these sessions families study with our clergy, explore further the meaning of becoming b'nei mitzvah, and start the process of writing a d'var Torah, their comments based on traditional commentaries on the weekly Torah portion.

All of our students in grades kindergarten through fifth grade had a family education program this fall and will have one this winter or spring. In fact, on Sunday, February 6 our kindergarten through second grade will have their second family education program entitled, "A Glimpse of Paradise: Shabbat in Your Home."

Each of our family education programs for grades kindergarten through fifth grade led by Cantor Dreskin and myself include an

assembly to kick off the theme, time for parents to study with Cantor Dreskin while the children study with their teachers and/or myself, followed by time for the parents and children to study together. Our fall family education days included: for kindergarten through second grade "Blessings Abound," which focused on daily and occasional blessings; for third grade "Maccabee Heroes and Modern Jewish Heroes"; for fourth grade "Being Torah: The Crown of a Good Name"; and for fifth grade "From Abraham and Sarah, to My Parents, to Me: Passing Down Jewish Values."

Third through fifth grade will have their family education days in March: March 6 for third grade; March 13 for fourth grade and March 27 for fifth grade. Our program for the fourth grade on March 13 will be different from our regular program. Parents will still have the opportunity to study together as adults but then will get to visit a Living Wax Museum of Significant New York Jews. Our fourth graders started a unit in January which will culminate with this program on March 13 studying New York Jewish History. The Living Wax Museum will be full of our fourth graders acting as various New York Jews who will come to life when a button is pressed to tell their stories. This program is not just open to family members of our fourth graders but to the entire Beth El family. Last year, which was our first year doing this program, many parents commented how they learned about several Jews they did not know previously and learned more about Jews they did know.

Our family education programs are one way we work as partners with all of our parents of our Religious School to support each family's path of Jewish growth and to help connect our families to one another and to the temple. To learn more about our family education programs or to share your suggestions of how we can continue to improve and expand our family education programs, please contact me at scosden@bethelnw.org or call me at 914-238-5641.

L'Shalom,
Susan Cosden

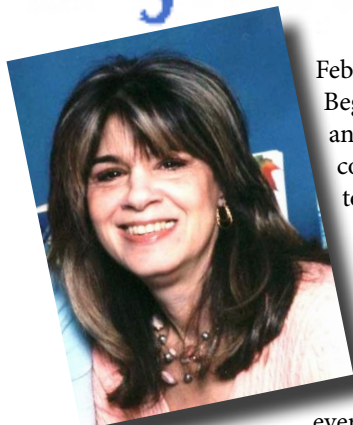
Religious School Calendar - February 2011

<p>Friday, February 4</p> <p>Saturday, February 5</p> <p>Sunday, February 6</p> <p>Thursday, February 17</p>	<p>Erev Shabbat Family Service with 2nd, 3rd and 4th Grade participation</p> <p>2012 B'nei Mitzvah Family Shabbaton, 10:15 am - 3:45 pm</p> <p>Family Education Day for Kindergarten - Second Grade</p> <p>No Religious School - Teacher Training</p>
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Sunday, February 20 - Sunday, February 27

No Religious School - February Winter Break

Beginning Years



February is a very special month at Beginning Years. We have Father's and Special Person's Day. Every child comes to school with someone special to them.

It is a day in which a parent or special person partakes in activities with the children and truly gets to see what the children do in class.

We feel this is so important for everyone. The children and parents are very excited to be part of the class activities.

The snow arrived in December in a very grand fashion. We wonder if that's any indication of what the winter holds in store for us. If it does, it only adds to our winter curriculum, which involves teaching the children about hibernation. How do animals take care and protect themselves from the cold? How do we take care of ourselves in the cold weather?

There are so many things to learn about and enjoy doing so by participating in many activities and reading stories about these subjects. When February comes we know that Spring is really right around the corner.

All the while we continue to watch our beautiful new building going up. It is a great experience for everyone at Beginning Years to watch. The roof is on, the walls are up and what we can see is our new beautiful building.

The vision for Temple Beth El is now a reality. It is going to be a wonderful new place for your children to enjoy worship, school and many family activities.

We continue registration for the 2011-2012 school year. For further information please call for a school packet or to schedule a tour at 238-5735.

Janet Goldstein
Early Childhood Director



Dont' forget

to drop by the Chappaqua Children's Library during the first week of February to view wonderful artwork by Beginning Years students!

Sisterhood

**Next Meeting of Knitzvah Corps:
February 15 at the home of Ellen Wlody**

The Knitzvah Corps meets at 7:30 pm on the third Tuesday of each month at member homes (while the temple is under construction) on a rotating basis. We find easy projects such as ear warmers, scarves, lap blankets, prayer shawls, etc. Everyone is welcome, regardless of knitting or crocheting ability. Come sit, socialize and help solve the world's problems!

While we're looking for new projects, we're continuing to work on afghans for African orphans with AIDS, lap blankets and scarves for homeless day laborers that stay at the temple. We are always open to suggestions and our projects are easy and fun to do!..we also are happy to tutor beginners! You can always bring your personal knitting for "show and tell," advice from our expert knitters, etc.

Future Meetings: March 15, Barbara Wolfert;
April (TBA) Myra Borchard;
May 17, Gail Schreier; June 21, Cheryl Goldfrach.

For more information, contact Hilary Kent
hilaryk13@gmail.com or 238-9793

Beginning Years Boutique Mom's Night Out

sponsored by Beginning Years PTA

March 9, 7:00 pm at Temple Beth El

Open to the entire congregation!

Save the Date!

**March 26
Annual Fundraiser**

Honoring *Beginning Year's*
15th Anniversary
and Janet Goldstein's
15 years of service!



Funds will go to
our new playground!



Kutz NFTY's Campus for Reform Jewish Teens

The Mitzvah Corps Tzofim Program at Kutz offers a unique Jewish summer-camping experience for teens diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). The Mitzvah Corps Program operates within Kutz: NFTY's Campus for Reform Jewish Teens, a Reform Jewish teen leadership program for high school students who are active within NFTY (North American Federation of Temple Youth) and their home communities. The program's mission is to honor the unique characteristics of every camper and provide access to Jewish camping by creating individualized accommodations and modifications that allow each camper to succeed. The unique feature of the "camp within a camp" model is that motivated high school students serve as peer-mentors, which allow campers to participate fully in the Jewish camp experience in a safe and nurturing environment that fosters positive self-esteem and social skill development. Due to the individualized nature of the program, Mitzvah Corps is able to provide a safe, fun and appropriate camp environment for teens at virtually all levels of functioning on the Autistic Spectrum.

For more information please e-mail: kutzmc@urj.org.
Please include all contact information and the best time to reach you.



Camp Chazak Program at the URJ Eisner/Crane Lake Camps

In partnership with Top Bunk Counseling, we are offering a week-long Reform Jewish camping experience for campers with communication and social delays. Camp Chazak is designed to be both a Jewish recreational camp program and a therapeutic camp. The therapeutic program, designed by clinical psychologist Dr. Daniel Sorkin, is seeped in evidence-based clinical research involving use of camping, informal Jewish education, and group therapy to foster change and improve quality of life. Counselors are either trained professionals at the doctoral or masters level or currently in training. Chazak campers are URJ Eisner and Crane Lake campers. They will be given the URJ camp experience, only with specialized resources that will enable them to be successful. The recreational program is embedded with the Eisner/Crane Lake traditions, values, prayer, Jewish education, songs, language, activities, programming, food, and more.

Sunday, August 21 – Sunday, August 28

For more information contact URJ Eisner & Crane Lake Camp office 201-722-0400



AN ISRAEL EXPERIENCE FOR TEENS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

A 21-day full Israel travel program for teens ages 16 – 19+ with diagnosed issues of attention that may include ADD/ADHD, Asperger's Syndrome, awkward social skills, verbal or non-verbal learning disabilities and or mild social or emotional concerns will be offered for summer 2011 by NFTY in Israel through the services of Summit Camp & Travel. The special Israel travel program will integrate spiritual, adventure and learning experiences for this community of young people seeking a Reform Jewish Israel Experience. The intake, staffing, program and logistical arrangements will be managed by Summit Camp & Travel (known for its expertise in this area for over forty years) together with NFTY in Israel.

The planned departure is in mid-July. Please view the program details and Summit Camp background at www.summitcamp.com for further information, application forms and admissions requirements.

TEMPLE BETH EL CAMPERSHIP PROGRAM: GET MONEY FOR JEWISH CAMP THIS SUMMER

Last summer, the Jewish community helped more than 70,000 campers enjoy the time of their lives at Jewish summer camp. This year, let UJA-Federation help the camper in your family enjoy an unforgettable summer at Jewish camp!

Camp offers sports, music, nature and dozens of fun activities in a beautiful outdoor environment. But more important, campers become part of a thriving community, develop self-confidence, and make lifelong friends. Want to find out more about the Jewish camp experience, and what you and your camper can expect? Visit www.jewishcamp.org.

- Not based on financial need.
- Space is limited!
- Campers must be between the ages of 8 and 16.
- Camper must attend a public or non-Jewish private school. Day School students are not eligible.
- Only first-time campers are eligible; first time is defined as having never been to a Jewish overnight camp for 19 days or more.
- \$1,000 grant is for first-time campers only.
- Camper must be a permanent resident of New York City, Long Island, or Westchester.
- Camper must attend a camp listed on the FJC website, www.jewishcamp.org.
- Applications will be submitted online at www.onehappycamper.org.

For more information, please contact Jaclyn Trustman in the temple office today!

FOUNDATION FOR JEWISH CAMP

GET up to
\$1000
onehappycamper.org

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 8:00 AM Weekly Project Meeting 4:00 PM RS 3rd & 4th Grades	2 9:00 AM BY 2's & 3's: Father's & Special Person's Day 3:45 PM RS 7th Grade 7:00 PM Introduction to Judaism Class (off-site)	3 3:45 PM RS 5th & 6th Grades 6:00 PM B'nei Mitzvah Chavurah - Group 4 Session 3 8:00 PM Tikkun Olam Council Meeting	4 5:30 PM Kabbal-tot Shabbat Service 6:15 PM Family Camp Shabbat Dinner 7:15 PM Family Shabbat Worship Service w/ 2nd, 3rd & 4th Grade Participation	5 9:15 AM Torah Study 10:15 AM 2012 B'nei Mitzvah Family Shabbaton 5:00 PM Shabbat Worship Service with Bat Mitzvah of Natalie Simpson
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13 9:00 AM RS Grades K - 4 9:15 AM Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class 10:45 AM Junior Choir Rehearsal 11:15 AM Adult Education Brunch w/ Rabbis for Human Rights 2:00 PM MT Nesters Discussion	14 3:45 PM RS 5th & 6th Grades 6:15 PM RS 8th-12th Grades 6:15 PM RS 7th Grade 7:00 PM House Committee Meeting 8:00 PM Finance Committee Meeting	15 8:00 AM Weekly Project Meeting 4:00 PM RS 3rd & 4th Grades 7:30 PM Knitzvah Corp Meeting (Offsite)	16 3:45 PM RS 7th Grade	17 No Religious School Congregational Trip to Israel 3:45 PM RS Teacher Training 6:00 PM B'nei Mitzvah Chavurah - Group 5 Session 3 8:00 PM Executive Committee Meeting	18 Congregational Trip to Israel 8:00 PM Shabbat Worship Service	19 Congregational Trip to Israel 9:15 AM Torah Study
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Activities & Events

MT NESTERS SUNDAY DISCUSSION GROUP FILM ABOUT GOLDA MEIR

Followed by discussion led by Dave Robbins
and Pot-Luck Snacks

February 13 at 2:00 pm

RSVP via e-mail Helen
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or call 914-238-3996

Annual Joint Heritage Seder Sunday, April 3 at 4 pm

Join members of Temple Beth El and Antioch Baptist Church as we celebrate together our freedom and explore our common history of slavery. The Seder uses a haggadah that incorporates aspects of a traditional Passover text with stories and spirituals from African-American history. This inspirational event is engaging for adults and children with group participation and an exciting hunt for the afikomen.



Passover

April 19-25

Kavod

Each year members of the board and the committee chairs acknowledge members of the congregation who have contributed their time and energy to enhance temple life.

Come join us at the
Kavod Shabbat Service
Friday, March 11 at 8:00 pm
when we will be honoring
these individuals!

More information will follow!

Annual Women's Seder Thursday, April 14 at 6:30 pm

Experience a fascinating and heartwarming version of one of our richest traditions...with a woman's touch!

We would love to have your input...we want to plan one or two evening or Sunday morning events. Watch the temple e-mail and get involved at one of the above programs and help us to make Sisterhood an organization for all the women of TBE!

For information, contact Gail at geschreier@aol.com or 914-941-6257

Passover Yizkor Service

April 25 at 7:30 am
followed by Matzah Brei Breakfast

Yom HaShoah Service

Sunday, May 1 at 4:00 pm

Join us next year for

Temple Beth El's
NEXT TRIP TO ISRAEL
February 2012!

If you would like to join the congregation on the trip, please contact Rabbi Davidson.

Our Joys, Our Sorrows



*For everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven.
- Ecclesiastes 3:1 -*

Congratulations Mazal Tov

Peggy and Mark Kurland
on the birth of grandson Lucas Ryan Gallacher on November 22

Robert & Bobbi Reitzes and Marjorie Kern
on the birth of their grandson Samuel Jordan
born on December 28 to Robin and Adam Kern

*In Times of Sadness and in Times of Joy,
Please Keep Us Informed!*

It is always a pleasure to hear good news from our temple members and to share joys. Often it helps to share problems or illnesses, too. Our Rabbis, Cantor, and Caring Community Committee want to respond to the needs of our congregants. Please let us know if you, or some other temple member, might be helped by a visit or telephone call. Many people assume that everyone knows, but a note or call to the temple office, at 238-3928, will get the message to our clergy.

Our Condolences

The congregation extends its deepest condolences to:

Phyllis Kirshner
on the death of her foster sister, Debbie Franklin, on December 17

Carol Kahn
on the death of her husband, Gary Kahn, on January 7

Jill Schachter-Levy
on the death of her mother, Ruth Yellin Schachter, on January 10

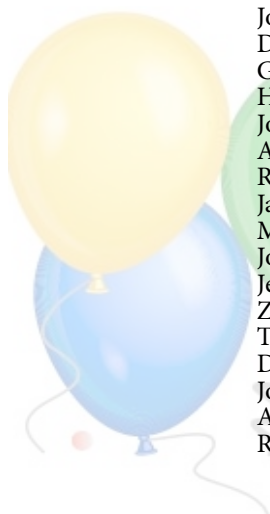


Thank You

*Our special thanks to those who are
sponsoring Oneqs this month:*

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February Birthdays



Joe Abitanta
Danielle Abrams
Gavin Abrams
Henry Asa
Joshua Benaroya
Alex Berkowitz
Ryan Bernbach
Jack Bluestine
Max Brickman
Jonathan Brodsky
Jessica Cooper
Zachary David
Tobias Dorfman
Dev Elmes
Joel Gellis
Abigail Glassman
Rex Glickman

Jesse Goldfarb
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Joshua Goodman
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Sarah Harris
Landon Highbloom
Joseph Hinderstein
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Zoe Kase
Julia Keegan
Nora Kerrich
Samantha Klein
Jacob Klein
Elizabeth Knox

Emma Koestler
Carly Lerman
Molly Lesser
Lauren Levine
Carly Levitz
Sara Levy
Joshua Lieberman
Julia Lubarsky
Ryan Lubarsky
Stephen Make
Michela Masotti
Jason Meshberg
Matthew Meshberg
Matthew Neuberger
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Joseph Notis
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Jacob Stanton
Alexander Stillman
Emily Sussman
Aileen Walker
Mitchell Wilson
Sarah Zandi
Alix Zipperman



February Yahrzeits

Tikkun Olam

February 1 - February 5

Jack Avrech
Nancy Bader
Ruth Baker
Miriam Blechner
Howard Block
Saul Braslow
Philip Bressman
Dave Center
Richard Cohen
Florence Ditchik
Herman Fichtenbaum
Joseph H. Fuld
Ralph Ghersin
Stuart Gold
Harriet Goldstein
Isaac Hakim
Bebe Harrison
Milton Kaplan
Edward Kleinbaum
Samuel Leibovitz
Cary Lowen
Irving Margolin
Benjamin Miller
Samuel J. Resnick
Hattie Rittenberg
Herbert Ross
Sophie Schecter
Jacob L. Schwartz
Lillian Slive

February 6 - February 12

Hazel Ackman
Marilyn Bunshaft
Bernard Cohen
Morris Finkel
Jeanne Gelber
Melville Geller
Elias Gimelfarbas
Steven Goldberg
Michael Joseph Gold-
berg
Samuel Goldstein
Gloria Kalina
Harry Kessler
Lena Lefkowitz
Dustin Levine
Henry Lewis
Mary Lichtenstein
Max Mittman
Samuel Nelson
Milton Newborn

Anthony Ottavio
Rose Rogan
Marvin Rose
Ann Rosen
Isidore Rosen
Jerome Rothman
Jerome Ruzow
Pola Salzman
Sara Schwartz
Muriel Seiler
Reba R. Simon
Samuel Slotnick
Louis Small
Florence Socolow
Blanche Tilzer
Janet Wallack

February 13 - February 19

Gertrude Adelsberg
David Altman
Betty Bader
Jean Blackman
Albert Blitstein
Harry Blitstein
Sarah Bloom
Rachel Brenner
Anna Bunshaft
Irving Fierstein
Anna Figowsky
Lillian Fichtenfeld
Joel Friedman
Helen Gleiberman
George Green
Irene Grossman
Doris Held
Lydia Hertling
Albert Huber
Tobias G. Jasper
Theodore Kesselman
Sonia Kivel
Lee Kreindler
Abraham Lees
Louise Lehman
I. Willard Norkin
Mark Press
Amy Resnick
Betty Richman
Morris Robin
Isaac Rubin
Harry Sokel
Israel Streger
Harry Weinberg
Edward Zuckerman

February 20 - February 26

Jack Barnett
Bernard Borchard
Renee Buxbaum
Erwin Falkenheim
Thelma Felcher
Beatrice Futterman
David Futterman
Nasha Hamlet
Isaac Oronsky
Bella Pismeni
Sidney S. Resnick
Louis J. Robbins
Pauline Rockkind
Lenore Rosin
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Elsie Smallin
Evelyn Soloway
Madeleine Wallach
Jakob Weinblum
Evelyn Weiner
Irving Whitman
Mark Wolff
Ann Wosnitzer

February 27 - February 28

Jack Gutner
Richard Leavitt
Selma Leff
Ethel Meierowitz
Ethel Paiewonsky
Mollie Rosedale
Dora Shapiro
Etta Tilzer
Henry Wolff



Get Involved with the Tikkun Olam Council

The Tikkun Olam Council is our congregation's catalyst for seeking social and economic justice. Consistent with the Torah's moral teachings, we are committed to engaging in acts of tzedakah in order to relieve suffering, inequity, and misunderstanding in our local, national, and global communities. We seek others who are similarly situated in doing mitzvot to join us in our mission and to share their ideas for bettering the world.

Upcoming Workshops

We will be offering a series of free workshops through the UJA's new Mental Health GPS Network. Please look out for our first workshop, "Managing Stress through Adolescence," in March. Additional workshops will include internet safety/cyber bullying, and anxiety across childhood. These workshops will provide a framework of wellness, with a focus on early identification and prevention related to social, emotional, and behavior issues for children, adolescents, and families. For information please contact Brenda Haas at www.brendaphaas@yahoo.com or www.brendaphaas@yahoo.com.

If you would like further information about the TOC and how you can become involved, please contact Sheila Schneiderman sheilas-yogi@aol.com, Brenda Haas brendaphaas@yahoo.com, or Matthew Cantor cantorjm2@aol.com

הקרן החדשה לישראל
New Israel Fund
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FEBRUARY TZEDAKAH

TBE will be collecting tzedakah for the New Israel Fund. NIF is an organization with offices in Israel and the US dedicated to fighting for social and economic justice within the State of Israel. Its vision is to sustain the Jewish identity of Israel by achieving opportunity for all of Israel's citizens regardless of their faith and ethnicity and by promoting democracy. It participates in sponsoring both legal efforts and economic solutions in order to foster its effort. More information on NIF can be found at its website: www.nif.org.

Yahrzeit - a year's time - is the anniversary of the death of a dear one. In the temple, it is symbolized by reading the names of the loved ones and the recitation of the Kaddish. Our temple office will remind you of Yahrzeit, following the Jewish or the solar calendar, as you prefer. As so often in Jewish life, we mark a Yahrzeit by giving tzedakah in the name of our beloved.

At home, a twenty-four-hour light is kindled on the eve of Yahrzeit. The family may gather at dusk, and say:

At this moment, in memory of our beloved, we join hands in love and remembrance. A link has been broken in the chain that has bound us together, yet strong bonds of home and love hold us each together. We give thanks for the blessing of life, of companionship, and of memory. We are grateful for the strength and faith that sustained us in the hour of our bereavement. Though sorrow lingers, we have learned that love is stronger than death. Though our loved one is behind our sight, we do not despair, for we sense our beloved in our hearts as a living presence.

Recent Gifts

Assistant Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Valerie Miller in honor of Colby

Beginning Years Early Childhood Center Fund

Phyllis & Steven Biren in memory of Harold M. Harrison
Linda & Stephen Ochser in memory of Shirley Dobkin and Maxwell Ochser

Cantor's Discretionary Fund

Judith & Michael Gewitz in memory of Ruth Gewitz
Nancy & Allan Rothman in memory of Sarah Rothman

Capital Campaign Tributes

Carole and Stanley Waldshan in honor of the bat mitzvah of our granddaughter, Alix Zipperman

Caring Community Fund

David & Nancy Woolf in memory of Marvin Woolf

Ellis & Rae Zimmer Fund For Children In Need

Susan & Clifford Ray in memory of Betty Liber

Dave & Bunny Center Family Mitzvah Endowment Fund

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Temple Beth El of Northern Westchester welcomes all who wish to participate in Jewish life – singles, couples and families in all their forms, gays, lesbians, interfaith couples – all people regardless of age, sexual orientation, or financial means. In the words of Rabbi Davidson: “The synagogue is a kehilah kedoshah – a sacred community. It’s like a sukkah. A sukkah is constructed of many different branches woven together. So is the synagogue: the young and the old, the rich and the poor, the married and the unmarried, single parents, grandparents, gays and heterosexuals, non-Jewish spouses. The broader the sukkah’s reach, the more tightly its branches are woven, the stronger it stands. So too the synagogue: the greater the variety of people welcomed within it, the closer they feel to one another, the stronger the temple stands.”

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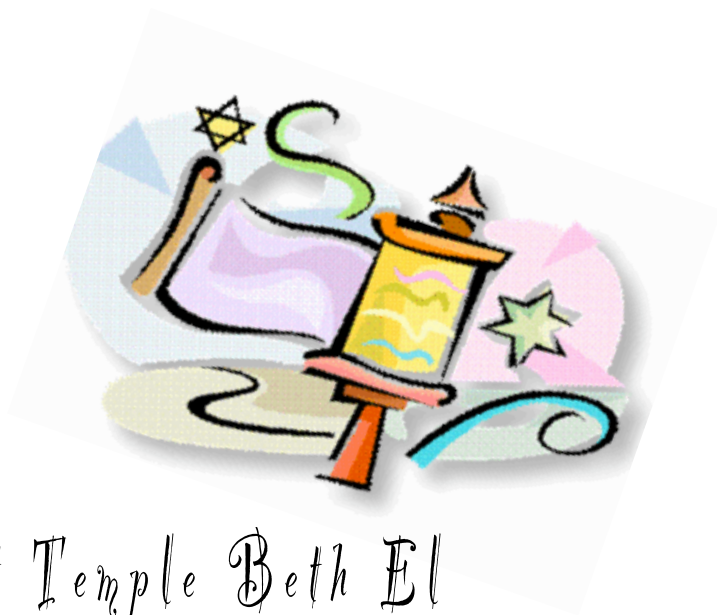
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6:30 pm

9:30 am

10:30 am

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