



Connection

December 2014

Kislev / Tevet 5775

Temple Beth-El Chanukah Celebration, 2014 Sunday, December 14th



Religious School Family Chanukah Celebration: 11:00 am

Children, parents, grandparents, and friends are invited to a Chanukah kickoff with the Religious School.

Sisterhood Chanukah Lunch: 11:30 am-1:00 pm

Savory latkes and other Chanukah favorites are available. Cost: \$12/adults, \$6/children over five.

Youth Group Viral Video for Chanukah: 12:30-2:30 pm

Youth group members come together for an opportunity to create the next great viral video for the Chanukah season. Congregants can be on the lookout for the Viral Chanukah link. For more details, check out page 8.

Men's Club Blood Drive: 9 am to noon

See p. 19 for more information.

Sisterhood Gift Shop Chanukah Expansion: December 10th-17th

Chanukah gifts (including the Menorah pictured above), Judaica, and more will take over the Reading and Resource Room. For more information, see p. 17.

RELIGIOUS SERVICE SCHEDULE

December 5	Erev Shabbat Candle lighting	5:45 pm 4:21 pm
December 6	Saturday morning Parashat Vayishlah <i>Maftir: Sharon Kahn</i> Shabbat Mincha	9:30 am 4:30 pm
December 12	Erev Shabbat Candle lighting	5:45 pm 4:22 pm
December 13	Saturday morning Parashat Vayeshev <i>Bat Mitzvah: Raquel Wolnek</i> Shabbat Mincha	9:30 am 4:30 pm
December 19	Erev Shabbat Candle lighting	5:45 pm 4:24 pm
December 20	Saturday morning Shabbat Amidah <i>Maftir: Roslyn Mannon</i> Shabbat Mincha	9:30 am 4:30 pm
December 26	Erev Shabbat Candle lighting	5:45 pm 4:28 pm
December 27	Saturday morning Parshat Vayiggash <i>Maftir: Morton Stern</i> Shabbat Mincha	9:30 am 4:30 pm

WEEKDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

Daily Morning Minyan	7:00 am
Sundays & Secular Holidays	8:00 am
Daily Afternoon Minyan	5:30 pm
Saturday Afternoon Minyan	4:30 pm

Visit www.templebeth-el.net to livestream services.

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Message From Rabbi Konigsburg



Chanukah is not a major holiday on the Jewish calendar. Yet, it is still an important time. Not because it is a “Jewish Christmas” as some might claim, but because it is the first fight for religious freedom ever recorded. The Syrian-Greeks wanted everyone to worship the Greek/Pagan way and the Jews, under the leadership of Mattathias, Judah and the Hasmoneans, insisted that they be permitted to worship according to our own understanding about God.

It is common to hear complaints today, about how the secular world is destroying all that the religious world holds dear. I don’t find that this is really a major problem. It is true that television, the media and American culture don’t spend too much time promoting religious values, but there remains an unprinted rule in secular culture, that secular culture is only possible when it is built on a religious foundation.

The real issue today with freedom of religion is the different religions that insist that their way is the only right way to serve God. Like the Syrian-Greeks, these religions seem to never tire of trying to get American secular law to conform to the way these “faithful” see the world; there have to be laws insuring that everyone holds the same values they hold.

One of the great advances that American Freedom of Religion brings to the table is that each faith can have its own approach to society. Judaism has always maintained that Judaism is the best faith for Jews. God blesses those who worship in different ways, and it is not for us to say if someone else is worshipping correctly or not.

There is a story about the Patriarch Abraham who sees an old man passing his tent and so Abraham invites him in to rest in the shade and share a meal. The old man is hesitant but is convinced to pause on his journey. As they sit and eat, Abraham teaches the old man about the one God and how he has found a spiritual path with one God who champions Justice.

The old man pauses and finally says that the gods that he carries have been good to him for many years, and he is not prepared at this point in his life to abandon them. Abraham starts to push harder, but the old man gets up and says, “I really didn’t want to stop here. I suspected that you might try and persuade me to leave the path of my life.” Abraham gets angry at the old man and sends him out into the night.

Later, God appears and asks Abraham what happened to the old man. Abraham says the man was stubborn and would not listen to reason, so he sent him away. God says, “I have protected and provided for this man his whole life and you could not take care of him for one day?”

We need to protect those who worship other faiths, as they should look out for us. If there is one faith that is oppressed, it is only a matter of time before our own rituals are endangered.

Let us proudly serve God in a Jewish way, and give others the space to find God in their own way. Religious coercion, like any other coercion, should not be a part of a society that advances freedom of religion.

Message From Temple Treasurer, Steven Sikora

In early June, Loraine Reznik called and asked me to be the new Treasurer at Temple Beth-El. My first thoughts were “How did she get my number?” I have always shied away from Temple politics, but something recently gave me a renewed sense of confidence about the direction of the Temple. Each week, I go to morning Minyan and I had noticed the confidence exhibited by Rabbi and Michelle Konigsburg. They showed that they cared about Temple Beth-El and its members. And I wanted to be part of that. Now, four months later, I have a better understanding of the recent successes at the Temple and an excitement to help meet the challenges ahead. I look at Temple Beth-El as I would my own business. I want it to be profitable and successful.

Two pressing issues stood out to me. The first is the security fee. It is important that all Temple Beth-El members are committed to the safety of our congregation. During the High Holidays and even last month when my son Austin had his Bar Mitzvah, there was a secure feeling entering the Temple. This was not just for our members, but my out-of-town guests and Austin’s seventh-grade classmates. This year, led by Dan Burnick, the Temple’s Security Committee has strategically added guards and improved security systems. As the Treasurer, it is very difficult to weigh safety versus a budgeted expense. That is why I would like to say “Thank You” to all those members who have made a commitment to the Temple Beth-El security fee.

The second issue of importance to me is to ensure that Temple Beth-El has financial accountability that is transparent for the Temple board and the congregation as a whole. At each monthly board meeting, I give a detailed update on the current financial state of the Temple and detail all transactions on the line of credit.

Just like I run my own company, I appreciate when customers feel free to ask me questions or give suggestions. I respect this, and would like for the members of Temple Beth-El to do the same. We are all working together to be financially sound, so any questions or comments you have are welcomed.

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TBE Foundation

The following people made contributions in honor of Suzanne Bearman’s 75th Birthday to the Suzanne and Howard Bearman Adult Education Fund of the Temple Beth-El Foundation:

Jean Bearman
Elaine Gilner Friedman
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Judy and Gary Monheit
Emanuel and Myrna Goldstein
Jimmy and Sheri Krell
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Susan and Billy Lapidus
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Alison Lehrer
Charlotte Goldberg
Lynne Goldstein
Mark and Jodi Bearman
Caren and Steve Corenblum
Stephen and Elysia Wolnek
Paul and Debbie Chused

Message From Foundation Executive Director, Robin Gotlieb

Have You Visited TempleBeth-El.net?

Did you know you can make contributions to any of the funds in the Temple Beth-El Foundation online? Follow the easy steps below and give it a try!



1. Simply go to the temple Web site: www.templebeth-el.net
2. Click on "Support Us" in the top right of the screen. A new page will come up and type in the usual information.
3. When you get to "Donation is for", click on the little arrow and you can select Temple Beth-El Foundation from the list displayed.
4. Then click on the next arrow and you can select any TBE Foundation Fund or "other" if the contribution is to establish a new Named Fund.
5. Next, select what type of donation is being made from the next list displayed when you click on the arrow.

You can add up to 6 contributions!

I will be happy to walk you through the process if I can help. We are hoping this will help streamline the contribution process.

We have received the following donations since our last bulletin:

- J.B. and Lynette Mazer received a "double chai" contribution to the **J.B. and Lynette Mazer Temple Beautification Fund** in honor of their special anniversary from Frieda and Eph Mazer.
- Barbara and Stuart Royal made a "triple chai" contribution in honor of Tracy Friedman Stein and Lolly Friedman Miller receiving the Women of Courage Award for 2014 from Houston Hadassah to the **Karl Friedman Fiduciary Fund**.
- Dr. and Mrs. Mark Kishel made a generous donation to the **TBE Foundation General Fund** in memory of Eleanor Bernstein, mother of Bob Bernstein.
- Joyce Spielberger and Maury Shevin made "chai" contributions to the **Spielberger/Tenenbaum Tikkun Olam Fund** in memory of Ralph Waxman, father of Heidi Damsky; in memory of Herbert Lefkowitz, uncle of Bert and Toby Siegel; in memory of Marjorie Dreayer, mother of Barry Dreayer; and in memory of Elliott Goldberg, father of Edward Goldberg.
- Ilene and Sandy Axelroth made donations to the **Laufman Family Kiddush Fund** in memory of Ralph Waxman, father of Heidi Damsky; in honor of Susan Greene being named a "Smart Woman" by The Women's Fund of Greater Birmingham; and in memory of Elliott Goldberg, father of Edward Goldberg.
- David and Dolly Staff made a "double chai" donation to the **Charles and Esther Lee Kimerling Media Fund** in grateful appreciation for streaming the High Holiday services.
- The **Jill Radwin Confirmation Trip Fund** received a "double chai" contribution in loving memory of Rusty Radwin on his birthday from his Aunt Judy Smith and cousin Karen Chernoff.
- Maxine Sklute made a generous contribution to the **Charles and Esther Lee Kimerling Media Fund** in honor of the yahrzeit of Rella Kline, her mother.
- Mr. and Mrs. Morton Stern made a "double chai" contribution to the **Sidney Ziff Torah Restoration Fund** in memory of Elliott Goldberg, father of Edward Goldberg.
- Greg Warner made a generous contribution to the **General Fund of the Foundation** in memory of Leroy Lurie, father of Charles Lurie.
- Dr. Mark & Mrs. Jodi Bearman and Julie Carruthers made a generous contribution to the **Suzanne and Howard Bearman Adult Education Fund** in memory of Leroy Lurie.
- Billy and Susan Lapidus made a contribution to the **Heidi and Martin Damsky Teacher Education Fund** in memory of Bobby Damsky, brother of Martin Damsky.
- Marian and Myron Radwin made a "double chai" contribution to the **Jill Radwin Confirmation Trip Fund** in loving memory of Bea Pollets.

Message From Executive Director, Bob Greenberg**The Beat Gets Stronger: Livestreaming Touches Lives, Expands Jewish Boundaries**

(This message was adapted from a TBE email sent to congregants in November.)

Several years ago, I wrote that “TBE’s daily Minyan is like a heartbeat. A rhythmic, steady, pulse. 7:00 in the morning. 5:30 in the evening. Day in, day out. From the opening prayers to the closing recitation of the Mourner’s Kaddish. Day in, day out.”

This beat has just grown stronger. Led by Melvin Zivitz in the morning, and Matt Levey and Greg Odrezin in the evening, Temple Beth-El’s Minyan will now be available via Internet “livestreaming.” Congregants and friends of Temple Beth-El throughout the city and country who would like to join the Minyan — saying Yahrzeit for a loved one — may visit our Web site (www.templebeth-el.net) to find the link to this heartbeat every day, and on Shabbat and Holidays.

The origins of the requirement of a Minyan date to the first verse of Psalm 82, which reads: “God stands in the congregation of God.” It was established that a “congregation of God” consists of at least 10. Especially important in modern times, certain prayers require congregational response, such as the recitation of the Mourner’s Kaddish on the date of a Yahrzeit. The Mourner’s Kaddish is a prayer which cannot be said alone. Today, TBE’s Minyan continues as a symbol of Jewish communal practice, and in many ways, a reflection of Jewish strength. Some refer to it as “the building block of Jewish life.” Temple Beth-El is fortunate to maintain the only daily morning and evening Minyan in the state of Alabama.

In recent months, I have heard remarkable stories of Jewish connection through the livestreaming of services. Some are surprising, some heartwarming, and all are a testament to the connection that Judaism provides.

TBE congregant Honi Gottlieb shared the following: “I battle chronic pain... My good days are wonderful, and my bad days not so wonderful. For someone like me, being able to connect with my synagogue for services is such a blessing. I had every intention of being at services for Rosh Hashanah, but that was not meant to be. I decided to tune in and I was turned on... I carried my iPad around the house, and listened, and I learned. Via the wonders of technology I was connected.”

Sari and Barry Spieler, members who moved to Maryland three years ago, shared a different slant: “We were rushing to get the kids ready for synagogue on Kol Nidre here in Maryland and running late. We were going to miss most of the service. So instead, we tuned in to Temple Beth-El’s livestream to join our friends, and it was magical. We even watched after the service was over to try and find all of our old friends.”

As we move further into the 21st century, Temple Beth-El continues to work to wed the richness of our past with the contemporary needs of our congregation. If you have a story about your connection, we want to hear about it.

All Temple Beth-El Shabbat, Holiday, and Minyan services held in the Chapel and Sanctuary will now be available online. Please be patient if technical or Internet issues interfere with your viewing, and contact the office if this occurs.

Thank you to the Charles and Esther Lee Kimerling Family Media Fund of the Temple Beth-El Foundation for supporting livestreaming.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Saturday Evening Services: New Time, Havdala Twist

During these dark winter days of Standard Time, Shabbat Mincha will begin around 4:30 pm and after the service there will be a “Seuda Shelishit,” a small meal, followed by Marriv (the evening service) and Havdala. Havdala is the service that officially ends Shabbat and involves wine, spices and a braided candle. We mark the end of the sacred time of Shabbat and re-enter the secular time of the normal week. We are sad to see Shabbat end, but we are filled with light and hope for a good week to come. Join us on Saturday evenings for Mincha/Marriv and Havdala.

Lunch & Learn Middot

Lunch and Learn Middot will be occurring on **December 6th**, January 10th, February 7th, March 14th, and May 5th. This month, we welcome guest speaker Arielle Nissenblatt of ISJL. The theme is Derech Eretz. We hope you can join us!

Adult Education Classes Under Way

Fall classes started October 28th and end December 16th. The theme for this year's classes is Ma La'asot - What to do?

- Tuesdays, 12:30-1:30 pm: Secrets of the Beginnings of Judaism
- Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm: Training in Torah Trope (registration requested)
- Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm: *Zman L'Daber*, Time to Speak (registration requested)
- Sundays, 9:30-10:30 am: Second Chance Sunday School (registration requested)

Please note that the Personal Spirituality and Project Ma La'asot classes have been canceled.

Call or email Rabbi Joseph (jrobinson@templebeth-el.net) for more information on adult education.

KOL RUCHANI L' NASHIM: A SPIRITUAL VOICE FOR WOMEN

Join us for our women's monthly prayer group, bringing together the beautiful energy of Jewish women with personal spiritual voices. The group is for women drawn to explore their own spiritual calling and seeking to delve deeper into the meanings of the prayers collected in our siddur. It is for each woman desiring to strengthen her kavannah in prayer and explore her personal connection with God. We come together to learn from one another, to celebrate our unique strengths and spirit, and to grow together in prayer and kedusha (holiness).

We will meet in the Cultural Center from 9:00-10:15 am on the following Sundays: **December 21**, January 25, February 22, and March 22.

For further information, contact Michelle Konigsburg at 983-7601 or mkonigsburg@gmail.com.

Message From Director of Congregational Learning, Rabbi Joseph



Expel the Darkness

When growing up, I was exposed to the typical *Chanukah* songs that fill many of our collective memories today. Such songs included:

- ♦ *Maoz Tzur*
- ♦ *Oh Chanukah, Oh Chanukah* (Come light the menorah)
- ♦ *I have a Little Dreidel*
- ♦ *S'vivon, Sov, Sov, Sov*
- ♦ *Light One Candle* (my family loved Peter, Paul and Mary!)

It was not until my late teens that I discovered an Israeli rapper by the name of Subliminal. He had this great song called *Banu Hoshekh Legaresh* which was an updated version of a Zionist nursery school song written by Sara Levi-Tana.

Translated, the words (both the original and the chorus of Subliminal's version) of *Banu Hoshekh Legaresh* read as follows:

We have come to chase away the darkness./With fire and light in our hands./Each of us has a small light,/but together we are a powerful light./Away with the darkness!/Be gone blackness!/Away... because of the light.

The song sings out a message of the power of human beings to expel the darkness in the world.

As such, with the troubles and despair that exists, it is our responsibility to join our lights together and fight back the darkness. May it be that the lights of our souls illuminate the world to make it a brighter place.

Fiery Flames of Fun:



- ♦ Bring the whole family to our **Family Shabbat Ruach**, Friday December 5. Special guest storyteller Arielle Nissenblatt.
- ♦ Meet and learn from our **educator scholar in residence** Arielle Nissenblatt, *Education Fellow* from the ISJL, December 5-7.
- ♦ Celebrate with the Wolneks on December 13 for **Raquel's Bat Mitzvah**.
- ♦ **Sisterhood Chanukah Lunch and Religious School Celebration**,

Sunday December 14 at 11:30 am.

- ♦ All Youth Group members will come together for an opportunity to create **the next great viral video for the Chanukah season**. Sunday, December 14, from 12:30-2:30 pm. For more information contact Taryn Fink at youth@templebeth-el.net.
- ♦ **No Religious School** from Sunday, December 21 until January 4.
- ♦ Be sure to check out our calendar, as some items have been added/or shifted around.
- ♦ Youth Minyan building toward Torah service takeover new date January 31.

December Religious School Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Grades 3-6 3:45 pm	4	5 Family Shabbat Ruach 5:45 pm ISJL Fellow Visit Ein Gedi Sub-Regional Convention	6 Youth Minyan 10 am ISJL Fellow Visit Ein Gedi Sub-Regional Convention
7 Grades PreK-6 9 am-noon Grades 7-10 10 am-noon ISJL Fellow Visit Ein Gedi Sub-Regional Convention	8	9	10 Grades 3-6 3:45 pm	11	12	13 Raquel Wolnek's Bat Mitzvah 9:30 am Youth Minyan 10 am
14 Grades PreK-6 9 am-noon Grades 7-10 10 am-noon Family Event 11-11:30 am Sisterhood Lunch 11:30 am Viral Chanukah Video 12:30-2:30 pm	15	16 1st night of Chanukah	17 Grades 3-6 3:45 pm USY Lounge Night 5:30-7:30 pm 2nd night of Chanukah	18 3rd night of Chanukah	19 4th night of Chanukah	20 Youth Minyan 10 am 5th night of Chanukah
21 No Religious School 6th night of Chanukah	22 7th night of Chanukah	23 8th night of Chanukah	24 No Religious School	25	26	27 Youth Minyan 10 am
28 No Religious School	29	30	31 No Religious School			

Family Shabbat Ruach & Dinner - December 5



Join us on December 5th for Family Shabbat Ruach. Our casual service led by Rabbi Joseph begins at 5:45 pm.

Family Shabbat Ruach is an hour-long Friday evening service for both children and adults guaranteed to uplift your Ruach (spirit) and enliven your soul.

Bring your entire family as we joyously welcome the Sabbath in song and prayer. Dairy dinner to follow services. Cost is \$10 per adult, \$5 per child 5-13. Family Shabbat Ruach is a time to welcome Shabbat with family and friends following Friday night services. Childcare will be available.

To reserve your spot at the dinner, please visit www.templebeth-el.net or call the TBE Office at 933-2740 by Thursday, December 4, at noon.

SPEEDY RECOVERY

Best wishes for a speedy recovery and continued good health to:
Len Levin, Jerry Routman, and Susan Schwartz

CONDOLENCES

With sympathy, we wish the following families peace and love during their time of sorrow:

Leroy Lurie

Husband of Delores (Dede) Lurie, Father of Gwen Lurie, Charles (Sheri) Lurie, and Robin (Steve) Smith

Marjorie Dreayer

Mother of Barry Dreayer (Sandra Jaffe), Irene Dreayer, and Jojo Lowe

Elliott Goldberg

Husband of Sarah Goldberg, Father of Edward Goldberg and Marcia (Bruce) Brown

Dr. Alvin Rich

Father of Julie (Charles) Stein, Natalie (Eric) Asman, Craig Rich, and Alison Lewis

Martin (Marty) Stanley Bergman

Husband of Dr. Joan Silverberg Bergman, Father to Fawn Bloomston and Amy (Brent) Hamilton

Roberta Katz

Mother of Lisa (Alan) Kianoff and Jessica Katz

Esther Brown

Wife of Jerome Brown, Father to Audrey Brown, Jeffrey Brown (Rachel), and Judy Brown Lazenby (Carl)

May the families be comforted among the other mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

MAZAL TOV

Mazal Tov to Sandra Salter on the marriage of her son Evan Salter to Julia Kent of Richmond, VA, on October 12, 2014. Julia is the daughter of Gretchen and David Redmond of Richmond, VA.

Mazal Tov to Nan and Doug Unkenholz on the marriage of their son Jesse Unkenholz to Anna Ellis of Fayette, AL, on November 1, 2014. Anna is the daughter of Karen and Bill Ellis of Fayette, AL.

Mazal Tov to Nicole and Bram Odrezin on the birth of their son Gilbert Wyatt Odrezin. Mazal Tov to big sister Charlotte, grandparents Jan Shevin, Maurice Shevin, and Judy and Larry Odrezin, and great-grandmother Eva Odrezin.

Mazal Tov to Alex Grodner on his engagement to Colette Schriver. Alex is the son of Ken and Vikki Grodner and the grandson of Paul Grodner.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS! (AS OF NOVEMBER 3)

Florina & Andrew Newcomb

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Jodi & David Benck (20)
Barbara & Scott Brande (26)
Katherine & Steven Bromberg (4)
Cathy & Irwin Fingerman (34)
Beth & John Gerwin (41)
Susan & Gary Goldstein (45)
Hannah & Colin Helman (45)
Meg & Marc Krawitz (11)

Pat & Neal Miller (48)
Andi & Joe Preson (48)
Mickey & Stanley Rubenstein (61)
Susan & Ronald Shiland (42)
Lynette & Alvin Slaughter (59)
Linda & Howard Wiener (15)
Masha & Boris Yampolsky (27)

Mazal Tov to the following on their Special Birthdays:

**Julie Bernstein, Neilsen Capouya, Nikki Crawford,
and Holly Mazer**

*Special Birthdays are published in the bulletin beginning
with age 50 and every 5 years thereafter.



CELEBRATING BECOMING A BAT MITZVAH!



Raquel Wolnek

Daughter of Michelle Bearman-Wolnek

and Seth Wolnek

Saturday, December 13th

9:30 am

Kiddush Luncheon hosted by Howard and Suzanne
Bearman and Steve and Elysia Wolnek

CHESED HAPPENINGS

On October 27th there was a buzz in the Temple Beth-El kitchen. Kathy Goldman, Hannah Helman, Marilyn Kleiman, Cindy May, Pam Ruttenberg, Debby Thomas, Gloria Solomon, and Dorothy Ziff put their baking expertise in gear to prepare Chesed cakes for families in mourning. "Todah Rabah" to all our talented bakers.

Although the aroma of marble bundt cakes was wonderful, our main concern was that our efforts bring comfort to families in mourning and show that our Temple family truly cares.

Chanukah is around the corner and plans are under way to visit our Senior friends at Brookdale Place on Friday, December 12 at 1:30 pm in the Gazebo room.

To further the celebration, Rabbi Konigsburg will add his special flair to the service.

Our Chesed volunteers will also visit many senior members in our community that weekend and bring tempting Chanukah goodie bags.

We invite you to join our amazing corps of volunteers in these endeavors by contacting:

Cindy May at cmdmay@bellsouth.net

Sandra Gilbert at sgbhm1@bellsouth.net

Dorothy Ziff at dorothyziff@hotmail.com

VOLUNTEER TODAY FOR CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY KITCHENS

This Christmas, the Jewish community will continue the tradition of providing festive holiday meals for those in need.

Jewish community members are invited to volunteer in one of the following ways:

Volunteer to collect food from local vendors prior to the holiday: Email Sue Lischkoff at sue.lischkoff@gmail.com if you are able to assist with donation of food for the meals.

Volunteer to prepare and serve food: Volunteers will be needed for 8:30 am and 11:00 am shifts on Christmas. Please email Emily Gregory at egregory@templebeth-el.net or call her in the TBE office and specify the holiday(s) and time slot(s) you can volunteer.

Visit TempleBeth-El.net to make a donation earmarked for this year's Community Kitchens holiday meals.



**Thank you to Sallie and Bruce Downs and Bob and Cherie Greenberg,
Host Families for Thanksgiving, 2014.**

LET'S WRAP FOR FAMILY PROMISE

The holiday season is fast approaching. So many of you volunteered over the last few years and felt the joy of helping families get back to independence. The work you do in Family Promise matters and the love you showed influenced one of the recipients to dedicate herself to Family Promise once she is back on her feet. Your volunteerism means so much and you are needed again.

Tuesday, December 23 and Wednesday, December 24, 2014, are the dates for Temple Beth-El and Temple Emanu-El to staff the Family Promise Gift Wrap Booth at Colonial Brookwood Village.

This is an annual holiday event and one of Family Promise's biggest fundraisers. Shoppers drop off their gifts and, for a small donation, we beautifully wrap them and everyone is happy! Shoppers love this service because there is no other gift wrap service in the mall (that I am aware of). Family Promise supplies all the paper, ribbon and supplies. We just need you!

Don't think you have a talent for gift wrapping? Don't worry, we need folks to work the front desk and take money, too.

Shifts run two hours and the booth is open during mall hours. We need at least four people (minimum age 16) to work each shift. **We think the booth will be located in a store front near Macy's this year. We will let you know the location for sure when we confirm your shift.** We have so much fun and we help raise a lot of money for Family Promise, which keeps our homeless families sheltered, fed, and well cared for each and every week.

Select the shift(s) you prefer or indicate when you are available and call 205.967.2229 or email bsiegel@realtysouth.com or tbs2229@aol.com. We will confirm your shift early December.

Tuesday, December 23, 2014

8:00 am – 10:00 am
10:00 am – 12:00 pm
11:00 am – 1:00 pm
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
8:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Wednesday, December 24, 2014

8:00 am – 10:00 am
10:00 am – 12:00 pm
11:00 am – 1:00 pm
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

If you haven't volunteered for Family Promise before, this is a really fun way to become acquainted with the good work they do!

With Much Gratitude!

Toby & Bert Siegel

Volunteer Coordinator



Sisterhood Newsletter

As you know, our Sisterhood is part of a larger organization called Women's League. Following are some comments from our International President Carol Simon:



“Why do we send our children to Camp Ramah and encourage them to join USY? It is because we want to reinforce our Conservative Jewish values with our children. It is the same reason that we, as Conservative Jewish women, need to join our synagogue Sisterhoods.”

“Sisterhoods provide a safe place for women to explore their Conservative Jewish identity, learning with other women. As a member of your Sisterhood, you are automatically a member of Women's League for Conservative Judaism and Women's League provides off-the-shelf programming to enrich that learning process. Moreover, Women's League has a worldwide presence and represents you through its positions at several international Jewish agencies. It is your membership as an affiliated Sisterhood that strengthens this voice.”

Gift Shop - Shop in our Gift Shop for all your Chanukah needs! Gift Shop Chair, Esther Levy, is constantly searching for new merchandise so do come often to shop. Be on the lookout for University of Alabama mezzuzahs!



Chanukah Lunch - Our Chanukah celebrations would not be complete without the annual Sisterhood Chanukah Lunch. Sunday, December 14, 11:30 am, following the Religious School program.

Blintz Sale - \$22/dozen - Contact Hannah Helman, gicolin@aol.com, 967-9659, to place your order! Pick up Sunday, December 14 between 9 am and 12 noon.

Sisterhood Shabbat 2015 - Sisterhood Shabbat , January 24 - “Mishpachah and Friends.”



Sneak Peek - Lights! Camera! Action! Spend a Saturday evening enjoying the delightful movie “Cupcakes” with bright styling, irresistibly catchy tunes and a gloriously uplifting storyline. This laugh-out-loud comedy is a refreshing ode to music, friendship, and romance. Date - TBA.

New Members - Our membership continues to grow. The following are either new to Sisterhood or have re-joined us, and we are thrilled to welcome: Robin Benjamin, Eleanor Binderman, Jan Denaburg, Tracy Diamond, Shari Friedman, Eleanor Godfrey, Jane Gordon, Cherie Greenberg, Maurine Halpern, Sheree Kanter, Marilyn Kleiman, Ilene Klinger, Debra Lindy, Betzy Lynch, Olga Mamaeva, Andrea Newman, Jessie Schniper, and Andrea Shapiro.

Sisterhood

SISTERHOOD UPDATES

In October we held a Kitchen Shower in the Temple Beth-El sukkah. Emily Hausman led us in a discussion about Sukkot and the mitzvah of decorating a sukkah. And what fun we each had decorating our own apple candle holder with beautiful beads to add to our family sukkah decorations!!! Thank you, Emily, for this informative and fun-filled morning! To those who attended, thank you for your generous contributions. We collected over \$600, so now our kitchens can be replenished with the items that are needed!

This year we have welcomed **18** new Sisterhood members so far. If you are not a member but would like to join us, we have a special offer to first-timers: \$18 dues for the first year. If you were a member at one time but your membership has lapsed, we would love to have you re-join for \$36. Please mail your check, made out to Sisterhood of TBE, to Temple Beth-El, P. O. Box 550220, Birmingham, AL 35255, Attention: Natalie Sikora.

There are plenty of opportunities to get involved in Sisterhood. For instance, on January 24, Sisterhood will be celebrating Sisterhood Shabbat, and we are looking for women to participate - English readings, Torah readings, Haftarah, leading the various parts of the service, planning the Kiddush Lunch. Please contact either Sue Lischkoff, sue.lischkoff@gmail.com or Arlene Fisher, afisher185@gmail.com, and let either one of us know that you would like to be a part of the Shabbat morning.



Esther Levy, Gift Shop Chair, elevyart@me.com, is always looking to add to her Sales Staff, especially for Chanukah when the shop will be open extended hours.

Chanukah is just around the corner and now is the time to think about stocking up your freezer with delicious blintzes baked by our very own Sisterhood ladies.

BLINTZ SALE

\$22/dozen

Blintzes will be available for pick up Sunday, December 14th between 9am-12pm

Contact Hannah Helman at 967-9659 or gicolin@aol.com to place your order.

Don't be disappointed—order early!

Sisterhood

LEAGRAMS

Caryn Corenblum: In appreciation of your contribution as a Guardian of the Torah Fund Campaign

Sheila Friedman: Wishing you a speedy and complete recovery and continued good health

Anne Cohn: Wishing you a speedy and complete recovery and continued good health

Faye Bernstein: In appreciation for your participation in the solicitation for directory ads

Virginia Heiman: In appreciation for your participation in the solicitation for directory ads

Freddi Aronov: In memory of your father, Herman, on the occasion of his Yahrzeit

Melvin Olshan: In memory of your father, Lawrence, on the occasion of his Yahrzeit

Suzanne Bearman: Thanks for the nice new year greeting card from the Temple Beth-El Foundation

Bobbie and Howard Sokol: Mazal Tov on the birth of your new granddaughter

Ken Grodner: Happy Birthday and many more healthy ones

Judy and Jimmy Rotenstreich: Happy anniversary and wishing you both many more happy tomorrows

Barbara and Keith Bernstein: Happy anniversary

Ellen and Jerry Sokol: Happy anniversary

Jan Denaberg: Mazal Tov on becoming a new member of Temple Beth-El Sisterhood

Natalie Sikora: Wishing you a happy 75th birthday

Bernice Barstein: Mazal Tov on your recent move to your new home

Bob Anfanger: Wishing you a speedy and complete recovery and continued good health

Robert Fleisher: Wishing you a speedy and complete recovery and continued good health

From: *Ralph Sokol*

Dede Lurie: Condolences on the loss of your husband, Leroy

From: *Sylvia Gouse*

Albert and Natalie Sikora: Mazal Tov on your Grandson's Bar Mitzvah

Eva Wilensky: Mazal Tov on her well-deserved award

Loraine Reznik: Mazal Tov on her presidency of Temple Beth-El

Margy Rosenbaum: Good wishes on her move to her new home

Eileen Curtis: A speedy and complete recovery and continued good health

Jerry Routman: A speedy and complete recovery and continued good health

From: *Leah and Henry Lapidus*

Want to send a Leagram?

Contact Leagrams Chair Melba Epsman at melbaepsman@att.net or 879-4042. Each Leagram is only \$3. They are a wonderful way to share a simcha or offer sympathy or wish someone a speedy recovery.

SISTERHOOD FUND DONATIONS

A Chai donation wishing speedy recovery to **Len Levin**

From: *Hannah & Colin Helman*

A Chai donation wishing Mazal Tov to **Mary & David**

Kimerling on the birth of their grandson Hastings

Chandler Bromberg

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Marjorie Dreayer**

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Elliott Goldberg**

From: *Pam Ruttenberg & Arnold Shiland*

A Chai donation wishing Mazal Tov to **Lynette & J.B.**

Mazer on their 60th wedding anniversary

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Leroy Lurie**

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Ralph Waxman**

From: *Hannah & Colin Helman*

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Joseph Blotner** on his Yahrzeit

Mazal Tov to **Natalie & Albert Sikora** on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Austin

Mazal Tov to **Bridget & Steven Sikora** on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Austin

From: *Shirley & Jack Hasson*

Sisterhood

SISTERHOOD GIFT SHOP

The Gift Shop at Temple Beth-El is ready for Chanukah! We specialize in collectible Menorahs and dreidls, gifts for all ages and everyone in your life.

Stock up now on candles, gelt, and latke serviceware!



☆ **TBE's Chanukah Celebration:** 9 am to noon, December 14th

See us for "Blue Light Specials" from 9 am to noon when the Sisterhood Latke Lunch begins. Our expanded shop opens December 9th, which will include the Reading and Resource Room. The Gift Shop is open during normal Temple business hours.

☆ **New Team Mezzuzahs:** A new team selection is now available in the Gift Shop, with Mezzuzahs starting at \$35.00 each. Special purchase Alabama Mezzuzahs are available to order. Email Esther Levy at elevyart@me.com to place your order today! The Gift Shop will also create a special gift card if you would like to give a Mezzuzah as a Chanukah gift!

☆ Gift certificates are also available, so stop by the Gift Shop and stock up on all your Chanukah needs this year.



CELEBRATE AT TBE!

Do you have an upcoming simcha or special occasion?

Celebrate with
a Kiddush luncheon!

Call the TBE Office at 933-2740 to sponsor or support a
congregational
Shabbat Kiddush.



TORAH FUND

Sisterhood

This year's Torah Fund campaign continues to raise much-needed funds for scholarships at the Jewish Theological Seminary, the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies, the Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies (Jerusalem), and the Seminario Rabinico Latinoamericano. The levels of giving are:



PATRON - \$1,200 (pin with a diamond)
 ASSOCIATE PATRON - \$600 (pin with a ruby)
 GUARDIAN - \$300 (pin with a pearl)
 BENEFACTOR - \$180

We accept Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover; monthly payments are accepted. With your pledge, you will receive a gift packet containing the pin and several donation cards. We welcome an email or phone call from you to say, "Sign me up!"

Hannah Helman, 967-9659, gicolin@aol.com
 Arlene Fisher, 967-5459, afisher185@gmail.com

Since the November bulletin, the following women in **bold** have joined the campaign. Because of your generosity, we have raised **\$15,000** for this year's campaign:

Associate Patrons

Candace Caine
 Melissa Zivitz

Guardians

Jodi Benck
 Caryn Corenblum
 Heidi Damsky
 Shirley Froehlich
 Virginia Heiman
 Hannah Helman
 Lisa Kianoff
 Ricki Kline
 Lynette Mazer
 Marjorie Perlman
Ann Robertson
 Pam Ruttenberg
 Maxine Sklute

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 Sheryl Kimerling
Michelle Konigsburg
 Sheri Krell
 Esther Levy

Amber Lewis
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 Hazel Pizette
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 Beth Schaeffer
 Lora Schwartz
 Lynda Schnier
 Joyce Serwitz
 Dorothy Shiland
 Rhonda Siegel
 Ruth Siegler
 Natalie Sikora
 Diane Slaughter
 Joyce Spielberger
 Sandy Stern
 Debbie Tessler
 Phyllis Weinstein
 Dorothy Ziff
 Rachel Zivitz

MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club had a great turnout for the 5th Annual Golf Tournament on October 26th. We hosted seven foursomes, 28 players, with David Kimerling's team coming in first place. We appreciate all who participated and all the businesses that have continued to sponsor our tournament.

This year's sponsors include:

AllState Insurance

Alscan

Corenblum Brother-in-laws

Damsky Paper Company

Esther and Jack Levy

Kimerling Family Foundation

L. Kianoff & Associates, Inc.

Levy's Fine Jewelry

Major Promotions

Red Wing Shoes

Samford Basketball

Schaffer Eye Center

Servis 1st Bank

Sirote & Permutt, P.C.

Standard Iron and Metal

Taylor & Miree Construction, Inc.

The Halpern Family

Total Skin and Beauty Dermatology Center

Please make plans to join us for the upcoming Men's Club Blood Drive at the Sisterhood Chanukah Luncheon on December 14th, 9 am to noon.

Thanks,

Tim Thornton



Jewish Community News

IZZY EZAGUI SPEAKING THIS MONTH



Please join us at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, December 10, at the LJCC to hear a message from the inspirational speaker, Izzy Ezagui.

Born and raised in America, Izzy was invited to join an educational group traveling to Israel when he was eighteen. He went in search of fun and returned committed to join the Israeli army. Soon after he finished his training, war broke out on the border of Gaza. Two weeks later, he was hit by a mortar and lost his left and dominant arm. That didn't stop him either. His first thought in the hospital was that he must return to combat. Most people thought he was dreaming, but two months later, he was lucky enough to meet a general who would give him that chance. Soon he was doing one-armed pushups, climbing ropes, shooting assault rifles, and pulling out grenade pins with his teeth. In May of 2011, Shimon Peres, the president of Israel, awarded him the highest accolade a soldier outside the battlefield can receive.

Izzy receives and accepts invitations to speak at all types of events around the world, and he has addressed audiences of well over one thousand on the topics of motivation, success, overcoming obstacles, and the Israeli army.

His story is not over, far from it. He continues to serve in the military reserves in an elite unit that will play a big part in any battle Israel faces in the coming years.

Visit <http://izzy-speaks.com> for more information. This event is free and open to the public.

A, B, Cs of Mercaz

- ⇒ MERCAZ is the Zionist organization of Conservative Judaism. It strives to expand our awareness, love, support, and identification with Israel. Fighting for religious pluralism in Israel is one of our most important goals and responsibilities as Conservative Jews.
- ⇒ MERCAZ runs and supports many programs throughout the year: Israel Advocacy Seminars, Zionist Education, Israel synagogue trips, short- and long-term study and volunteer programs, keeps relevant information and publications up to date, creates eligibility for subsidies and scholarships for USY pilgrimage, Ramah Seminar, Nativ, the Conservative Yeshiva in Jerusalem and more.
- ⇒ Our membership in MERCAZ expands Conservative Judaism's influence in the World Zionist Organization which holds elections every four to five years. Next election is this year [5775]! The larger our vote, the more influence we have.
- ⇒ MERCAZ does all these things with a skeleton staff of two people and one part-timer to maintain its office and keep its programs up and running. That's why we pay our annual dues (\$54 for families, \$36 for individuals, \$12 for students age 18 and over). Membership runs from July 1st to June 30th, every year. Visit www.mercazusa.org or call 212-533-2061 to join/rejoin.

RAMAH DAROM NEWS

Jewish Community News

Join Us for a Special New Years 2015 Experience!

Sweaters, s'mores and steaming hot cocoa next to the campfire-what could be a better way to spend your winter vacation with your family? Stop worrying about what you are going to do for New Year's Eve and join us for a fabulous, fun winter vacation you and your kids will remember forever. Contact Bennie Cohen at bcohen@ramahdarom.org for more information and register online at <http://ramahdarom.org/programs/winter-break-family-camp/> to be sure there's room for you and your *mishpacha*!

Summer 2015 Enrollment is Open!

Make sure we have a bunk bed with your name on it. The countdown to next summer has begun. What are you waiting for? Help share the magic of Ramah Darom by telling your friends about this exceptional experience. Or share their name with us so that we can reach out personally. Register at www.campramahdarom.org!

Announcing Our First-Ever Alumni Reunion!

Save the date: February 20-22, 2015

We are excited to announce our first-ever alumni reunion in celebration of our "chai" anniversary!

Join us on February 20-22 for a fun winter getaway weekend at Ramah Darom as we celebrate our 18th year together. Whether you were a camper at Ramah Darom or a staff member, all alumni over the age of 21 are welcome to attend. Bring your families and kids, and join us for what is sure to be an unforgettable Shabbat.

Stay tuned for more information coming soon, and visit www.ramahdarom.org.



TIPTOE: The Inclusion Project

"Through Our Eyes": The Ruderman Family Foundation is funding an inclusion-themed video contest for campers from all Jewish camping movements and has asked Ramah campers and your families to participate.

The goal of TIPTOE (The Inclusion Project: Through Our Eyes) is to increase awareness of the amazing inclusion work happening at Jewish camps across North America. In short, here is how it will work: Participants prepare 90-second videos demonstrating their view of inclusion of children with disabilities at camp. As incentive, the first place prize includes \$1,000 to the participant and a \$1,750 donation to the winner's camp's inclusion program.

To participate, visit www.tiptoe.org. We hope you will participate!



DONATIONS

A Leaf on the Tree of Life

A leaf on the Tree of Life has been donated in honor of Ralph Jaffe
From: Laurie Jaffe Turner

Good Fortune Fund

A Most Generous donation for the Rosh Hashanah Aliyah
From: Toby & Warren Gewant

A Very Generous donation wishing Mazal Tov to **Lynette & J.B. Mazer** on their 60th wedding anniversary
From: Barbara Hirschowitz

A Double Chai donation wishing Mazal Tov to **Natalie Sikora** on her special birthday
From: Genya Safyanova

A Double Chai donation in honor of our Aliyahs on Yom Kippur
From: Sue & Bill Lischkoff

A Double Chai donation wishing Mazal Tov to **Natalie & Albert Sikora** on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Austin
From: Genya Safyanova

A Double Chai donation wishing Mazal Tov to **Lynette & J.B. Mazer** on their 60th anniversary
From: Barbara Bonfield

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From: Toby & Warren Gewant

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From: Riva Hirsch

A Chai donation wishing Mazal Tov to **Natalie & Albert Sikora** on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Austin
From: Marian & Myron Radwin

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From: Barbara & Scott Brande

A Chai donation wishing Mazal Tov to **Bridget & Steven Sikora** on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Austin
From: Barbara & Scott Brande

A Chai donation wishing Mazal Tov to **Susan & Steve Greene** on the birth of their granddaughter Madelyn Clara Greene
From: Lynette and J.B. Mazer

A Chai donation wishing Mazal Tov to **Susan & Steve Greene** on the birth of their granddaughter Madelyn Clara Greene
From: Steve & Sharon Cook

A Chai donation wishing Mazal Tov to **Mary & David Kimerling** on the birth of their grandson Hastings Chandler Bromberg
From: Sheri & Jimmy Krell

A Chai donation wishing Mazal Tov to **Susan Greene** on her special birthday and for being honored by the Women's Fund of Greater Birmingham
From: Penny Gordon

A Chai donation in honor of the Aliyah
From: Ruth Siegler

Mazal Tov to **Blythe & Stuart Shiland** on the birth of their son Hudson Henry Shiland
From: Julie Marks

Mazal Tov to **Pam Ruttenberg & Arnold Shiland** on the birth of their grandson Hudson Henry Shiland
From: Bobbie & Howard Sokol

Mazal Tov to **Jenifer & Tim Thornton** in honor of their baby naming
From: Lynette & J.B. Mazer

Mazal Tov to **Bridget & Steven Sikora** on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Austin
From: Sandy Koplon
Ricki & Lanny Kline

Mazal Tov to **Natalie & Albert Sikora** on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Austin
From: Ricki & Lanny Kline

Mazal Tov to **Katherine & Steven Bromberg** on the birth of Hastings Chandler Bromberg
From: Lynette & J.B. Mazer

Mazal Tov to **Mary & David Kimerling** on the birth of their grandson Hastings Chandler Bromberg
From: Ricki & Lanny Kline

Mazal Tov to **Annie & Mark Brink** on their marriage
From: Milton & Arlene Goldstein

Mazal Tov to **Suzanne Bearman** on her 75th birthday
From: Natalie & Albert Sikora

Mazal Tov to **Lynette & J.B. Mazer**
From: Faye & Sidney Bernstein

Mazal Tov to **Lynette & J.B. Mazer** on their 60th wedding anniversary
From: Letty & Bob Marcus

Temple Beth-El General Fund **Wishing a speedy recovery and continued good health to:**

Wishing speedy recovery to **Robert Fleisher**
From: Lynette & J.B. Mazer

Wishing speedy recovery to **Jerry Routman**
From: Charlotte Corenblum & Karl Friedman

Wishing speedy recovery to **Laura Gordon**
From: Gary & Anita Gouse

Wishing speedy recovery to **Coby Rosemore**
From: Marion Rosemore, Susan & Macon Gravlee, and Martha & Jimmy Morrow

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In appreciation of **Rabbi Konigsburg** for leading Shiva Minyan
From: Sandra Jaffe & Barry Dreayer

In appreciation of **Rabbi Konigsburg's** support during our loss
From: Art & Jeff Padawer

In loving memory of **Louis B. Rubinstein** on his Yahrzeit
From: Michael Rubinstein

In appreciation of **Rabbi Joseph** officiating at our son Hastings' Brit Milah
From: Katherine & Steven Bromberg

DONATIONS

Chesed Committee Fund

A Chai donation wishing speedy recovery to **Jerry Routman**
From: Sharon & Steve Cook

A Chai donation wishing **Dorothy Shiland** continued good health
From: Lisa & Alan Engel

A Chai donation in honor of **Dorothy Ziff** on her special birthday
From: Barbara & Scott Brande

Mazal Tov to **Lynette & J.B. Mazer** on their 60th wedding anniversary
Mazal Tov to **Mary & David Kimerling** on the birth of their grandson
Hastings Chandler Bromberg
Mazal Tov to **Natalie & Albert Sikora** on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson
Austin Sikora
From: Ruth Siegler

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Chris Jones**
From: Lisa & Alan Engel

Edie Wilensky Memorial Fund

A Chai donation in honor of **Eva Wilensky** and her 20 years of service to Community Kitchens
From: Sharon & Steve Cook

A Chai donation wishing speedy recovery to **Len Levin**
From: Eileen, David & Simona, Presley; Gray & Harlow Levin; and Robin, Sheldon, Avery, Morgan, & Peyton Karp

Keith Altman Camp Ramah Scholarship Fund

Mazal Tov to **Lynette & J.B. Mazer** on their 60th wedding anniversary
From: Carol Tuck

Library Fund

A Double Chai donation in honor of our Aliyah on Yom Kippur
From: Sandy & Gene Siegal

Robert Spielberg Memorial Fund

A Chai donation for the mitzvah of an ark opening on Yom Kippur
From: Lynn & Bert Bloomston

Rosemore/Goldstein Food for the Needy Fund

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Ralph Waxman**
From: Normajill & Alec Jacobson

Simcha Shabbat Kiddush Fund

A Most Generous donation in honor of **Judy Michaelson's** birthday
From: Judith Michaelson

A Double Chai donation in celebration of **Frieda Mazer's** birthday
From: Frieda and Eph Mazer

A Generous donation in honor of **Natalie Sikora's** 75th birthday
From: Natalie & Albert Sikora

Men's Club Children's Fund

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Elliott Goldberg**
A Chai donation in loving memory of **Leroy Lurie**
A Chai donation in loving memory of **Ralph Waxman**
From: Sandra Jaffe & Barry Dreayer

In loving memory of **Marjorie Dreayer**
From: Karen & Dan Weinrib

Chico Bomchel Memorial Social Action Fund

In loving memory of **Leroy Lurie**
From: Karen & Dan Weinrib

Prayer Book

A High Holiday Machzor donation in honor of **Lynette & J.B. Mazer's** 60th anniversary
From: Ilse Nathan

A daily prayer book donation in loving memory of **Eleanor Bernstein**
From: Melissa & Melvin Zivitz

A daily prayer book donation in loving memory of **Sam Mazer**, beloved cousin on his Yahrzeit
From: Eph & Frieda Mazer

Memorial Fund In Loving Memory Of

A Generous donation in loving memory of **Evelyn Padawer**
From: Nancy & Neal Kaplan

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Joe Goodstein**
From: Debra & Jeff Lindy and Family

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Elliott Goldberg**
From: Shirley & Ron Froehlich

A Double Chai donation in loving memory of **Marjorie Ann Dreayer**
From: Melissa & Melvin Zivitz

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Marjorie Ann Dreayer**
From: Donna & Gary Schiff

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Marjorie Ann Dreayer**
From: Shirley & Ron Froehlich

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From: Marian & Myron Radwin

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From: Hannah & Colin Helman

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Marjorie Ann Dreayer**
From: Lynette & J.B. Mazer

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From: Susan & Steve Greene

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Marjorie Ann Dreayer**
From: Sherry & Jimmy Krell

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Marjorie Ann Dreayer**
From: Naomi & Josh Ivker

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Ralph Waxman**
From: Andrea & Larry Newman

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Ralph Waxman**
From: Sheri & Jimmy Krell

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Ralph Waxman

From: Shirley & Ron Froehlich

A Chai donation in loving memory of
Ralph Waxman

From: Anita & Gary Gouse

A Chai donation in loving memory of
Ralph Waxman

From: Susan & Steve Greene

A Very Generous donation in loving
memory of **Leroy Lurie**

From: Rob Studin

A Chai donation in loving memory of
Leroy Lurie

From: Sheri & Jimmy Krell

A Chai donation in loving memory of
Leroy Lurie

From: Robin & Steve Smith

A Chai donation in loving memory of
Leroy Lurie

From: Susan & Steve Greene

A Chai donation in loving memory of
Leroy Lurie

From: Miriam Bleich

A Chai donation in loving memory of
Leroy Lurie

From: Peggy Cohn

A Chai donation in loving memory of
Leroy Lurie

From: Shirley & Ron Froehlich

A Chai donation in loving memory of
Leroy Lurie

From: Marian & Myron Radwin

A Chai donation in loving memory of
Leroy Lurie

From: Barbara Bonfield

A Chai donation in loving memory of
Mrs. Maurice Teddlie Davis

From: Sheri & Jimmy Krell

A Chai donation in loving memory of
Roberta Katz

From: Hannah & Colin Helman

A Chai donation in loving memory of
Karl Schnittke

From: Penny Gordon

A Chai donation in loving memory of
Bea Pollets

From: Peggy Cohn

Elliott Goldberg

From: Caryn & Steven Corenblum
Marian & Myron Radwin
Mickey & Stanley Rubenstein
Susan & Michael Stein
Arlene & Milton Goldstein
Virginia Heiman

Marjorie Dreayer

From: Sherry & Jerry Cherner
Toby & Joel Mendler
Barbara & Eric Solomon
Ira Levine
Frieda & Eph Mazer

Leroy Lurie

From: Sherry & Jerry Cherner
Deborah & Ken Stoltz
Dorothy Shiland
Ilene & Allan Wilensky
Natalie & Albert Sikora
Virginia Heiman
Kate & Brian Held
Doris Smith & Sarah Varon
Barbara & Eric Solomon
Lynette & J.B. Mazer
Ricki & Lanny Kline
Faye & Sidney Bernstein

Roberta Katz

From: Lynette & J.B. Mazer

Ralph Waxman

From: Marian & Myron Radwin
Milton & Arlene Goldstein
Dorothy Shiland
Virginia Heiman
Barbara & Eric Solomon
Natalie & Albert Sikora
Ricki & Lanny Kline

Mrs. Maurice Teddlie Davis

From: Arlene & Milton Goldstein

Dr. Alvin Rich

From: Charlotte Corenblum & Karl
Friedman

Bobby Damsky

From: Arlene & Milton Goldstein

Karl Schnittke

From: Ilse Nathan
Joan Langer

Evelyn Padawer

From: Ilene & Allan Wilensky
Bruce & Katherine Greenberg
Bobby & Michael Seligman

On Their Yahrzeits
In loving memory of

A Most Generous donation in loving
memory of **Jack Tolbert**, beloved
father on his Yahrzeit
From: Jim Tolbert

A Double Chai donation in loving
memory of **Jean Goddard**, beloved
mother on her Yahrzeit
A Double Chai donation in loving
memory of **Bill Goddard**, beloved step-
father on his Yahrzeit
From: Jesse, Joey, Nan & Doug
Unkenholz

A Double Chai donation in loving
memory of **Arthur Saron**, beloved
father on his Yahrzeit
From: Peggy Clarke & Cheryl Saron

A Double Chai donation in loving
memory of **Irby Cohen**, beloved father
on his Yahrzeit
From: Victoria Cohen Baldwin

A Double Chai donation in loving
memory of **Naomi Hodes**, beloved
mother on her Yahrzeit
A Double Chai donation in loving
memory of **Albert Hodes**, beloved
father on his Yahrzeit
From: Rhonda & Eric Siegel

A Double Chai donation in loving
memory of **Isadore Rotenstreich**,
beloved father on his Yahrzeit
From: Joy Fleisher

A Double Chai donation in loving
memory of **B.J. Goldstein**, beloved
mother on her Yahrzeit
From: Michael Goldstein

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9 Kislev – 9 Tevet

12 Kislev – Yahrzeit of Solomon Schechter, the man who discovered the Cairo Geniza and one of the great founders of Conservative Judaism

14 Kislev – Operation Magic Carpet, bringing Jews from Yemen to the new State of Israel, begins in 1948

22 Kislev – Yahrzeit of Louis Finkelstein, Chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary and known for his interfaith work

27 Kislev – S.Y. Agnon and Nelly Sachs win the Nobel Prize in Literature, the first Hebrew writers to win a Nobel Prize; 1966

Yahrzeits

Shabbat Vayishla December 5-6

Faye Aizar
Max Baer
Ronald Barnes
*Rebecca Blumberg
Pearl Brawer
*Frank Brook
Ethel Budnick
Helen Bunkin
Eva Cohen
*Milton Cohen
Fanne Cook
*Harris Cooper
*Abe Epsman
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*Barney Goldberg
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*Sol Goldstein
*Frances Goodman
*Jack Greenberg
*Mayer Greenberg
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Bess Hodes
Leah Hoosak
Abe Horowitz
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*Beatrice Levy
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*Adolph Nichols
David Packler
Bill Peetluk
*Sigmund Reis
*Sigmund Rosen
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Fega-Golda Schuster
*Jennie Sher
Anne Shiland
Dorothy Sickels
Albert "Buddy" Sokol
Goldie Spiegelman
Isidore Steinman
*Joe Stern
Virginia Stubblefield
*Joseph Weintraub
Max Weintrob
*Roslyn Wientrob
Ida Wolf

Shabbat Vayeshev December 12-13

*Abi Conn
Abraham Kanter
Abraham Odrezin
Alik Zinger
Amy Allenberg
*Ann Levin
*Arnold Royal
*Bert Damsky
*David Levine
*Deanie Greenberg
*Dorothy "Lovey" Sokol
Ester Kopf
*Fannie Mihalovits
*Florence Zarovsky
*Frank Berman
*Gamaliel Neal Sarasohn
*Gertrude Cohen
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I. Joseph Nissenbaum
Jack Perrin
*Jack Rubin
Jake Goldstein
Jean Schulman
*Joseph Goldstein
*Julia Grunfeld
Lena Solinsky
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Malka Pelikhova
Manuel Shelsky
*Marcia Cohen
Marcia Davidson
Marvin Schwartz
Mildred Goldstein
Minna Roobin
Minnie Horowitz
*Minnie Philips
*Mollie Gingold
Molly Warren
*Morris Slaughter
Murray Rotenberg
Nathan Fleisher
Norma MacIver
Philip Klein
*Rae Kimerling
Rebecca Stern
*Robert Berman
Rosalie Kaltman
Rose Pincus
Sadie Hochberg
*Sam Lichter
Seymour Feinstein
Shirley Heil

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*Sydney Mitchell
Sylvia Schwartz
*Victor Sher

Shabbat Amidah December 19-20

*Aaron Cohen
Abraham Goldsmith
Al Grodner
Alan Goldman
Albert Rosenbaum
*Alton Dreayer
Anna Link
Anna Raymond
Bernard Blatt
*Bessie Allen
Bessie Moster
*Betty Lupescu
Betty Russell
David Shapiro
*Edward Minnen
Elsie Fleisig
*Erna Satori
*Esther Levy
*Fannie Cooper
*Fannie Kulpe
Faye Fasner
Grigory Golubov
Harold Colb
*Harold Ruttenberg
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Helen Blackwell
*Henry Levy
Herbert Applebaum
Ilia Burtman
*Isaac Goldner
Isadore Lassen
Jackie Lishkoff
Jacqueline Lischkoff
*Jake Euchvitz
Joe Goldstein
*Joe Sirote
Joseph Brawer
Julian Allenberg
*Lena Goldberg
*LeRoy Bearman
*Louise Levin
Martha Hamburger
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Mildred Dimenstien
Mollie Joseph
*Morris Randman
Morton Kravitz
*Mose Lischkoff
Moseley Meer
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*Necha Light
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Pearl Dim
*Perry Jaffe
*Rabbi Abraham Mesch
*Robert Green
*Rosa Levy
Rosalie Zimmerman
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Rose Laskowitz
Ruth Browdy
*Ruth Lewis
*Ruth Alys Brown
*Sallie Olshan
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*Samuel Zemurri
*Sholom Jaffe
*Sylvia Epsman
*Sylvia Pearlman
*Tillie Silverstein
Tybie Warner
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Vladimir Lyublinskiy

Shabbat Vayiggash December 26-27

*Abraham Adelman
*Abraham Feldstein
*Annie Miller
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*Bertha Levine
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*Bessie Joffe
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*Max Gordon
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*Minnie Kisber
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*Murray Siegal
*Nechama Levin
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*Ralph Gouse
*Rella Kline
*Rita Maisel
*Rose Baker
Rose Kaplan
*Sadie Bearman
Sam Miller
*Sam Weintraub
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Zeltser
Sarah Axel
Sarah Greenberg
Sarah Klein
Saul Bruchis
Shaika Zeltser
Sid Jaffe
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Iacubovich
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