

TEMPLE BETH EL SHOFAR

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The Angel Michael by Anat Bental (1950-1975)

*The angel Michael visited my room,
Sat by my side
The whole night,
From midnight to dawn.
His words were full of comfort
And his arms embraced me,
Caressed me,
And he poured warm kisses over me.*

*The angel Michael spoke and I listened.
It seemed to me that I fell in love
With this angel
In one hour.*

*Then I struggled with myself
Like Jacob with his angel.
For I knew he was only an angel
And that at dawn
He would disappear.*

*Afterwards
I tried to recall
The image of his face,
But he is not here
And only his voice
Still echoes
inside me.*

Shalom friends-

Recently I answered a question that was posed to me for a column in the local Jewish Federation of Delaware paper. Does Judaism believe in angels? I thought that this would be a good topic to explore here in my message to you. Also to perhaps entice you to join us in adult education this fall when we will explore this topic in a three part series: **Angels in Judaism- Prayer, Bible, and Practice.**

Judaism has a rich tradition of angels. In Hebrew, angels in general are referred to as *malach*, which is generally understood to mean "messenger." Angels are referred to in numerous places throughout the Hebrew Bible, beginning with the creation story where we learn about an angel stationed in front of the Garden of Eden. The angle who informs Abraham and Sarah of the birth of Isaac, the Hagar and Ishmael saga introduces an angel who intercedes on their behalf. Of course Jacob wrestles with an angel. Each of these encounters or episodes helps to develop the Jewish understanding of *malachim* / angels. The angels themselves are also identified by role and responsibility. Many of us have heard of ministering angels, archangels, and specific ones such as *Uri'el* or *Rapha'el*. Meieval Jewish life had the understanding that an angel fulfills one duty and does not exhibit free-will, but only Divine will.

Angels appear in prayer throughout many of our prayers in the siddur. The two most common places in which we refer to angels in prayer are during the *Kedushah* section of the Amidah, or standing meditation. This section of prayer imagines that we the community are reenacting a scene, the place where The Blessed Holy One exists, and the angels surround with love. Each angel rising up and saying "holy." So the choreography of prayer here has us in the synagogue today imagining and embodying that we are angels rising on our toes crying out "Holy, holy, holy."

On Friday night during Kabbalat Shabbat when we sing "*Shalom Alechem Malachey Hasharet...*" we are welcoming the angels to be present with us for Shabbat. Rabbi Burt Jacobson translated this as "Welcome among us messengers of Shalom, Angels of the Highest One, from deep within us, majesty of majesties, the Blessed Holy One." This prayer imagines that we are welcoming angels to both rejoice with us in the delight of Shabbat, but also to help add a layer of protection and peace for Shabbat. Rabbi Jacobson offers us one perspective that has to do with the angels and holiness within us.

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Rabbi's Message Cont'd)

Some of us may struggle with the idea of a physical angelic being. Rabbi Rami Shapiro offers an alternative perspective and shifts the paradigm most common to us. He writes:

Angels are another word for feelings. When we act with peace and kindness, we create angels of peace and kindness. When we act with hatred and violence, we create angels of hatred and violence. It is our job to fill with world with angels of peace and kindness that link people together as one family.

The variety of ways in which Judaism wrestles and understands angels is a treasure. Some are more literal and some metaphorical. The blessing is in the discussing and in the wrestling. I hope that this helps begin an interest or spark a re-interest in the subject. May you— may we— be creators of as many angels of welcoming, love, and kindness as we can.

In peace,
Rabbi Micah

From Our President:

This has been a fast paced year with a lot happening. We were all pleased with our successful Basket fest which was a fun event plus an excellent fund raiser. By the time you read this message from me our Golf Tournament will also be behind us but I am predicting another excellent turnout and a good fundraiser.

The Temple Board has re-engaged the Koshrut committee to review our policy and consider the exception policy we presented and voted on almost a year ago regarding Kosher Style pot luck dinners. At that time we committed to reviewing the policy which we will accomplish by our October congregational meeting. We do not have the time to thoroughly work through alternatives to discuss this policy in the upcoming May congregational meeting. In the coming weeks and month you will be contacted for your input.

Our B'nai Mitzvah season is in full swing and has been very successful. I have been pleased with the positive comments I have received from the parents who I have had the opportunity to speak with me about their B'nai Mitzvah experience.

Our last stained glass panel is being completed and by the time you read this it probably will be installed. This panel has been made possible through a generous gift by Gene Danneman and her son's George and Jeremy Danneman. The gift is in honor of Gene's parents, Ernst and Terry Dannemann and grandparents George and Gertrude Dannemann.


Leni Markell has also made a gift to the temple to be used for a yet to be specified program(s). Leni, the Rabbi and I will be meeting soon to discuss details of the gift.

Our membership VP, Rae Cook, has started another wonderful initiative, a "Caring Committee". The concept is to formalize our outreach to the community for need based projects. There will be more information in the coming weeks. Please consider donating time to this worthwhile project. It will require volunteers.

Unfortunately our new Educational Director, Rabbi Michael Ross will be leaving Temple Beth El. This is the result of the Rabbi's wife's employment forcing either relocation or a change to a full time position. We will be making arrangements to cover the position until we can hire a replacement.

Please attend our congregational meeting scheduled for Sunday May 17th. Breakfast will be served. This meeting will be to honor our Man and Woman of the year as well as the recipient(s) of our meritorious service award. We will also be installing the new Temple board as well as the Men's club and Sisterhood boards. I hope to see you all May 17th.

Shalom,
Bob Prybutok,
President

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS 
Starting July 6
Tuesday & Thursday - 9:00 am - 1:00 pm.
In an effort to conserve energy the synagogue building will be closed on Sundays & Mondays.
TBE will be closed the week of June 29th.
TBE Office will be closed the week of July 13th.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



From Our Director of Education:

Ending a Great Year Together:

It has been a wonderful, full year, and our students and teachers have been a constant source of blessing for me as we conclude our year together. However, my wife's rabbinic duties are changing this summer and these changes will not allow me to return to TBE next fall.

I have taken special joy in my work with TBE's terrific faculty as well as my work with the confirmation students. I wish each of you well on your journey! TBE is a special, holy community. Treasure this gift!

L'shalom,
Rabbi Michael

**PRE-REGISTRATION FOR
2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR
Sunday, May 17 & 31
11:00 a.m. in the TBE lobby**

UPCOMING B'NAI MITZVOT

Jacob Schwartz – May 16
Scott Otto – June 6
Jonathan Haimowitz – June 20
Sophia Block – June 27
Ally Migdol – August 15
Danielle & Jessica Weyl - August 29

**SHAVUOT/CONFIRMATION
GRADUATION
Saturday, May 23
7:30 p.m.**

Shavuot is a major Jewish holiday commemorating the giving of the Torah, Fitting, this is the day that our 10th graders will celebrate their confirmation by helping lead the service that evening. In order to honor our Confirmation students & because, according to legend, all Jews who would ever exist were present at Mt. Sinai when the Torah was given. We expect all students and their families to come to the service this evening. Everyone is invited.

**LAST DAY OF RELIGIOUS SCHOOL
Sunday, May 31
All are welcome!**

10:45 am Children will join in Assembly & Zimriyah – Schoolwide song fest
Hay Graduation Havdallah
12:00 noon Brunch for everyone sponsored by the Hay class parents
followed by a fun activities including a bouncy house and more!

Do you have a 4 or 5 year old?

Please call the TBE office to pre-register for our B'raysheet (pre-K) – K class which meets on Sunday mornings. We would like to know our numbers to plan for the fall. Also, if you know of a family who has a kindergartner or 1st grader and is interested, please tell them to call the TBE office.

**GAN
For your 3 – 4 year olds.**

Fun and Jewish learning, all rolled into one! Sundays, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., once a month. This program is open to the community. Call the TBE office to sign up for fall 2015.

**Have a fun &
Safe summer!**



CONGREGATION MEETING & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Complimentary Breakfast

Sunday, May 17

9:15 a.m.

- Presentation of our financial report and budget.
- Review of Kashrut Policy.
- Election and Installation of our TBE board officers.

Slate of 2015-2016 Officers

<u>President:</u>	Bob Prybutok	<u>Immediate Past President:</u>	Ann Herman
<u>1st V.P.:</u>	Marla Friedman	<u>Past Presidents:</u>	Mike Rudolph
<u>2nd V.P.:</u>	Richard Squadron		Norman Frank
<u>3rd V.P.:</u>	Cailah Ogden	<u>Members at Large:</u>	
<u>4th V.P.:</u>	Ed Weinstein	Sasha Aber	Arlene Johnson
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MEN'S CLUB NEWS

Scrip Gift Card Fundraiser

Please place your Scrip Gift Card orders by Sunday, May 17th, for delivery in late May.

Order forms are available at TBE or on the TBE web site.

These gift cards make great gifts and are an important fundraiser for TBE.

Contact Joe Despina at jdespins@rcn.com or Stu Widom at stuwidom@aol.com for more info.

SISTERHOOD NEWS

PROPOSED

2015-16 SISTERHOOD BOARD

President:	Rosalie Dior	Donor:	Lisa Grier
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Membership:	Denise Schwartz		Laura King
Programming:	Arlene Johnson	Historian:	Sharon Fullerton

Mazel Tov To The 2015...

*Sisterhood Woman Of The Year
Shelley Perlmutter*

*Top Donor
Linda Oster*

In The F-A-M-I-L-Y

Mazel Tov To Our Recent B’Nai Mitzvot and Their Families: Drew Seitzman, Dana Ogden, Jacob Bosler.

Mazel Tov To: Bob & Diana Gelman on the birth of their granddaughter; Jerry Oster on his retirement.

Speedy Recovery To: Alice Hirsch, Joe Sontowski, Karen Sayers

Condolences To: Lou Freedman on the death of his wife Sandy; Ron Crass & Cindy Shelton on the death of wife & mother, Alice Crass; Ricki Cohen & Florence Hendel on the death of their mother; Marianne Green on the death of her mother; Marc Sheffler on the death of his mother; Mitch Dior on the death of his father; Rabbi Michael Kramer on the death of his sister.

To the Temple Beth El Community,

We would like to express our heartfelt appreciation for the many kindnesses and support we received on the death of our mother, Norma Rose.

Ricki Cohen, Florence Hendel & Family

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In honor of Alice Hirsch’s speedy recovery
In memory of Theo Imber
In honor of Jake Bosler becoming a Bar Mitzvah
In memory of Yetta Eisner
In memory of Sandy Freedman

SOCIAL ACTION FUND

In memory of Norma Rose
In memory of Tobie Heller
In honor of Olivia Prager receiving her advanced degree

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In memory of Norma Rose

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In honor of Drew becoming a Bar Mitzvah

In honor of Jake becoming a Bar Mitzvah

MEMORIAL PLAQUES

In memory of Norma Rose

In memory of Reuben Max Rose

In memory of Tobie Heller

PLAYGROUND FUND

In honor of the fast of the first born

BRICKS

In memory of Gloria Taub

In honor of Ann Herman's birthday

In honor of Alice Hirsch's speedy recovery

In memory of Bea Goldman

In memory of Mitch Dior's father

In memory of Marc Sheffler's mother

In memory of Norma Rose

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Mazel tov to Orly & Bill Wallach on the birth of their grandson

Mazel tov to Jessica & Stephen Seitzman on Drew becoming a Bar Mitzvah

Mazel tov to Cailah & Dana Ogden on Dana becoming a Bat Mitzvah

Mazel tov to Nancy & Jay Blumberg on their grandson becoming a Bar Mitzvah

Mazel tov to Steve Tanny on hitting a hole-in-one

Mazel tov to Jerry Oster on his retirement

Mazel tov to Bob & Diana Gelman on the birth of their granddaughter

Mazel tov to Robyn & Brian Sheehan on the birth of their daughter

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Korach

SUMMER BEGINS
FATHERS DAY

Chukat