

TEMPLE BETH EL SHOFAR

Shalom friends,

As I write this letter I am traveling in Israel with a group of rabbis from a variety of movements and approaches. Our trip is designed to help us continue to develop a current working understanding of Israeli life. It has been a great moving and intense experience. As a country that is still young, Israel has developed a great deal and is still maturing to its fullness. This trip brought us to places where Israeli Jews and Arabs, citizens of Israel, work to

address major challenges to education, security, and health. We also saw and heard the deep real struggles that are present in many lives as well. The "grey" area in a region that is often seen as black and white has been eye opening. And standing and praying with the Women of the Wall on the start of the new Jewish month, Rosh Hodesh, intensely sharing our hope that Jerusalem is a place for each of us, not just some of us, was an awakening to the religious challenges facing Israel today.

I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to be with this group and to reflect together in a way that allows us to be in places and with people we might not have otherwise done on our own.

In my life, my love for Israel has evolved and is still evolving. No longer the country of poor immigrants, it is a thriving Multicultural Society. It was sobering to realize that many of the issues of race and power we in the US are dealing with are similar to those that Israel and the Palestinians and Israeli Arabs are facing as well. Sobering because it must be addressed and seems to be daunting.

Are we going to solve it? I'm guided here by the teaching of the Mishnah (2nd century) that says "you are not obligated to complete the task, and neither are you able to avoid it". In other words, the task is great - but we are commanded to try until we succeed. We must try.

I hope you will continue to develop your appreciation and understanding of Israel in all its complexities and paradoxes.

As we approach Thanksgiving this year, perhaps we can be challenged both for the US and for Israel that are eyes and hearts are open.

In peace,

Rabbi Micah



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Co-Presidents' Letter to Congregation

Dear Congregants,

Happy New Year!!! The past month is always the busiest and most meaningful of the year for us as we come together to pray and reflect on the past year and the year to come. It is also a time when the largest gathering of our Members gets to celebrate and be together as a community. I hope you were all able to join with your fellow TBE Members for some or all the holidays just past, whether to continue frequent interactions or to renew old or inconsistent contacts.

We also recently held our second mandated Congregation meeting of the calendar year this past Sunday, October 30, 2016. I thank everyone who attended the meeting and participated in the discussions. For those of you who were unable to attend, the meeting included a discussion of the many ways to support Temple Beth El in all its needs and endeavors, and in the many ways it supports its Members and the Newark and surrounding areas community.

Although many were involved, special thanks are due to Bruce Leibowitz, Cailah Ogden and Bob Prybutok for their efforts in making the Temple's 1st Kol Nidre appeal in many, many years a great success. Even more so, thanks to the over 50 Members who responded to the appeal pledging over \$15,000 in contributions to TBE. For those of you who were unable to attend during the High Holidays or missed getting your envelope, you can still contribute by submitting a check to the Temple office or requesting an envelope to make your pledge.

Support for Temple Beth El comes in many forms. Other ways to support the Temple that were discussed included: (1) volunteering for the many needs of the Temple with an immediate need for (1) ongoing volunteers to support Onegs and Kiddushes following our Shabbat services, (2) participating in the governance of the Temple by being a member of a standing or ad-hoc committee or simply through communicating your ideas and thoughts to the Board members and/or officers of the Temple, (3) assisting with fundraising efforts and events or in obtaining grants, (4) direct financial contributions with general, targeted or in-kind donations and (5) helping to insure the long term existence and viability of Temple Beth El by submitting a Declaration of Intent to recognize TBE in your estate and end-of-life planning as part of the Create a Jewish Legacy program or contributing to the Temple's endowment fund.

The Congregation meeting also included a review of TBE's financial performance in the 2015 – 2016 fiscal year just completed and an update to TBE's 2016 – 2017 budget from what was presented to the Congregation in May. The Temple budget in the upcoming year again reflects a significant deficit that will take several years to reverse but demands the immediate attention of the Temple Board. A copy of the full budget or the Congregation meeting presentation can be obtained from Steve Ogintz, 2nd Vice President, stevensmog@aol.com.

The members of the Congregation at the meeting participated most in the report and discussion of the status of the efforts of the Rabbi Search Committee. Bob Gelman, co-Chair of the RSC, led the discussion. A listing of the members of the RSC, with their contact information, is provided in this Shofar and will be posted on the Temple's website. A copy of the Temple's completed 30 page application form submitted to the Reconstructionist Placement Office to be viewed by potential applicants will also be placed on the Temple's website within the next few weeks. Everyone is encouraged to contact Bob Gelman, Bob Prybutok (the other RSC co-Chair) or any of the members of the RSC with any input, ideas or questions they have (or if you would like a copy of Bob's Congregation meeting presentation). Meanwhile we ask that everyone mark their calendars for 5 weekends that have been identified for potential visits of Rabbi candidates to Temple Beth El -- December 2-4, 2016, and January 6-8, January 13-15, February 3-5 and February 17-19, 2017. Although we do not expect to have Rabbi candidates visiting on all of these weekends, this will be the primary opportunity for each of you to meet and evaluate our potential next Rabbi and to be able to provide your views and input to the RSC and the Temple Board to assist in this key decision.

I encourage everyone to actively participate in the important matters and decisions that we as a community are addressing and hope to hear from you all as the year progresses.

L'Shana Tovah

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SHALOM ALECHEM-

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Randy and Grace Wisser
Alexander and Laura Mackler

WELCOME BACK

David and Cassie Rogin
Karen Fragale
Elaine Safer
Zachary and Lauren Schindler



2016-2017 President's Circle

A Special Thank You to our congregants who have joined our President's Circle. Their generosity helps Temple Beth El better serve the community's needs. Won't you consider adding your name?

- Anonymous*
- Steven and Gillian Daniels*
- Gene Danneman*
- Robert and Diana Gelman*
- Alexander and Laura Mackler*
- Lynn Snyder-Mackler*
- Leni Markell*
- Bob & Suzanne Prybutok*
- Stephen and Helene Fanny*
- Mary Wolf*

Mark your calendars...

BIRTHDAY SHABBAT

Friday, November 11th & December 16th
7:30 pm

MUSICAL SHABBAT

Friday, November 18th & December 9th
7:30 pm

TBE musicians join in to add to our Shabbat experience

CHANUKAH FAMILY MENORAH LIGHTING SHABBAT

Friday, December 30th
7:30 pm

RELIGIOUS



SCHOOL

CONSECRATION OF ALEPH STUDENTS

Saturday, November 12th
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HAI CLASS SHABBAT

Saturday, November 19th
9:30 a.m.
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CONFIRMATION FAMILY SERVICE

Saturday, December 10th
9:30 a.m.
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JR. CONGREGATION for Grades 2-5

Saturdays 10:30 a.m.
November 5th
December 3rd

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Ages 3-4
Crafts, stories & snack
Sunday 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Nov. 6th, Dec. 4th



NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

November 22nd & 27th
December 25th & 27th
January 1st

Mah Jong Madness

Tuesday, November 15

10 am– 2 pm

\$25

Join us for brunch, desserts, friends and fun! We will have door prizes and a 50/50 raffle! Cost of the event is \$25 per person.

Please fill out the form below and return it with a check to:
Temple Beth El, 301 Possum Park Road, Newark, DE, 19711.
Don't forget to write for Mah Jong Madness on the envelope.

We will have plenty of room if you would like to invite your friends to play as well! The more the merrier

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email: _____

Please contact Lynda Bell for more information @
610-255-4122 or email at jmlbell2@aol.com

RSVP by November 10



The poster features a decorative orange border with a white central area. At the top is a stylized bird logo. Below it, the text reads: "Newark Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration Service", "Tuesday, November 22nd @ 7:30 p.m.", "Head of Christiana Presbyterian Church", "1100 Church Road", "Newark, DE 19711". Further down, it says: "Join Rabbi Micah and other local Religious leaders along with your sisters and brothers from the Jewish, Muslim, Sikh, Baha'i and Christian traditions." and "Donations are being collected for the Newark Empowerment Center. Participants may bring non-perishable food items and/or travel size items of food or personal care items to help prepare 'go bags' for the homeless." At the bottom is an illustration of pumpkins, apples, and grapes.

TZEDAKAH / RIGHTEOUS ACTION NEEDY FAMILY DRIVE

Our annual Needy Family Drive is under way as we reach out to the community to help make the holidays special for those who are less fortunate. Chairperson, Sydell Glassner, has already begun sorting and organizing.

Some synagogue members have asked about cash donations. They are always welcome and needed to buy missing sizes.

Donations are due no later than **November 26th**, but it would be very helpful if donations were brought in earlier. Please mark your bags/boxes with type of clothes (boys shirts, girls,) and size if possible.

We need new or gently used children's clothing especially boys, all sizes, men's & women's outerwear, **TOYS - CHILDREN'S BOOKS** - household goods, furniture & housewares. Please no stuffed animals except for Disney & Sesame Street.

Please see your weekly e-mail or come into the office for a complete list of families and their needs.

Hanukkah Lighted Canvas Craft



Come and create a work of art painting on canvas and decorating with plug-in lights.

Wednesday, November 16th

7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

Cost \$12.00

Please R.S.V.P. to the Temple office by Friday, November 11th

**Payment (cash or check: Payable to TBE Sisterhood) is due the night of the event.



TBE Sisterhood Annual Cookie Exchange & Auction

Wednesday, December 14th at 7:00 P.M.

**Money collected from this event will be donated to TBE Catering to purchase new kitchen tools, gadgets & other supplies.

Save the Dates!



HELP WANTED!

ONEG AND KIDDUSH WORKERS DESPERATELY NEEDED. IF YOU ARE ALREADY ATTENDING SERVICES WITH YOUR CHILDREN, HELPING WITH THE ONEG AND/OR KIDDUSH SHOULD BE EASY. BRING A FRIEND

MENS CLUB BREAKFASTS

Great Food.... Great Speakers.... Please join us!
Cost - \$8 at the door. No reservations needed.

TBE MEN'S CLUB PRESENTS:



Behind the Scenes at the Dover Air Force Base

Chief Master Sergeant Bryan Ford
Superintendent
712th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
DELICIOUS BREAKFAST!**



Sunday, Nov 13, 9:15 a.m.

\$8.00 at the door

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Sunday, December 18 @ 9:15 a.m.



Come hear Governor Markell speak!
More details to follow

TBE's Community
Hanukkah Menorah Lighting

Friday, December 30, 2016, 7:30 p.m.



*Hanukkah, oh Hanukkah,
Come Light the Menorah!!
Come light up the 7th night of Hanukkah
with TBE!*

- * Musical Shabbat service
- * Latkes & Sufganiyot
- * Klezmer Music
- * Dreidel games *Fun activities for all ages!
- * Don't forget your Menorah & 8 candles



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

Dear TBE Friends,

I would like to thank you again for making the past 28 years working in the office such a great experience. I have always felt so appreciated and have loved feeling like a part of your family. Thank you, also for the wonderful luncheon, gift cards, gifts and bench in my honor. You have gone over and above to show your appreciation to me. I look forward to coming in to sub in the office or just to visit in the future.

With love and appreciation,

Linda Crist

Mazel Tov to : Joe & Lynn Sontowski on the marriage of their daughter Erica; Linda & Dave Crist on the marriage of their son Adam; Frank & Linda Sprintz on the birth of their Grandson; Nancy Signorielli on your retirement; David & Susan Bank on the engagement of their daughter Jen

Speedy Recovery To: Howard Friedman, Steve Novick, Bill Wallach, Stewart Taub, Ron Crass, Gene Danneman Linda Oster, Marcia Acero, Jody Bender, Howard Friedman, Elaina Strong

Condolences to: Diane Caine on the loss of your Father & Mike Rudolph on the loss of your Father

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CONTRIBUTIONS

GENERAL FUND

In memory of the Loved Ones of Jane Cutler

EDUCATION FUND:

In memory of Beatrice Freedman

MEMORIAL PLAQUES

In memory of Jack Barnett

In memory of Sabel G. Barnett

TEMPLEGRAMS

Get well to Linda Oster

Get well to Harvey Eckell

Get well to Marcia Acerto

Get well to Sharon Menashes

Get well to Susan Ogintz

Get well to Nancy Signorielli

MAZELGRAMS

Mazel Tov to Nancy Signorielli on your retirement

Mazel Tov to Linda & Frank Sprintz on the birth of their Grandson

Mazel Tov to Joe & Lynn Sontowski on the marriage of their Daughter

Mazel Tov to Linda & Dave Crist on the marriage of their Son

DONORS

Jane Cutler

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
6 5 cheshvan Religious School 9:30 am K-2 Parent Meeting 10:30 am GAN Scott Mackler ALS 5K	7 6 cheshvan	8 7 cheshvan Religious School	9 8 cheshvan ROSH CHODESH	10 9 cheshvan 7:30 pm Intro to Judaism	11 10 cheshvan 7:30 pm Shabbat Service/November Birthday Celebration VETERANS DAY CANADIAN REMEMBRANCE DAY	12 11 cheshvan 9:30 am Chant & Response 10:15 am Aleph Class Consecration and service MC Family Hay Ride Lech Lecha
13 12 cheshvan Religious School 9:15 am Men's Club Brkfst	14 13 cheshvan	15 14 cheshvan Religious School Mah Jongg Madness	16 15 cheshvan 7:00 pm Sisterhood Hanukkah Canvas Painting Event	17 16 cheshvan 7:30 pm Intro to Judaism	18 17 cheshvan 7:30 pm Musical Shabbat Service	19 18 cheshvan 9:30 am Torah Study 10:15 am Hai Class Shabbat Service Vayera
20 19 cheshvan Religious School	21 20 cheshvan	22 21 cheshvan No Religious School Interfaith Service	23 22 cheshvan	24 23 cheshvan Office Closed	25 24 cheshvan Office Closed Shabbat @ Home no services at TBE	26 25 cheshvan 9:30 a.m. Extended Torah Study Chaye Sarah
27 26 cheshvan No Religious School	28 27 cheshvan	29 28 cheshvan Religious School	30 29 cheshvan Sisterhood Board mtg.	THANKSGIVING DAY		
				3 2 cheshvan	4 3 cheshvan 7:30 pm Shabbat Service	5 4 cheshvan 9:30 am Yoga/Meditation 10:30 am Jr. Congregation Noach

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4 Religious School 10:30 am GAN Blackout	5 5 kislev	6 6 kislev Religious School	7 7 kislev 7:00 pm TBE Board Meeting	8 8 kislev 7:30 pm Intro to Judaism	9 9 kislev 7:30 pm Musical Shabbat Service (Kutz Home Sponsor)	10 10 kislev 9:30 am Meditation 10:15 am Confirmation Shabbat Service
11 Religious School	12 12 kislev	13 13 kislev Religious School	14 14 kislev Sisterhood Cookie X-change	15 15 kislev 7:30 pm Intro to Judaism	16 16 kislev 7:30 pm December Birthday Shabbat Service	17 17 kislev 9:30 am Torah Study 10:15 am Dalet Class Shabbat Service
18 Religious School Men's Club Breakfast	19 19 kislev	20 20 kislev Religious School	21 21 kislev Sisterhood Board Mtg.	22 22 kislev 7:30 pm Adult Education	23 23 kislev Shabbat @ Home no services at TBE	24 24 kislev Extended Torah Study
25 No Religious School	26 26 kislev	27 27 kislev No Religious School	28 28 kislev WINTER BEGINS	29 29 kislev	30 1 tevet 7:30 pm Chanuakh Candle Lighting Shabbat Service	31 2 tevet Shabbat @ Home no services at TBE
 CHRISTMAS DAY HANUKKAH	 HANUKKAH	 HANUKKAH	 HANUKKAH	 HANUKKAH	 ROSH CHODESH HANUKKAH	 EREV HANUKKAH Milketz HANUKKAH

Reconstructionism at a glance...

Reconstructionists define Judaism as more than a religion. For us it is a civilization encompassing history, literature, art and music, land and language.

Our religious tradition is the reflection of our ancestors' search for meaning, purpose and value. In our own search, we are egalitarian, participatory, and open to varying viewpoints.

Belonging to the Jewish people comes before *behaving* or *believing*; through our shared past and through our communal experience of worship, study and celebration, we affirm our sense of belonging.

We are respectful of traditional Jewish practice but also open to new interpretation and forms of religious expression; tradition has "a vote but not a veto."

Our diverse views of God share an emphasis on godliness rather than on the supernatural. We value that power in the universe which infuses all of creation with a sense of transcendence and impels us to improve the world and ourselves.

We believe we are involved in the evolution of Judaism right now, and are responsible for shaping the spiritual and cultural legacy we will leave to future generations.

**Perhaps you are a Reconstructionist -
and just don't know it.**