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From Our Outgoing President:

Dear Congregants:

I am writing this letter with mixed emotions since this is the last Shofar letter I will write as President of Temple Beth EL. I have enjoyed the past two years of leading the Temple Beth El Board and have received significant gratification in serving our congregation and the opportunity to work closely with some of our congregants.

Over the past couple of years Temple Beth EL has had significant challenges. There has been division within the congregation over the direction of our religious leadership which we continue to address. We have also had financial challenges through reoccurring deficits as well as a challenge to increase volunteerism and fundraising. We have met these challenges head on and have made progress over the past year but more work needs to be done as we navigate through the 2016 – 2017 year.

As a result of the leadership of Rich Squadron, last year's second vice president in charge of finance, we have made progress in minimizing what had initially been a significant budget deficit. This occurred through teamwork of the finance committee and an aggressive but smart and effective approach to a reduction in our expenses in many categories. This work is not complete and will continue in the coming year with Rich and Sharon as capable co-presidents along with a strong board of directors.

I have been impressed with the initial communication and the outreach to our congregation that Rich and Sharon have had. As our board works through the challenges and opportunities that are in front of us I am looking forward to continuing to serve as immediate past president. I am also assuming the chair of our "Create a Jewish Legacy" program which is an important element for creating a stable and growing foundation of financial support for our Temple. In that capacity I will be reaching out to congregants to discuss how you can participate in this rewarding and important initiative.

I look forward to continuing to be a resource to the Temple Beth EL board and to the broader congregation as your immediate past president. As I step down as president I want to assure our congregation that we are in capable hands and you should feel free to call on me or any of our board members. Your Temple Beth El board is your resource and we all look forward to serving our congregants.

Thank You,
Bob Prybutok, Temple Beth El Past President

From Our Incoming Co-Presidents:

This is the first in a series of letters from your co-presidents.

Thank you for entrusting us with the co-presidency of Temple Beth El. We greatly appreciate the support of each of you and look forward to working with you over the next year. We will strive to keep you informed on a regular basis of the work of your board of directors.

As we told the new board of directors recently we see our primary focus for the year as working with all of you to heal the tensions and divisions within the Congregation. Our community is strong and resilient. We see our job as fostering consideration, thoughtfulness, trust and forgiveness as we all come together for the benefit of Temple Beth El and Newark's Jewish community.

Our community has much work to do and some challenges ahead of us. The board's work includes

- completing the work started by the finance committee and the prior board to minimize or eliminate any budget deficit for the upcoming fiscal year
- determining the best path forward to restructure the management and staffing of the temple, and
- putting a heavy focus on the religious school.

On this last point, we recognize that the decision of the board in regards to Rabbi Micah impacts, most of all, our children. We are going to focus efforts on making this year one of as little upheaval as possible for them.

We will also begin our search for a new Rabbi. Each of these endeavors will require your cooperation. We invite you to contact any of the vice-presidents or committee chairs if you feel you would like to serve on and make a difference on one of their committees. A list of these Vice Presidents and committee chairs will be listed elsewhere in this Shofar. We are also looking for a diverse group to work on the search committee. Please contact Sharon (302-453-0365) directly if you would be interested in serving on this committee.

Finally, we are happy to let you know that this month we received a check for \$10,000 for having 25 people sign up for the Create a Jewish Legacy program. We are hoping to have another 25 people sign up this year so that we may earn another \$10,000 from the incentive program of the Grinspoon Foundation. The goal of this program is to ensure the long-term future for our synagogue and a vibrant Jewish legacy for our children in Newark.

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From Our Incoming Co-Presidents (Cont'd):

Please feel free to contact either of us with your questions and/or concerns. We can only be effective leaders if we have input from you.

We wish you a great summer and hope you will join us in the fall for meaningful holy day services and a year of community.

Sincerely,
Sharon and Richard

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**Have a fun &
Safe summer!**

RABBI'S SEARCH COMMITTEE NEEDED...

The board of directors is beginning the process of bringing together a diverse group of congregants to serve on the Rabbi search committee. The committee will comprise 8-12 members of the community. Those of you who are not selected will definitely be called to provide your input to the committee. If you would like to serve please contact Sharon Menashes directly at 1944sharonrose@gmail.com. Please be aware that serving on this committee will require a great deal of your time and a commitment to see the process through is essential. We will also be relying on the entire congregation of Temple Beth El to provide insight into what its expectations are in terms of what they want in a Rabbi for the congregation.



SUMMER SHABBAT SERVICES

Friday 7:30 p.m. Saturday 9:30 a.m.

Fri., July 1	Sat., August 6
Sat., July 9	Fri., August 12
Fri., July 15	Sat., August 20
Sat., July 23	Fri., & Sat., August 26 & 27
Fri., July 29	Aiden Mahar Bar Mitzvah

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Starting July 12

Tuesday & Thursday - 9:30 am - 1:30 pm.

In an effort to conserve energy the synagogue building will be closed on Sundays & Mondays.

TBE will be closed the week of July 4th

HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES

Please contact the TBE office (302-366-8330) if you would like to chant Torah during High Holy Days.

Erev Rosh Hashanah – October 2
1st day Rosh Hashanah – October 3
2nd day Rosh Hashanah – October 4
Kol Nidre – October 11
Yom Kippur – October 12
Sukkot – October 17

**MAZEL TOV TO OUR
2015-16 TEMPLE BETH EL HONORS!**

**TBE Man of the Year.....Mike Rudolph
TBE Woman of the Year.....Shelley Perlmutter
TBE Meritorious Award.....Sharon Giannotti
TBE Meritorious Award.....Sharon Menashes
TBE Meritorious Award.....Stu Widom
Sisterhood Woman of the Year...Arlene Johnson
Sisterhood Top Donor.....Shelley Perlmutter
Krinsky Award.....Julia Koval**

**Mazel tov to our 2016 Confirmands:
Sophie Becker-Klein
Sam Koval
Elizabeth Licht
Nathaniel Rambo
Ethan Sachs**



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

Mazel Tov To Our Recent B’Nai Mitzvot and Their Families: Zachary Reggio, Seth & Emma Ciolkosz, Nathan Myers, Melissa Daniels, Eva Shay.

Mazel Tov To: The Johnson family on Aveya’s baby naming; The Stong Family on Ellyana’s baby naming; Jay & Lynda Stellenberg on their grandson becoming a Bar Mitzvah; Nancy Signorielli on the birth of her grandson.

Speedy Recovery To: Alice Hirsch, Steve Novick, Steve Osman

Condolences To: Bob Prybutok & Sharon Giannotti on the death of their mother, Jane Altshuler on the death of her father; Nancy Childerston on the death of her sister.



We would like to thank our congregants and friends for the expression of sympathy and support at the passing of our mother, Sue Prybutok, affectionately known by her grandchildren as “Bubbly Sue.

Bob and Suzanne Prybutok, Joe and Sharon Giannotti and family



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In memory of Sue Prybutok

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Karen Sayers
Stan & Sharon Menashes, Gene & Lois Siegel, Debbi Sklodowski, Dennis & Missy Rolewicz
Steve & Helene Tanny

In memory of Jane Altshuler’s father

SISTERHOOD FUND

In honor of Aveya Johnson’s baby naming

The Grier Family

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PRAYERBOOK FUND

In memory of Sue Prybutok

BUILDING FUND

In honor of Nathan Myers becoming a Bar Mitzvah (Leaf)

In honor of Bob Prybutok's TBE Presidency 2014-2016 (Leaf)

EDUCATION FUND

In honor of Zachary Reggio becoming a Bar Mitzvah

In honor of Seth & Emma Ciolkosz becoming B'Nai Mitzvot

In memory of Sue Prybutok

In memory of Sandy Freedman

In memory of Bernard Freedman

In memory of Philip Zupinsky

In honor of Nathan Myers becoming a Bar Mitzvah

In gratitude of Peter Hannaford for serving as Gabbai for Melissa's Bat Mitzvah

In gratitude of Marla Friedman for serving as Gabbai for Melissa's Bat Mitzvah

In gratitude of Rachel Becker-Klein for serving as Torah Reader for
Melissa's Bat Mitzvah

In gratitude of Riley Gray for serving as usher for Melissa's Bat Mitzvah

In gratitude of Anna Bender for serving as usher for Melissa's Bat Mitzvah

In honor of Eva Shay becoming a Bat Mitzvah

In honor of the 2016 Hay Class

SOCIAL ACTION FUND

In memory of Sue Prybutok

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In honor of Aveya Johnson's baby naming

In honor of Melissa Daniels becoming a Bat Mitzvah

MEMORIAL PLAQUES

In memory of John Kaess

In memory of Patricia E. Lipson

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In memory of Ruth Wolf's father

In memory of Rosalie Dior's mother

In honor of Steve Osman's speedy recovery

In memory of Bill Spinn's sister

In memory of Sue Prybutok

In honor of Richard Celeste's speedy recovery

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MAZELGRAMS

Mazel tov to the Johnson Family on Aveya's baby naming
Mazel tov to the Strong Family on Ellyana's baby naming
Mazel tov to Shelley Perlmutter on the success of Basketfest
Mazel tov to Rosalie Dior on the success of Basketfest
Mazel tov to the Ciolkosz family on Seth & Emma becoming B'Nai Mitzvot

Mazel tov to Fred Bloom on his new job
Mazel tov to Jay & Lynda Stellenberg on their grandson becoming a Bar Mitzvah

Mazel tov to Shelley Perlmutter on receiving TBE Woman of the Year

Mazel tov to Mike Rudolph on receiving TBE Man of the Year

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Mazel tov to Sharon Menashes on her election as TBE Co-President
Mazel tov to Richard Squadron on his election as TBE Co-President
Mazel tov to Jeff & Alice Hirsch on their granddaughter's graduation
Mazel tov to Mike & Sue Samuels on their granddaughter's graduation
Mazel tov to Sharon Giannotti on receiving her "Tree of Life" pin
Mazel tov to Denise Schwartz on receiving her "Tree of Life" pin
Mazel tov to Cecile Roth on receiving her "Tree of Life" pin
Mazel tov to Jen Barnett on receiving her "Tree of Life" pin
Mazel tov to Lisa Grier on a great job on Sisterhood Donor Dinner
Mazel tov to Shelley Perlmutter on receiving Sisterhoods Top Donor

Mazel tov to Arlene Johnson on receiving Sisterhood Woman of the Year

Mazel tov to Nancy Signorielli on the birth of her grandson
Mazel tov to Arlene & Harvey Eckell on Payton becoming a Bat Mitzvah
Mazel tov to Melinda & Lee Eckell on Payton becoming a Bat Mitzvah

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