

# 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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A personal highlight was my trip to Haifa and Daliyat El Karmel. I visited the Leo Baeck School and met with the head rabbi and music teachers and reconnected with the Galilean Steel Drums Peace Project students for a rehearsal. What a joyful experience! I was warmly welcomed to the group. The students, who have grown and matured in many ways, were eager to demonstrate their playing skills. The school is a special place that integrates a variety of children from all of Israel's ethnicities and cultures, learning abilities, and religions.

That evening I was blessed to stay in the home of the Gadban family in Daliyat El Karmel, an amazing historic Druze village. I clearly sensed their pride of living in Israel. Several of us were taken on a private tour to see the surrounding hills, eat some amazing local dessert, and visit a few of the historic places. We visited a special building in the middle of a square. One half of it was dedicated to the Druze soldiers of the city who lost their lives in defense of Israel since pre-state times. It was an honor to witness as a Jew and as a rabbi. Looking at the other half, I was asked, "Did I know who Naftali Imber was?" I said, "Of course, he was the person who wrote the words for "Hatikvah." "This was his house and it is now our museum," they said. "He wrote Hatikvah on this porch. This is a museum dedicated to his life and work. His vision of Israel, that he wrote while looking out from this view, atop this very mount." What a deep national pride that it is in this Israeli Druze city that Naftali Imber wrote the words to the Israeli national anthem!

Then I was off to the home of a few musician friends. They knew I was also a musician, and so they had arranged a memorable night of playing music and drinking coffee until very late. I was blessed to listen to the oud and classical guitar played in the Arabic style for hours. Of course, when we played together and figured out how to intertwine the rhythms and notes, it was a special experience to connect across language and cultural borders to find a place where we can all meet. There was magic in that living room on that night.

This trip opened my eyes to the deep complexities of Israel. It was with a great deal of sadness that I learned only two weeks after I returned that fires ravaged Israel, and particularly Haifa. The area around the school was damaged, and the forests that I was shown around Daliyat El Karmel were scorched. Yet, it was with joy that I learned that the students collected clothes, food, and anything needed for those who lost their homes. The Leo Baeck school worked together to collect and sort what was needed to help. And out of such a disaster comes a stronger resilience and determination to live together.

As I return to the U.S., perhaps the most important message I can bring home are prayers that we too in the United States can become stronger in our resilience and determination to live together at this time of adversity for us.



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Dear Congregants,

The board meeting in December was a full one. Rabbi spoke to us about the B'nai Mitzvot process which was helpful for those not in that loop anymore and those who have not yet gone through it.

We, as co - presidents, have set up a committee whose purpose is to finish up the process started last year on reorganization of the office and school administration. Sharon is going to chair this process to get it moving in a timely manner. Linda Oster, Jon Wolff and Mike Rudolph have volunteered to serve on the committee. If you have an interest in serving please call Sharon as soon as possible at 302-453-0365.

Federation Shabbat at Beth Emeth is on January 27<sup>th</sup>. We encourage all of you to attend at least services, if not the entire evening. It would swell our hearts to see a large contingent of TBE'ers in attendance.

By now the Sisterhood's cookie exchange will have taken place. It was another huge success, making \$1,000.

The Men's Club has had three wonderful speakers this year. The December meeting with Delaware Governor Jack Markell as speaker was especially well attended.

The rabbi search committee has held two second interviews and is looking forward to receiving more applications. Kudos and thanks are extended to the two Bob's (Gelman and Prybutok) for their tireless work on this committee. There are two scheduled Rabbi visits in February. They will take place the weekends of February 3-5 and February 17-19. Stay tuned for more information but please block out these weekends on your calendar. It is extremely important to have as many Congregants present as possible for these services. It is your opportunity to evaluate these candidates.

We have had one teacher change in the Hebrew School, as the second-grade teacher was not able to fulfill the hours needed for the position. Gabby Rambo has taken over this class.

Birthday Shabbats are bringing out more people for Friday night services. Thank you to Walter Roth for spearheading this endeavor.

The stucco project has been completed and the landscaping has also been done. New trees were planted in front of the building. Both projects have spruced up the building. Rachel is exploring getting new lighting close to the front door for added security.

Andrea attended the RENA conference and came back with many new and innovative ideas for the Hebrew School.

Last, but not least, the Kol Nidre appeal has resulted in pledges of more than \$20,000. Thanks to all of you who generously heeded the call for tzedakah and for Tikun Olam (the repairing of our small world.)

We want to take this opportunity to wish all of you a holiday season filled with joy, health, peace and love, with hopes that these good wishes carry through into 2017.

Sharon and Rich

# Mark your Calendars...

## BIRTHDAY SHABBAT

Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup> & February 10<sup>th</sup> <sup>24</sup>



7:30 p.m.



## MUSICAL SHABBAT

February 10<sup>th</sup>

TBE Musicians join in to add to our Shabbat experience



## RELIGIOUS



## School

Sunday, January 1	No Religious School
Saturday, January 7	Jr. Congregation 10:30 a.m.
Sunday, January 8	GAN 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Sunday, January 15	Mitzvah Day
Friday, January 20	Aleph/Bet Shabbat (Dinner & Service)
Saturday, January 28	Gimmel Shabbat
Sunday, February 5	GAN 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Saturday, February 11	Jr. Congregation 10:30 a.m.
Sunday, February 19	No Religious School

# SISTERHOOD NEEDS YOU!!

For our Onegs to be successful we need people to help. Please sign up for 2 or 3 Onegs a year. Bring a friend to work with if you'd like!

## Responsibilities:

- Put baked goods on trays (already prepared)
- Make coffee Friday
- Put out Keurig on Saturday (all ready to go)
- Fill 2 pitchers with ice water
- Set out plates, cups, napkins & coffee supplies
- Help put things away afterward

You can sign up here:

<http://www.tbede.org/sisterhood.html> or

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4cacac2ca0fd0-january2>



## TBE Legacy Circle

Thank you to those who have given gifts to the TBE Legacy Circle. You are helping the synagogue thrive today & tomorrow. If you would like to become a member of the TBE Legacy Circle please contact Rachel Mussaf at [Rmussaf@tbede.org](mailto:Rmussaf@tbede.org) for more information.

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# What will your Jewish legacy be?



“*Suzanne and I have been members of Temple Beth El for over 40 years and have the good fortune to have our children and grandchildren as members as well. The joy watching them develop their love of Judaism and become an integral part of our Jewish community underscores the value in providing a legacy to insure they will always have a second home for reinforcing their heritage.*”

– Bob and Suzanne Prybutok

  
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# SISTERHOOD HAPPENINGS

## Shop, Party & Fundraise

☆ A TBE Sisterhood Event ☆

Wednesday, January 11, 7 PM

Temko Building

younique



lulaRoe



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Buy a little  
Something for  
You, Earn a little  
Something for  
Basketfest!

## TBE Sisterhood Event!

*CAKE DECORATING*

with

Jen Barnett

February 8, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.

\$15.00 per person

Temko Bldg.- Max. 30 people!

*Please RSVP by January 31 – No exceptions*

(302) 366-8330





# MEN'S CLUB HAPPENINGS

TBE MEN'S  
CLUB  
PRESENTS:

**Dana Berman**

JOIN US FOR  
A DELICIOUS  
BREAKFAST!

***Community Shlichah from Israel***

*"Keeping the connection between Israel and  
our Delaware community strong"*

**Sunday, January 22,  
2017**

**9:15 a.m.**

**Only \$8 at the door**



**Save the Date:**

**Next Men's Club Breakfast:**

**February 26<sup>th</sup>**

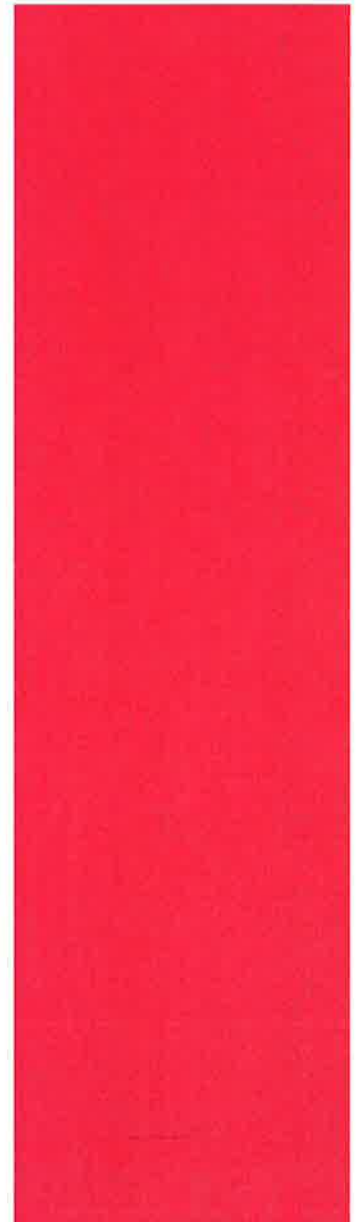
# Save the dates!

The Rabbi Search Committee has been working tirelessly to find the right Rabbi for our congregation. After interviewing a variety of candidates, they have scheduled 2 weekends to have them interview with YOU!

Please put aside the weekends of February 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> and February 17<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> to be a part of this very important process.

More information will follow from the RSC.

Thank you !



SAVE  
the  
DATE  
JAN 27  
2017



# Federation Shabbat@

CONGREGATION  
BETH EMETH



300 W. Lea Blvd.  
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**FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 2017**

PJ LIBRARY SHABBAT PROGRAM @5:15 PM

COMMUNITY KOSHER SHABBAT DINNER @5:45 PM

SHABBAT SERVICES WITH ONEG TO FOLLOW @7:30 PM

JOIN OUR STATE-WIDE SYNAGOGUES FROM WILMINGTON,  
NEWARK, DOVER AND REHOBOTH BEACH AT  
CONGREGATION BETH EMETH.  
*SHARE THE RUACH AT FEDERATION SHABBAT!*

KOSHER BUFFET DINNER IS \$25/PER ADULT AND \$10/CHILD WITH A MAXIMUM \$65 PER FAMILY

RESERVATIONS FOR DINNER ARE REQUIRED AND MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN JAN. 18.  
TO RSVP, PLEASE SEND A CHECK TO CBE, 300 W. LEA BLVD., WILMINGTON, DE 19802.  
PLEASE CONTACT LORI WITH ANY QUESTIONS ([LORIANNW@CBE.COMCASTBIZ.NET](mailto:LORIANNW@CBE.COMCASTBIZ.NET), OR 302.764.2393

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

**MAZEL TOV TO:** Linda & Frank Sprintz on the birth of your Grandson, Walter Roth on his 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday

**SPEEDY RECOVERY TO:** Barbara Stapen, Joseph Giannotti (Akiva Yosef ben Avraham v'Sarah), Howard Friedman, Steve Novick (Eliezer Avraham ha'Levi ben Hannah), Bill Wallach, Stewart Taub, Ron Crass, Gene Danneman (Naomi Bat Yonah V Zachariah), Linda Oster, Marcia Acero, Jody Bender

**CONDOLENCES TO:** Raphael Sarawesky on the loss of your sister and Stacey Fabian on the loss of your Mother.

## **CONTRIBUTIONS:**

## **DONORS:**

### **GENERAL FUND**

Scott Mackler ALS Memoria 5K  
In memory of Ray Sayers

Mackler Family  
Karen Sayers

### **MEMORIAL PLAQUES**

In memory of Jack Barnett  
In memory of Sabel G. Barnett

Mark Barnett  
Mark Barnett

### **RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

Donation

Harry & Kathy Sachs

### **BUILDING FUND**

In honor of Walter Roth's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Steve & Ann Osman  
Steven & Susan Ogintz  
Steve & Helene Tanny  
Karen Moss

### **LANDSCAPING FUND**

In memory of Jean Sayers

Karen Sayers

### **EDUCATION FUND**

In memory of Raphael Sarawesky's sister Ida Malloul

Lou Freedman & Family  
Alice Hirsch  
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In honor of Beatrice Freedman yahrzeit

### **BRICKS**

A speedy recovery to Marcia Acero  
In memory of Janice Goldfarb, Mother & Grandmother  
In memory of Diane Caine's Father

Ann & Steve Osman  
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Murray Horn

Get well Steve Novick  
In memory of Andrea Feintstrauss' Father  
In memory of Mike Rudolph's Father

A speedy recovery to Susan Ogintz

**BRICKS Continued...**

In memory of Raphael Sarawesky's sister, Ida Malloul

Linda & Jerry Oster  
Jack & Leny Stone  
Ceil & Walter Roth  
Priscilla Kahn  
Joan Rosman & Family  
Bob & Diana Gelman  
Arlene Johnson  
Steven & Susan Ogintz  
Mark & Sylvia Sheffler  
Joan Rosman & Family

In memory of Steven J. Platt

**TEMPLE-GRAMS**

Get well Howard Freedman  
Get well Susan Ogintz  
Get well Marcia Acero  
Get well Bill Moses  
In memory of Lisa Fabian's Mother

Ann & Steve Osman  
Steve & Helene Tanny  
Steve & Helene Tanny  
Susan Bank  
Sharon & Stan Menashes

**MAZEL-GRAMS**

Nancy Signorielli Mazel tov on your retirement  
Ann & Mike Herman on your Grandson's Bar-Mitzvah

Walter Roth, Happy 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Helene & Steve Tanny  
Sharon & Stan Menashes  
Linda & Dave Crist  
Arlene Johnson



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# January

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 3 tevet No Religious School	2 4 tevet	3 5 tevet Religious School	4 6 tevet 7:00 pm TBE Board Meeting	5 7 tevet	6 8 tevet 7:30 pm Shabbat Service Blackout	7 9 tevet 9:30 am Torah Study 10:15 am Shabbat Service 10:30 am Jr. Congregation Blackout <i>Vayigash</i>
8 10 tevet Religious School 10:30 am GAN	9 11 tevet	10 12 tevet Religious School	11 13 tevet 7:00 pm Sisterhood Shop, Party, Fund-raise	12 14 tevet	13 15 tevet 7:30 pm Shabbat Service Blackout	14 16 tevet 9:30 am Torah Study Blackout
15 17 tevet Religious School Mitzvah Day Blackout	16 18 tevet	17 19 tevet Religious School	18 20 tevet	19 21 tevet	20 22 tevet 7:30 pm January Birthday Celebration Aleph & Bet Shabbat Service & Dinner	21 23 tevet 9:30 am Guided Meditation 10:15 am Shabbat Service <i>Vayechi</i>
22 24 tevet Religious School Men's Club Breakfast	23 25 tevet	24 26 tevet Religious School	25 27 tevet Sisterhood Board	26 28 tevet 7:30 pm Adult Education	27 29 tevet 27 29 tevet Federation Shabbat at Beth Emeth	28 1 shevat 9:30 am Torah Study 10:15 am Gimnel Class Shabbat <i>Shemot</i>
29 2 shevat Religious School	30 3 shevat	31 4 shevat Religious School				<b>ROSH CHODESH</b> <i>Va'era</i>

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# February

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			<b>1</b> 5 shevat 7:00 pm TBE Board Meeting	<b>2</b> 6 shevat	<b>3</b> 7 shevat 7:30 pm Shabbat Service Interview weekend Rabbi	<b>4</b> 8 shevat 9:30 am Torah Study 10:15 am Shabbat Service Interview weekend Rabbi <i>Bo</i>
<b>5</b> 9 shevat Religious School 10:30 am GAN Karni Knapp Rabbi Interview weekend	<b>6</b> 10 shevat	<b>7</b> 11 shevat Religious School	<b>8</b> 12 shevat 7:00 pm Sisterhood Cake Decorating Program	<b>9</b> 13 shevat	<b>10</b> 14 shevat 7:30 pm Musical Shabbat Service	<b>11</b> 15 shevat 9:30 am Guided Meditation 10:15 am Shabbat Service 10:30 am Jr. Congregation <i>Beshalach</i> TU BSHEVAT
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<b>19</b> 23 shevat No Religious School Michael Pollack Rabbi Interview Weekend	<b>20</b> 24 shevat	<b>21</b> 25 shevat Religious School Purim rehearsal	<b>22</b> 26 shevat Sisterhood Board Meeting	<b>23</b> 27 shevat	<b>24</b> 28 shevat 7:30 pm February Birthday Shabbat Service	<b>25</b> 29 shevat 9:30 Chant & Response 10:15 am Shabbat Service <i>Mishpatim</i> SHABBAT SHEKALIM
<b>26</b> 30 shevat Religious School Men's Club Breakfast Purim rehearsal ROSH CHODESH	<b>27</b> 1 adar PRESIDENTS DAY ROSH CHODESH	<b>28</b> 2 adar Religious School Purim rehearsal				