

TEMPLE BETH EL SHOFAR

November-December 2015
Shalom Friends

Cheshvan-Kislev 5776

As we move through the fullness of fall and into the turning of winter TBE offers a wide variety of spiritual and social programs and activities for people of all ages.

On **October 30**, the **first Friday Night lecture** of our year will be held. This is the fourth year of the series. This program brings to the bima, a wide range of speakers from the academic, religious, and spiritual voices in our region. This year, we begin with **Dr. Alan Fox of the University of Delaware**. Dr. Fox will be speaking on **the intersections of Jewish and Eastern religions** or “Judah and Buddha.” Dr. Fox is a **Professor of Asian and Comparative Philosophy and Religion** in the Philosophy Department at the **University of Delaware**. He earned his Ph.D. in Religion from Temple University in 1988, and was a Fulbright Scholar in Taiwan in 1986-87. He came to the University in 1990, received the University of Delaware’s Excellence in Teaching Award in 1995 and 2006, and the College of Arts and Sciences’ Outstanding Teacher Award in 1999.

On **Sunday November 15**, **Temple Beth El will be the host synagogue** for the Reconstructionist Movement teaching lecture on the **Global Day of Jewish Learning** that is part of the Jewish Federations of North America community engagement efforts. We will have a fascinating program here on that Sunday afternoon beginning with a light lunch arranged by the Reconstructionist movement, then a lecture and a follow up study session. The lecture program will be webcast on a special channel that the Jewish Federation has set up to stream teaching every hour from a different location around the globe. Temple Beth El will be the host location for the **live 1:00 pm broadcast program**. “**Kissing Kabbalah**” lecture will be delivered by **Dr. Joel Hecker** who received ordination from Yeshiva University and his doctorate from New York University. An Associate Professor of Jewish Mysticism at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, he has been a Fellow at the Center for Advanced Judaic Studies at the University of Pennsylvania; served as a visiting instructor at the University of Pennsylvania, the Jewish Theological Seminary and Yeshiva University; and has lectured at a range of universities, and synagogues of all four major denominations. The author of *Mystical Bodies, Mystical Meals: Eating and Embodiment in Medieval Kabbalah* (Wayne State University Press, 2004) and has been published widely on a range of themes in Jewish mysticism.

On **December 18**, the second speaker of the **Friday Night Speaker Series** will be **Dr. Rabbi Deborah Waxman**, the **president of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College and the Jewish Reconstructionist Communities**. She will be visiting our congregation as part of her visits to Reconstructionist communities throughout North America and Israel to learn and hear from us directly as well as to teach us about the state and vision of the Reconstructionist movement and contemporary Judaism.

One of the amazing programs at TBE is the monthly **Jr Congregation Shabbat morning program**. The Education Committee and Ritual committee have found this to be a vital addition to our religious offerings at TBE. This is a children’s educational service that happens about once a month for grades 3-6, and targeting our religious school families. This program which began six years ago has been a great benefit to the students and families learning their way around Hebrew and prayer, and a great way to get experience leading the prayers in context and with support. There is a Torah based discussion or skit to help engage the students in learning about the weekly portion’s messages and lessons. Our **rabbinic intern Leah Moser is leading the program** this year following the leadership of Rachel Becker-Klein for a number of years and Cailah Ogden, who helped create a great foundation. This is one simple way to have your family engage in prayer practice in a fun interactive setting. While leaving your children for the program is acceptable, we welcome all parents, grandparents and guardians to stay for the program and to celebrate together. At the conclusion of the service, the students and families come to the sanctuary **to join our main service and infuse it with a wonderful youthful energy**. Check out the TBE calendar for dates and contact the TBE office for more information.

May it be a season of light and joy. May the blessings of gratitude and blessings of light fill our lives as we move from Thanksgiving into Hanukkah.

In peace and blessings,

Rabbi Micah

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From Our President:

Shalom,

With the High Holy days behind us we are ready to focus on another year of activities at Temple Beth El. The early holidays have been a challenge in preparing for the beginning of our school year but, as always, we made it through and the first day of school was a big success.

Our first congregational meeting for the year 2015 – 2016 was held October 25th, 2015. There were three initiatives on the agenda:

- Introduction of the 2015 – 2016 Budget
- Vote on the updated Constitution and bylaws
- Vote on the new Kashrut policy

For our congregants who were not present I will briefly outline the details of each initiative.

Our budget for the coming year shows a deficit of \$22,365. This is consistent with the deficit we presented in our May meeting. It is also consistent with our deficit last year. This is in spite of decreasing membership and revenue. We have negotiated a remortgage that cuts our principle and interest payments almost in half and have increased our fundraising performance. However, concern over future deficits is an issue and a concern that we are addressing.

A key element that contributes to our negative financial performance is a significant drop in membership. This has impacted both the Temple operating budget as well as our school budget. The number of registered families is currently at 181 whereas last year we numbered 217 and in 2013 -2014 we had 231 families registered.

One important way we are addressing membership is through an expanded outreach to the Newark and Middletown communities. I mentioned this several times in my address to the congregation and to be effective in this outreach we need volunteers who are interested in working on communication and outreach. If you are interested please contact me or the Temple office.

We also voted on an updated Constitution and Bylaws. This effort was headed by Marla Norton and involved combining both documents and making edits to language to better present and define the constitution. There were no material changes that impact governance. The new constitution was approved.

The last initiative was a presentation and vote on a new Kashrut policy. The intent was to make the policy more liberal to better serve the interest of all congregants. The final policy will be published along with a series of questions and answers that make the policy easily understood. A brief explanation is that the sanctuary and social hall are strictly Kosher. The lower school wing, outside grounds and Temko building are Kosher style

with only dairy and parve allowed. However, store brought food and restaurant food that meet the Dairy/Parve guidelines are acceptable. This new Kashrut policy was approved.

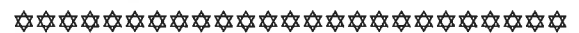
One negative situation that was addressed at the congregational meeting was the departure of our new Educational Director, Joysa Winter. During a discussion over communication and schedules Joysa elected to resign her position rather than work through the issues being addressed. This is unfortunate and we will address the longer term requirements for our educational program. Fortunately we have experienced teachers and resources that will allow us to move positively forward. For the next 30 to 60 days Andrea Finestrauss has accepted the position of interim Educational Director.

In the coming weeks we will be discussing our educational program and making decisions on the best course moving forward.

Sincerely,

Bob Prybutok

President, Temple Beth El



SHALOM ALECHEM

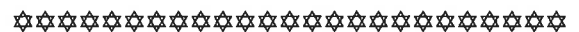
WELCOME

TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

- Laura Fein, Sophie & Ethan Kleers
- Michael & Dana Newcomb
- Adam, Zachary & Delaney Newirth
- Robert, Elaina & Eva Strong
- Robert, Alexis & Henry Teitelbaum
- Madeline & Paige Troegler
- David, Kerry & Zachary Winston

Welcome Back To...

- Robert, Eve & Sam Downing
- Arthur Halprin
- Michael & Caryn Tazartus



2015-16

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?

Calvin & Carol Freedman

Gene Danneman

Lynn Snyder-Mackler

Bob & Suzanne Prybutok

Mary Wolf

Mark your calendars...

**CONSECRATION
OF ALEPH STUDENTS**
Saturday, November 7
9:30 am

MUSICAL SHABBAT
Friday, November 20
7:30 pm
TBE musicians join in to add to our
Shabbat experience

**CHANUKAH FAMILY
MUSICAL SHABBAT**
Friday, December 11
7:30 pm

FRIDAY NIGHT LECTURE
Friday, December 18
7:30
with **Dr. Rabbi Deborah Waxman**,
President, Reconstructionist Rabbinical College &
The Jewish Reconstructionist communities on
Progressive Judaism Today



**INTERFAITH
THANKSGIVING SERVICE**
Tuesday, November 24
7:30 p.m.
Calvary Baptist Church
215 E. Delaware Avenue, Newark DE

SUNDAY MAH JONGG MADNESS
Sunday, November 1
1:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Light lunch, desserts and doorprizes
\$24.00 per person
For more info contact Lynda Bell at
lmbell2@aol.com or 610-304-6810

JEWISH DAY OF JEWISH LEARNING
November 15th
**RRC's scholar of medieval Judaism,
Joel Hecker**

will present one of the day's 24 live-stream talks.
Dr. Hecker's talk and day of workshops from
around the world will be live-streamed on
the internet.

Join us live at TBE at 12:00 noon for a light lunch
12:45 pm for Dr. Hecker's talk and follow up
workshops led by rabbis in the mid-Atlantic region.
\$10.00 per person

**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 outerware,
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.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP
AT MILLCROFT SENIOR HOME
ON CHRISTMAS DAY**

Millcroft Nursing Home needs volunteers to work at
their front desk to answer the phone and greet visitors
on Christmas day. They need two people working 2
hour shifts from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (9-11am, 11am-
1pm, 1-3pm & 3-5pm) If you can help out please
contact Kathy at 366-0160.

TBE SISTERHOOD



Hanukkah Shoppe

Sunday, November 22nd

9:15 am to 12:15 pm.

Please join us at this year's Holiday Shoppe.

This is a great chance to purchase wrapping paper, chocolate gelt, dreidles and all things Hanukkah!

We will also have local vendors. So please join us for a fun morning.

If you are a vendor that would like to sell at the Shoppe, please contact Rosalee at

RosaleeWortmann@comcast.net.



Mystery Auction & Cookie X-Change

Wednesday, December 9th at 7:00 p.m.

Temko Building

Please bring two to three dozen cookies for exchange -- new members be our guest (you do not have to bake). Bags will be available for you to take home these special holiday treats after we have filled our tummies. Rules for auction: Purchase a gift in the \$15 to \$20 range, wrap it and write a brief jingle as a clue, that's it, that's all you have to do! Contact Rosalie Dior for more info. artsyrsd63@gmail.com



MENS CLUB BREAKFAST

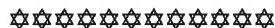
Great Food.... Great Speakers..... Please join us!

Cost - \$8 at the door. No reservations needed.

Sunday, November 8

9:30 a.m.

A Conversation with Delaware
Attorney General Matt Denn



Sunday, December 20

9:30 a.m

“The Jews of Rock & Roll”

Featuring Musical Expert Joel Glazier

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



CONSECRATION OF ALEPH STUDENTS

Saturday, November 7
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HAY FAMILY SERVICE
Saturday, November 14 at 9:30 a.m.
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CONFIRMATION FAMILY SERVICE
Saturday, December 12 at 9:30 a.m.
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JR. CONGREGATION for Grades 2-5
Saturdays 10:30 a.m.
November 21
December 19
January 23

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Ages 3-4
Crafts, stories & snack
Sunday 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Nov. 8, Dec. 13, Jan. 3

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NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL...
November 24 & 29
December 6
December 22, 27, 29

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FAMILY HANUKKAH LIGHTING
Tuesday, December 8
6:00 p.m.



HANUKKAH MENORAH LIGHTING

Tuesday, December 8th
6:00 p.m.

Fun Crafts Dreidle

**Bring your favorite menorah and 4 candles and join us
for a lite supper and a brief Hanukkah Service**



Please contact the TBE office with food allergy concerns

New Special Learning and Spiritual Offerings at TBE--by YOUR request!

Please join us for a special twist to Shabbat services on Saturday mornings starting in November. Ask and ye shall receive! The schedule will be as follows:

- **Week 1** Shabbat Torah Study- Nov. 7 & Dec. 5
- **Week 2** Shabbat Guided Meditation- Nov. 14 & Dec. 12
- **Week 3** Shabbat Hebrew Call/Response Chant- Nov. 21 & Dec. 19
- **Week 4** Extended Torah Study- Nov. 28 & Dec. 26

All services will begin at **9:30am** and will be followed by a formal service.
(The order may change depending on the holidays during the month. These will not be scheduled on Bar/Bat Mitzvah mornings.)

Torah & Haftarah Trope classes for Hebrew readers

(12:00-12:30pm)

Nov. 14 (*12:15-12:45pm), Nov. 21, Dec.12 (*12:15-12:45pm), Dec.19

Basic Hebrew classes for adults

Tuesday evenings (5:25pm-6:10pm)

Nov. 10, Nov. 17, Dec.1, Dec. 8, Dec.15

Both classes require pre-registration.

Please contact the TBE office at tbe@tbede.org or 302-366-8330 to register.

HANUKKAH FAMILY MUSICAL SHABBAT

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

7:30 PM

Come light the menorah!!

Light up the 6th night of Hanukkah with TBE!

- **Musical Shabbat Service**
- **Latkes & Sufganiyot**
 - **Klezmer Music**
 - **Dreydel Games**

Please bring a Hanukkah Menorah & 7 candles



**Remembering our Loved Ones –
The Kavod Committee**

Our Ritual Committee is interested in surveying our congregants about a subject that will affect many of our families in the future. Currently only Jewish family members who have passed away are allowed to be memorialized on our brass Yahrzeit boards in the sanctuary. In order to be a more inclusive community with families of different faiths, we want to open up this mourning rite to honor non-Jewish family members. As a committee, we believe that Jewish members should be able to honor their deceased non-Jewish loved ones in this meaningful way too. We are proposing to have non-Jewish family members' names

and English date of death engraved on their plaques. Although the Yahrzeit board is a modern Jewish tradition, there are other aesthetic ways to honor our loved ones that we miss. Please notify Kathy Kaess with your opinion and if you would like to be a part of the Kavod (Honor) Committee to research and brainstorm different ways to honor our loved ones. Kathy's email is kathleen.kaess@verizon.net.

Thanks,
TBE Ritual Committee
Peter Hannaford, Chairman
Marla Friedman, Ritual and Education VP

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

Mazel Tov To: Orly & Bill Wallach on the birth of their grandson; Arlene Johnson on the birth of her granddaughter; Nancy Brohawn on the birth of her granddaughter.

Speedy Recovery To: Alice Hirsch, Linda Oster, Susan Ogintz

Condolences To: The TBE community and family of Norman Freeman on his passing. Janice Reidel on the death of her brother.

CONTRIBUTIONS

GENERAL FUND

High Holy Day donation
In memory of Ida Kimel
In memory of Norman Freeman
In appreciation of our High Holy Days services

EDUCATION FUND

In appreciation of the beautiful service and oneg in their honor
In memory of Norman Freeman

In honor of the birth of Nancy Brohawn's granddaughter
In memory of Nathan Eisner
In memory of Beatrice Freedman
In honor of Alice Hirsch's speedy recovery

RABBI DISCRETIONARY FUND

In memory of Dave Rosenberg's sister
In honor of Ally Migdol becoming a Bat Mitzvah
In honor of Scott Otto becoming a Bar Mitzvah
In memory of Norman Freeman

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SANCTUARY FUND

In memory of Norman Freeman

LANDSCAPING FUND

In memory of Norman Freeman

PRAYERBOOK

In memory of Norman Freeman

BUILDING FUND

In honor of Benjamin Alec Migdol becoming a Bar Mitzvah (leaf)

In honor of Rebecca Skye Migdol becoming a Bat Mitzvah (leaf)

In honor of Ally Migdol becoming a Bat Mitzvah (leaf)

SOCIAL ACTION FUND

In honor of their grandchildren, Jackson Sheehan &

Cailyn Sylvie Sheehan Bob & Diana Gelman (Needy Family Drive)

BRICKS

In memory of Steven Ogintz's mother

In memory of Jennie Witkin's mother

In memory of Janice Reidel's brother

In honor of Lynda & Jay Stellenberg's grandson becoming a Bar Mitzvah

In memory of Norman Freeman

In honor of Susan Ogintz's speedy recovery

MAZELGRAMS

Mazel tov to Sylvia Sheffler on her conversion

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

Mazel tov to Arlene Johnson on the birth of her granddaughter

TEMPLEGRAMS

Get well to Jack Stone

Get well to Jack Gleckner

Get well to Barbara Kramer

Get well to Kathy Winter

Get well to Linda Oster

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Rosman Family

Steven & Susan Ogintz

Bob & Diana Gelman

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Jerry & Linda Oster, Stan & Sharon

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Sandy Novick

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 19 cheshvan R.S. Mah Jongg Madness	2 20 cheshvan Office Closed	3 21 cheshvan R.S. ELECTION DAY 28 cheshvan R.S.	4 22 cheshvan TBE Board Meeting	5 23 cheshvan	6 24 cheshvan Shabbat Services 7:30 pm	7 25 cheshvan Shabbat Services 9:30 am Aleph Consecration 10:15 am <i>Chaye Sarah</i>
8 26 cheshvan R.S. GAN Men's Club Breakfast	9 27 cheshvan Office Closed	10 28 cheshvan R.S.	11 29 cheshvan VETERANS DAY CANADIAN REMEMBRANCE DAY	12 30 cheshvan Intro to Judaism	13 1 kisleiv Shabbat Services 7:30 pm	14 2 kisleiv Hay Class Shabbat Services 9:30 am <i>Tel'dot</i>
15 3 kisleiv R.S. Global Day of Jewish Learning	16 4 kisleiv Office Closed	17 5 kisleiv R.S.	18 6 kisleiv Sisterhood Board	19 7 kisleiv Intro to Judaism	20 8 kisleiv Musical Shabbat Services 7:30 pm ROSH CHODESH	21 9 kisleiv Shabbat Services 9:30 am Jr. Congregation <i>Vayetze</i>
22 10 kisleiv R.S. Hanukkah Shop	23 11 kisleiv Office Closed	24 12 kisleiv NO R.S. Interfaith Thanksgiving Serv.	25 13 kisleiv	26 14 kisleiv Office Closed THANKSGIVING DAY	27 15 kisleiv Shabbat Services 7:30 pm	28 16 kisleiv Extended Torah Study 9:30 am <i>Vayishlach</i>
29 17 kisleiv NO R.S.	30 18 kisleiv Office Closed					






















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6 24 kislev NO R.S. Teacher In Service 	7 25 kislev Office Closed 	8 26 kislev R.S. Community Candle Lighting 	9 27 kislev Sisterhood Cookie Exchange 	10 28 kislev Intro to Judaism 	11 29 kislev Musical Family Chanukah Shabbat 	12 30 kislev Confirmation Shabbat Services 9:30 am 
13 1 tevet R.S. GAN 	14 2 tevet Office Closed 	15 3 tevet R.S. 	16 4 tevet Sisterhood Board Meeting 	17 5 tevet Intro to Judaism 	18 6 tevet Speaker Series Shabbat Services 7:30 pm 	19 7 tevet Torah Study / Shabbat Services 9:30 am Jr. Congregation 
20 8 tevet R.S. Men's Club Breakfast 	21 9 tevet Office Closed 	22 10 tevet NO R.S. 	23 11 tevet 	24 12 tevet 	25 13 tevet Office Closed 	26 14 tevet Extended Torah Study 9:30 am 
27 15 tevet NO R.S.	28 16 tevet Office Closed	29 17 tevet NO R.S.	30 18 tevet	31 19 tevet	CHRISTMAS DAY	Vayechi
						Vayigash
						Vayeshev