



TEMPLE BETH EL SHOFAR

“Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.”
Martin Luther King Jr.

January-February 2015

Tevet-Shvat 5775

Shalom Friends-

This past month I had the great honor of being invited to the National Menorah Lighting Ceremony in Washington D.C. by Vice President Biden. It was a proud moment for me in many ways—as a rabbi, as an American, as a Delawarian and as a Jew. Standing on the front lawn of our nation’s home, the symbol of freedom and liberty for our modern world, was a powerful sight. The National Christmas tree behind the 25 foot tall Hanukkah Menorah, and in the background the White House, with the U.S. Flag waving atop bathed in light. This is part of the dream of America as I have come to understand it—where we can celebrate our diversity and the tapestry which are the faces of our nation. My grandparents, survivors of the Holocaust on one side and survivors of the Great Depression on the other side, would not have imagined the Vice President of the United States contacting someone in our family. Especially at a time when citizens of our country are asking hard questions about rights and protection, the power of Jewish values and religious freedom can help show us the way to healing and resolution. I was proud to represent the Jewish people, this congregation, and the state of Delaware. It is due to the nature of local life in Delaware that I was invited along with the other rabbis of Delaware by Vice President Biden to be his guest at this ceremony.

When he and I had a moment to talk together, he let me know that he had lit candles with his family just a few nights earlier since his daughter in law is Jewish. And it struck me again just how life in America has evolved in ways we could not have imagined for Jewish life in this day and age. Our families look and are shaped by communities around us, and how Jewish identity is growing, even when other aspect of Jewish life may seem to be lagging. As a congregation that is welcoming to families of all shapes, sizes, and colors, it was encouraging to stand side by side with our Vice President and to hear how endearing the Hanukkah message of “light amidst darkness” resonated with him.

This January there are a number of great opportunities to embrace the power of community at Temple Beth El from our annual Teen “Shul-In” to Mitzvah Day Sunday to Federation Shabbat . This year Temple Beth El is honored to be the host to the annual **Jewish Federation of Delaware Shabbat on January 23**. This is when all the synagogues (including Dover and Rehoboth) come together to one congregation to hold a Friday evening dinner and services. This year the evening starts with a **PJ Library music and story program at 5:30 pm** for 0-5 year olds. That is followed by a catered Kosher **Shabbat dinner at 6:00 pm** and includes a short program. **Kabbalat Shabbat services at 7:30** will include readings and honors for the congregations and the auxiliary organizations of Federations, such as the UD Hillel, Jewish Family Services, Siegel JCC and Kutz Home. It is also a **great opportunity to showcase the wonderful energy and welcoming community by which Temple Beth El** is known. Many guests are expected to join us and we hope that you will be a part of this spiritual community building evening. Not only will it be a spiritual night, but it will also be a great social evening to meet and interact with people from various synagogues from throughout the state of Delaware.

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(Rabbi message cont'd)

On Sunday morning, **January 18**, the teens join the **Temple Beth El Mitzvah Day program**. As a Reconstructionist congregation, we value living in multiple civilizations. This idea, as taught by Rabbi Mordecai Kaplan, stressed the idea that as American Jews, we are part of multiple communities and can lift up the best values from these arenas to deepen our experience as Jews in the United States. There is a great Jewish value in being an active part in our civil society. As the U.S. celebrates and honors the life of Martin Luther King Jr. by holding a national day of service, we in **Temple Beth El bring the idea of Mitzvah day together with taking action in celebrating MLK Jr.'s memory**. The whole congregation is invited to join us on that Sunday morning for a variety of activities designed to help those in our world who might need a little lift or leg up. More information will follow as the program for Sunday develops.

There is so much happening at Temple Beth El for people of all backgrounds and stage in life. As my experience with the Vice Present helped me see again, we are so fortunate to live in a country that encourages our sharing and lifting up of our ideals and values. I hope to see you at one of our many events. If there is a topic you would like to see addressed in either a future column or in an adult education session, please contact me or setup an appointment. My office is open to you the members of Temple Beth El and I always welcome hearing your thoughts, opinions and suggestions for future programming at Temple Beth El. With this secular New Year about to begin, I hope that yours will be filled with **blessings for life and health, peace and understanding, happiness and hope**.

In peace and blessing,
Rabbi Micah



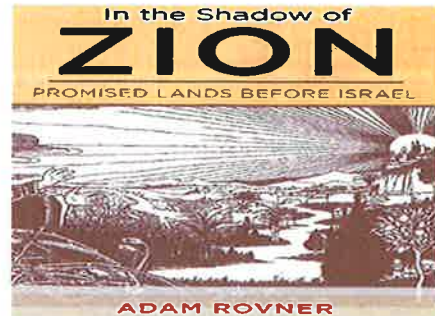
**JOIN US FOR OUR SPECIAL
MUSICAL SHABBAT SERVICES**

7:30 p.m.

February 6th

Music by Rabbi Micah along with fellow TBE musicians and our Klezmer Band
"Thread of Blue"

Friday Night Lecture series continues with a presentation by
Dr. Adam Rovner,
author of "In the Shadows of Zion"
Friday, February 20
7:30 p.m.



In the Shadow of Zion brings to life the amazing true stories of six exotic visions of a Jewish national home outside the biblical land of Israel. Israel's successful establishment has long obscured the fact that eminent Jewish figures, including Zionism's prophet, Theodor Herzl, seriously considered settling enclaves beyond the Middle East including Angola, Kenya, Madagascar, Suriname and Tasmania.

Adam Rovner is Associate Professor of English and Jewish Literature at the University of Denver. He holds an M.A. from The Hebrew University of Jerusalem and a Ph.D. from Indiana University-Bloomington. An accomplished public speaker, Rovner has addressed a variety of audiences in Canada, England, Israel, and the U.S. His short documentary on Jewish territorialism, No Land Without Heaven, has been screened at exhibitions in New York, Paris, and Tel Aviv. He is a dual American-Israeli national and currently lives in Denver, Colorado. Adam and Rabbi Micah are longtime friends.



U OF D HILLEL SHABBAT

Friday, February 27

Service 6:00 pm

No Services at TBE

TBE ADULT ED
Thursday evenings
from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Adult Education offerings for Winter-Spring 2015 will focus on Jewish Ethics. As our foundation for study, we will use the award winning A Guide to Jewish Practice, Volume 1 by Rabbi David Teutsch, director of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College's Center for Jewish Ethics. It is intended to provide guidance to readers who wish to lead lives of integrity and meaning built on Values-Based Decision-Making, a core tenet of Reconstructionist Judaism.

Adult Education discussions at Temple Beth El are open to the whole community. Come to one or come to them all.

January 15- Spirituality including spiritual modes, meditation, prayer, and spiritual direction.

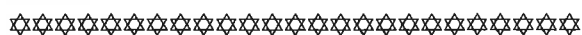
January 22- Tzedaka including how much should a person give?, recognizing contributors, making loans, and teaching our children.

February 12 & 26- Family & Sexual Ethics including gender identity, marriage, divorce, monogamy, sexual pleasure, interfaith, changing world of sexuality.

March 12 & 26- on Bioethics including genetic testing, end of life decision making, abortion and infertility.

April - Kashrut

May - Organizational Ethics and Economic Justice



From Our President:

Dear Congregants

The fall seems to have moved quickly and now with Hanukkah past, winter scenes are in full swing. As thoughts of Hanukkah Gelt, spinning Dreidels and luscious latkes slowly fade we look forward to a vibrant winter at Temple Beth El.

As you make plans for January keep Friday evening, January 23rd and Saturday evening, January 24th open for two wonderful events. On January 23rd Temple Beth El will have the honor of hosting the annual joint Federation Shabbat service including the other synagogues in New Castle County. The evening

will begin with a PJ Library musical experience followed by a kosher dinner catered by Boscov's served prior to the services and an enhanced oneg following services. On Saturday evening Temple Beth El is participating in an all synagogue dance being held at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth in Wilmington. These are two wonderful events to look forward to as we move through winter and prepare for Purim towards the end of winter.

On January 11th there will be a parent meeting for parents of incoming 8th graders to orient parents about the benefits of involving children in BBYO. And on February 21st we will have a membership party open to all congregants with dinner, a Havdalah service and entertainment.

An important program that Temple Beth El is participating in is the Life and Legacy program being supported by the Jewish Federation of Delaware. This endowment program is a wonderful opportunity for Temple Beth El to formalize and add structure to our endowment to help build our own legacy for our future. We will be having meetings throughout the year to better understand and help organize this program. There is a significant financial benefit to Temple Beth El's participation through a major donor who is supporting the Jewish Legacy initiative.

The legacy program was outlined in some detail in the December 2014 Jewish Voice and more details will be made available to our congregants as we better understand the program. However, it is fairly straight forward and involves our congregants leaving a legacy gift to Temple Beth El as part of their estate planning. Through this program we are hoping to see our endowment grow to be a substantial contributor to our general fund in years to come. In addition, a growing and robust endowment program will give us the financial vehicle to help expand Temple Beth El's tradition of Tzedakah for those in need. I hope everyone will consider participating.

Here's wishing everyone a belated Happy Hanukkah and a wonderful winter leading to a festive Purim which of course will involve our annual Purim play on Sunday, March 4th. I hope to see everyone in attendance.

Sincerely,

Bob Prybutok, Temple Beth El President



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SHABBAT

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at **TEMPLE BETH EL**

301 Possum Park Road
Newark, DE 19711

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 2015

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

PJ LIBRARY SHABBAT PROGRAM @5:30 PM

COMMUNITY KOSHER SHABBAT DINNER @6:00 PM

SHABBAT SERVICES WITH ONEG TO FOLLOW @7:30 PM

KOSHER BUFFET DINNER IS \$20/PER ADULT AND \$12/CHILD WITH A MAXIMUM \$60 PER FAMILY (VEGETARIAN UPON REQUEST)

REGISTER ONLINE

WWW.SHALOMDELAWARE.ORG/FEDSHABBAT

BY FRIDAY, JANUARY 18TH

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: **TEMPLE BETH EL (302)366-8330**

OR **JEWISH FEDERATION OF DELAWARE (302) 427-2100**



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Mitzvah Day Sunday, January 18

Please join our TBE community for a day of "Tikkun Olam" (repair the world) as part of a nationwide day of service in honor of the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. As Reconstructionist Jews, we embrace the blending of American and Jewish civilizations together which makes MLK weekend an opportune time for Mitzvah work.

All are welcome to come and participate.

- Make a blanket - it's fun and easy!
- Fill food bags for those in need
- Make entertainment care packages for children at Al Dupont Children's Hospital
- Make a card for a soldier in Israel
- Bake a cake - yes, really! Bake cakes for our TBE Oneg/Kiddush freezer and to donate to the hope dining hall.

This fun and inspirational day will leave you feeling accomplished and energized! Please RSVP to our front office at tbe@tbede.org in order to ensure we have enough supplies.

Please join us and help make our community even better!



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

Mazel Tov To: Lynda & Lynn Bell on the birth of their granddaughter; Mike & Ann Herman on their granddaughter becoming a Bat Mitzvah; Mark Glassner & Lisa Schwartz & Sydell Glassner on Jason & Anya's marriage; Jack & Leny Stone on their 50th wedding anniversary; Joe & Lynn Sontowski and Linda & Dave Crist on Erica & Adam's engagement; Meryl & Mark Anderson on Jessica's & Patrick's engagement.

Speedy Recovery To: Gene Danneman; Ken Prager; Linda Oster

Condolences To: Nancy Schragger on the death of her father; Stewart Taub & Family on the death of Gloria Taub; Jill DiSciullo on the death of her father.

TBE 3rd ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

**Monday, May 4, 2015
Deerfield Golf Club**

Fun filled day with golf, lunch,
helicopter ball drop, dinner,
silent auction!

For more info contact TBE office.



Jewish Teens Regional Overnight



Saturday, January 17th at 4:00 pm
Sunday, January 18th at 12:00 pm

Temple Beth El Newark, DE

Martin Luther King Jr. Weekend Repair the World "Shul-In"



Open to all Jewish teens in the greater
mid-Atlantic region

- Great people and great food
- Havdallah & songs
- Indoor obstacle course
- Jewish identity slam poetry
- Social action projects
- Kosher Dinner and Breakfast

Grades 8-12
Cost: \$25

RSVP by January 12th
Rabbi Michael Ross, Director of Ed.
rabbimichael@tbede.org
302-366-8330
www.tbede.org



Temple Beth El

Come & Dance the Night Away at the Classic Rock Party

January 24, 2015

7:30pm – 10:30pm



Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth
4412 Washington Blvd. – Wilmington, DE 19802

Entertainment by DJ Joey Z / Wired Up Entertainment
\$20/per person paid in advance (\$22 @ the door)
Pizza/Snacks/Soft Drinks/Cash bar – beer/wine

Purchase tickets thru any of the sponsoring synagogues listed below or at the door, or via this website:
<https://www.signup82north.com/bevent/live.aspx?EventID=N8197928540>

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Childcare available through KidsKlub (grades K-5) at the JCC. For info or to register call the JCC @ (302) 478-5660
Thanks to Shoprites of Delaware for their generous support



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



From Our Director Of Education:

Bringing Back the Light - Happy New Year, 2015!

Our fall has been packed with exciting programming. I represented TBE at the RENA conference for Reconstructionist educators in Indianapolis in November, and I brought our faculty to a special "Day of Learning" at RRC in December, where I was one of the co-presenters, along side Rabbis Deb Waxman, David Teutsch, Jeff Eisenstat and Linda Holtzman .

In January, we will be hosting an exciting Teen Shul-in Retreat during MLK weekend, on 1/17 & 1/18. We will be joined by a variety of Jewish teens from the wider region, including groups from N.Y., N.J, PA and MD. In the vein of social action, and entering this new year, may we each recommit to our work in Tikkun Olam, or repairing this precious world. Our children need us to help them show the way.

L'shalom,
Rabbi Michael



**NO
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL
Sunday, February 15th
President's Day Week-end**

JR. CONGREGATION for Grades 2-6

With our Rabbinic Intern, Jacob Lieberman

Saturdays 10:30- 11:45 a.m.

January 17

February 7

March 14

BET FAMILY SHABBAT

Friday, January 9

Dinner - 6:00 p.m.

Service - 7:30 p.m.

Please RSVP to the TBE office



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Ages 3-4

Crafts, stories & snack

Sunday 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

January 11

February 8

March 14

DALET FAMILY SHABBAT

Saturday, February 21 at 9:30 a.m.

Torah Service followed by

Kiddush (light lunch)



PURIM CARNIVAL & PLAY

Sunday, March 8th

11:00 a.m.

TBE MEMBERSHIP FAMILY DINNER



&
ENTERTAINMENT NIGHT
February 21st
Dinner 6:00 p.m.



Take a break from your busy schedule for an action-packed evening of food, friendship & entertainment celebrating TBE membership! You and your family will join the congregation in eating delicious kosher pizza from NYC, salad, and dessert, share a brief havdallah service, play some easy family-oriented games together, and entertainment. The TBE Membership Family Dinner and Entertainment event is for everyone from all stages of life, and we will have engaging activities for everyone's enjoyment. The evening will last from 6pm to 8pm, allowing for an early start and return home. You won't want to miss this event with old friends and grow your circle of friends by meeting new ones.

Please RSVP to the TBE office at 302-366-8330 or tbe@tbede.org about your family's attendance .

If you would like to be part of the committee this event, please contact Rae Cook at rae@raecook.com or 302-521-8910.



MEN'S CLUB NEWS

Upcoming Breakfasts

Sunday, January 11, 9:15 am

Dr. Mark Brainard President - Del Tech

Sunday, February 22, 9:15 am

US Senator Tom Carper

\$7 – at the door

Congratulations to.....

Fantasy Football Winner - Raphael Sarawesky

Second Place - Arlen Stone

***** Temple Beth El Sisterhood's *****

16th ANNUAL BASKETFEST FUNDRAISER
Sunday, March 1, 2015



Doors open at 1:30 p.m.
Drawing begins at 3:00 p.m.
Admission \$25.00

An afternoon of wonderful refreshments, fun, and the opportunity to win themed baskets. Baskets on display in the synagogue lobby. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors. **Take advantage of our Pre-order Ticket Discounts (see order form below).** After February 20th admission will be \$30.00 / additional tickets will be \$12.00/20.

We need your creative baskets!

Cash donations are accepted as well.

Please bring your unwrapped baskets with a list of the donated items to the synagogue office by Feb. 17th. Call Terry Prager (610-255-0238) or Shelley Perlmutter (302-239-5541) or sperlmutter@aol.com with questions. Table reservation for 8 to 10 adults are available upon request from the synagogue office. Reservations are on a first come, first served basis. The cut-off date for reservations is February 20th.

Temple Beth El, 301 Possum Park Road, Newark, DE 19711
302-366-8330 www.tbede.org

Basketfest
Ticket Pre-order Form
Please fill out completely including phone & email

Ticketholder's Name _____ **Phone#** _____

E-Mail Address _____

Admission - \$25 (Must be 18 or older) _____
(includes 20 tickets & refreshments)

Additional Tickets- \$10/ 20 tickets _____

Total Due* _____

Each ticket holder needs to fill out a separate form. Pre-orders will be available for pickup on Sunday, March 1st from 9-11:45 a.m. in the TBE lobby or during event.

- **Write checks out to TBE (Attn: Basketfest). There are no refunds on ticket sales.**

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In memory of Paula Shulak

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Mazel tov to Phyllis & Barry Seidel on the birth of their great grandson

Mazel tov to Ann & Mike Herman on Haley becoming a Bat Mitzvah

Mazel tov to Meryl & Andy Rimes on the birth of their grandson

Mazel tov to Jerry & Linda Oster on their anniversary

Mazel tov to Lynn & Joe Sontowski on Erica & Adam's engagement

Mazel tov to Linda & Dave Crist on Adam & Erica's engagement

Mazel tov to Ed Tucker on his special birthday

Mazel tov to Lynda & Lynn Bell on the birth of their granddaughter

Mazel tov to Jill Bell & Matt Dorfman on the birth of their daughter

Mazel tov to Jack & Leny Stone on their 50th wedding anniversary

Mazel tov to Leslie Reidel on a great production of Macbeth

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Get well to Alice Hirsch

Get well to Hilton Cohen

Get well to Linda Oster

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Get well to Gene Danneman

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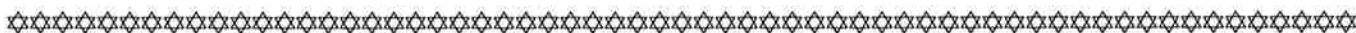
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