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Layla Tov?

Like any red-blooded American Zionist, I salivate when I hear that good Middle Eastern food is headed to town. So I was more than intrigued to hear of the opening of Layla's Falafel on High Ridge Road. After all, Fairfield County Weekly has written about the original restaurant in Fairfield, "Layla's falafel sandwich is as good as the ones found on the streets of Manhattan."



So, my mouth was beginning to water as my brain began to churn out questions: Would the place be – cherish the thought – kosher? Might it at least be vegetarian? And if not (since I eat dairy and pareve at any restaurant, following that old and totally unofficial Conservative practice that goes back several decades), at least does it have good hummus? So I did what you might expect me to do: I checked the website: <http://www.laylasfalafel.com>.

Nice menu, specializing in a number of vegetarian dishes. That's the good news. The ownership is Lebanese, which is also good news, sorry to say, since Lebanese hummus is usually better than the Israeli variety.

Here's the problem, and it has nothing to do with food. I clicked on the link "Our Heritage." I'll reprint verbatim the opening paragraph:

"The region of the Middle East whose population share our heritage is known as the Levant. The Levant geographically covers southern Turkey, Syria, Lebanon, and Palestine. It can be described as a narrow coastal plain averaging eight miles in width and parallel to a series of mountains extending from southern Turkey to southern Palestine and reaching heights of 12,000 feet in Lebanon."

Seems like they are leaving out a certain little neighbor to the south. In fact, they are doing something worse in replacing that neighbor with a state that doesn't exist yet. Now I am one who hopes that the current post-Arafat thaw will bring about a Palestinian state very soon. As David Makovsky pointed out so clearly at the Hoffman Memorial Lecture this past fall, even Ariel Sharon has come around to recognizing the need for a Palestinian state on most of the West Bank and all of Gaza – and the sooner the better. The alternative would soon be a non-Jewish majority in one country west of the Jordan, ultimately leading to the destruction of Israel as a Jewish state.

In choosing to deny Israel's existence on their website, a choice that had to be made consciously, Layla's has rendered itself to be "unkosher" in the most literal sense. Kosher means "fit." It would not be fitting for me to patronize any shop or company that would deny my legitimacy. To deny Israel's legitimacy is to deny my own.

By the way, I feel the same way about Jewish organizations and religious groups that deny the legitimacy of Conservative Judaism – those who, for example, refuse to accept the validity of Conservative conversions (which are done according to halacha) in determining, for instance, whether to sanction a marriage or to admit a child into their schools. All those who deny my legitimacy as a Conservative Jew, are, to a degree, unkosher in my book.

Do I feel badly that I'll never have the chance to taste Layla's veggie delicacies? My taste buds are rising up in protest as I speak; but the burden on my conscience would be far greater if I were to patronize a shop that denies my homeland's existence.

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JANUARY SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Shabbat, January 1 - Services 9:30 a.m.

Kahal Service & Luncheon

Friday, January 7 - Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30 p.m.

Tot Shabbat 6:45 p.m.

Shabbat, January 8 - Services 9:30 a.m.

Friday, January 14 - Kabbalat Shabbat 8:00 p.m.

Shabbat, January 15 - Services 9:30 a.m.

Friday, January 21 - Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 p.m.

Tot Shabbat 6:45 p.m.

SHABBAT UNPLUGGED

Shabbat, January 22 - Services 9:30 a.m.

SISTERHOOD SHABBAT

Luncheon sponsored by the Men's Club

Friday, January 28 - Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30 p.m.

Tot Shabbat 6:45 p.m.

Shabbat, January 29 - Services 9:30 a.m.

PARENTING SHABBAT

B'nai Mitzvah 2005 Lunch 'N Learn w/Cantor Jacobson

FEBRUARY SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Friday, February 4 - Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30 p.m.

Tot Shabbat 6:45 p.m.

Shabbat, February 5 - Services 9:30 a.m.

Kahal Service & Luncheon

Mincha/Ma'ariv Service 4:45 p.m.

Danielle Bachar, Bat Mitzvah

Friday, February 11 - Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 p.m.

FAMILY FRIDAY SERVICE

Shabbat, February 12 - Services 9:30 a.m.

Ilana Polak, Bat Mitzvah

Friday, February 18 - Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30 p.m.

Tot Shabbat 6:45 p.m.

Shabbat, February 19 - Services 9:30 a.m.

Friday, February 25 - Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30 p.m.

Tot Shabbat 6:45 p.m.

Shabbat, February 26 - Services 9:30 a.m.



*Jr. Congregation at 10:30 a.m. on Shabbat & Festival mornings.

ADULT EDUCATION

Jewish Parenting Class: A Five Week Parent Discussion Group

Based on the concepts in The Blessing of a Skinned Knee,
by Wendy Mogel Ph.D.

**This group will be held Sunday mornings on January 9th, 23rd,
30th; February 6th and 20th from 9:15-10:15 a.m.**

*Facilitated by Sara Jamison, MSW, clinical social worker and
child family therapist. Coffee and nosh provided.*



What does Jewish tradition has to say about child-rearing? We all want to raise self reliant, compassionate and ethical children, and may scour the bookshelves of **Borders** looking for helpful information. But what does Jewish tradition have to say about child-rearing and can we find the answers in what Jewish sages were teaching two thousand years ago? Many parenting books or articles in popular magazines feel faddish, trendy or trite. A refreshing look at parenting is offered in Wendy Mogel's book, The Blessings of a Skinned Knee. This book is filled with common sense and moderation while bringing something new to the parenting party — the perspective of Jewish tradition. Drawing on the wisdom of the Torah, the Talmud and other Jewish teachings, this book provides direction and some answers. Using a framework of nine blessings the book helps parents establish a new set of priorities. The book covers diverse issues such as: respect for adults, chores, keeping expectations in line with your child's temperament, meal-time battles, coping with frustration, avoiding over-scheduling and overindulgence and more.



This group will examine the everyday challenges of child rearing from the perspective of the *beit din* (the ancient court of Jewish law). Every decision we make as parents have not only psychological dimensions, but moral, ethical, and spiritual ones as well. Using a Jewish perspective to understand parenting problems gives us a long view and reveals the underpinnings of the problem, not just the surface cuts and scratches. In this Jewish parenting class, the goal is not to provide formulaic answers to difficult issues, but to stretch ourselves by learning basic Jewish principles of living.

You can expect to leave this five week class with:

- A deeper understanding of Jewish thought
- Insight gained about your individual child: his or her temperament, natural endowments, interests, and inclinations
- Resources for finding basic information about different stages of your child's social development
- An understanding about how certain aspects of our culture impede parents who are trying to raise self-reliant, compassionate, optimistic children
- Guidelines about defining appropriate expectations for children
- Insights about how your own psychological needs may be hampering your child's growth

For further information please call Roni Lang at 327-6418.

A Note from the Cantor

These past few weeks afforded me a number of opportunities at our Temple and in the community at large to bring music to help, to heal, to inspire, and to celebrate!



On December 1st, I had the privilege of singing at an AIDS Interfaith Service, led by Reverend Douglas McArthur at the United Methodist Church in Stamford. It was truly humbling to be able to sing a healing prayer to provide comfort to so many in need of it. The following Wednesday, on December 8th we were filled with joy as we lit the chanukiah at the Government Center, where the Rabbi and I and the Junior Choir were invited to sing a special Chanukah program for Mayor Dan Malloy and all the employees there (and many proud TBE parents!).

And then to top off our Chanukah celebration, we had our most special Chanukah Concert here at Temple Beth El on Sunday, December 12th. The music, the singing, and the multi-media presentation made a fabulous afternoon – our best Chanukah concert yet!! Congregants of all ages filled our sanctuary and participated with much *ruach*. The six candles glowing on our chanukiah matched the glow from the faces in the audience and the choir members on our bimah.

Thank you to my co-chairs, Mara Hammerman and Eileen H. Rosner for all their work to make our concert the success that it was, as well as to Sisterhood and Men's Club and many of our congregants for their generous contribution which enabled us to have such a high-tech/musical concert. Thank you to our Adult and Jr. Choir members for sharing their beautiful voices, and to our musicians, which included our own Alison Greenwald on sax, Joey Lieber on keyboard and Marc Schneider on flute. Thank you to everyone else who helped behind the scenes, including Ellen Gottfried in the Temple office, and our maintenance staff. May the miracle and lights of Chanukah continue to warm and comfort you throughout the winter months.

The Jacobson family wishes you a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Cantor Deborah Jacobson

Junior Choir
meets on Sundays from 10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
For Grades 4 thru 12.

Contact Cantor Jacobson at cantor@tbe.org or 322-6901, ext. 303 or for an audition appointment.



If you are interested in joining our fabulous and fun Adult Choir, contact Cantor Jacobson at cantor@tbe.org or 322-6901, ext. 303.



SAVE THE DATE

SHABBAT UNPLUGGED

Friday, January 21, 2005 - Shabbat Shirah

7:30 p.m.

From the desk of BRIAN ROGOL...

"It is better to give than to receive." is an old adage that we hear over and over again. During the holiday period from Thanksgiving to New Years, we all can't help but think about its implications in our daily lives.

Certainly, those from our own Beth El Cares put this feeling into action. A dedicated group of volunteers helps to cook and serve a Thanksgiving meal for the homeless. They also prepare food for the Christmas holiday to be fed to those less fortunate, so that those who observe their holiday can reap some welcome time off. Thank you to the co-chairs of Beth El Cares - Sue Greenwald and Cheryl Wolff - for continuing the Temple Beth El tradition of caring. Another caring group, Project Ezra, provides a pre-shiva meal for our bereaved families. Contact Sheila Israel or Joy Katz to volunteer your help.

During Chanukah, we think about our family and friends, and spend time planning for and purchasing presents for all those on our list, whether they be our parents, children, grandchildren, other members of our extended family or our friends. We plan Chanukah parties where we get together, light the Chanukah candles, sing songs, eat latkes or sufganiyot (jelly donuts) and exchange gifts. These festivities take place in the privacy of homes, or as community celebrations for the entire Stamford Jewish community. The Jewish community gathered together this year on several occasions to help celebrate Chanukah: at the candle lighting at the Government Center, at the Chanukah celebration at the JCC and at our own TBE Chanukah Concert, featuring the TBE Adult and Junior Choirs. Thank you to Cantor Deborah and the event co-chairs - Eileen Rosner and Mara Hammerman - for providing such an uplifting and all-around great time. Successful activities such as this can only happen if we are prepared to give of our time and effort.

Despite the fact that winter is now officially here (this message will be published sometime in January), there is no need to hibernate! There are many ways in which each and every one of you can stay involved and continue to contribute to Temple Beth El activities that have such a positive impact on our community. The Kahal service that occurs once each month requires volunteers to lead the service (contact Susan Eitelberg for a part) and following the service is a sit down luncheon catered by our own Shabbat luncheon committee (contact Herb Horowitz to help prepare the meal). We have kiddushes each Shabbat after services that need volunteers to help set up (contact Roberta Aronovitch at the TBE office). Our Adult Education Committee is busily working on our Scholar-In-Residence programming for March and April on the topics of Kabbalah and the History of American Judaism, and they could use your help as well (contact Roni Lang, Adult Education chair). There are so many activities going on at Temple Beth El it is hard to name only a few. There is much work to be done but, alas, never enough hands. Your time and energy are extremely important to us. Come and help TBE fulfill all of your dreams.

Temple Beth El is also appreciative of each and every one of our member's financial contributions to our High Holy Day Appeal. We had a record number of contributors this year and we will continue to strive for 100% participation of the entire congregation. Every gift is a quality gift and the donations of each and every one of you are greatly appreciated. Without your generous gifts, we would not be

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B'Not Mitzvah

February 5, 2005 (evening)

Danielle Bachar

daughter of Bonnie & Morty

sister of Stephanie

attends Bi-Cultural Day School

Mitzvah Project: Collection and distribution of toys to the Friendship Circle (disabled children)



February 12, 2005 (morning)

Ilana Polak

daughter of Fran Pastore

sister of Hilary

attends Bi-Cultural Day School

Mitzvah Project: Collection and donation of pre-teen and teen level videos and books to Yale New Haven Children's Hospital



LEARNING AND LATTE

at Border's Book Store

High Ridge Road, Stamford, Connecticut



Meets monthly on the second Tuesday evening of the month.

7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

SEEKING THE SACRED:

MANY PATHS TO A MEANINGFUL LIFE

with

Rabbi Joshua Hammerman - Temple Beth El
Rev. Douglas McArthur - First United Methodist Church
Dr. Behjat Syed - Stamford Islamic Center

January 11, 2005



Science and Religion: Perfect Together? -- Included in this topic, a discussion of Creationism vs. Evolution

This monthly multi-faith "conversation" is the only opportunity in this area where Christian, Jewish and Moslem religious leaders come together with participants to discuss what we all share: our faith, our questions, our common humanity. This series is now in its third year and this past year's sessions included a passionate discussion of "The Passion" as well as conversations on Gay Marriage, the December holidays and the rituals of death and mourning.

We thank you for sponsoring Kiddush!

Bonnie & Morty Bachar
Francine Pastore



NOW AVAILABLE...

BASKETS FOR THE BIMAH

If you want to add to your Bar/Bat Mitzvah celebration by providing baskets of food for the homeless or toys and games for kids in need, we now have baskets (choice of three different styles/colors) you can use.

Please call Roberta Aronovitch, ext. 304, for details.



THE HAZZAN'S VOICE

Throughout the years, I have, on many occasions, referred to and spoken about the German composer Richard Wagner and his anti-Semitic position toward Jews, especially those in the arts. Thankfully, the message has reached home and it has been many years since any Jewish bride and groom has requested Wagner's march from his opera "Lohengrin" to escort the bride down the aisle. To this day, any attempt to play Wagner's music in Israel is violently opposed by those who experienced and survived the Holocaust.



In 1850, Wagner published his literary attack on Jews called, "Jews in Music." Interestingly, he published it under the symbolic pseudonym of Karl Freigedank. In 1869, Wagner enlarged the publication with extensive additions in explanation of his original negative attitude toward Jews.

It is believed that Adolph Hitler was very much influenced by Wagner's "Jews In Music" when he wrote his "Mein Kampf."

Jews of Europe, especially in Germany, prior to the rise to power of Hitler were very much supporters of all phases of the arts. It is, therefore, understandable that they thirsted for whatever was popular at that time.

I was fascinated by a letter to the editor of the "YIVO NEWS" of the Institute for Jewish Research, requesting any information available about Wagner's operas being translated into Yiddish and being performed.



My gratitude to YIVO for permission to reprint the letter and its response.

HAZZAN SIDNEY G. RABINOWITZ

"WAGNER IN YIDDISH"

I am searching for information about productions or translations of operas of Richard Wagner in Yiddish. I understand, for instance, that Boris Tomashefsky mounted a Yiddish "Parsifal" (of all things!) and perhaps a Yiddish "Ring." It is a fact that the works of Wagner, in spite of his anti-Semitism, were immensely popular with Jewish audiences worldwide in the pre-Hitler years. I figure that directors, singers and impresarios must have catered to this popularity in Yiddish venues - in America, in Eastern Europe and perhaps in South America.

These productions may have been directly translated versions, adaptations (as with the "Yiddish King Lear,") or satirical or derisive send-ups...Yiddish-language commentaries, reviews and analyses of Wagner's operas also are of great interest...I'd appreciate any information or leads you may be able to supply.

**Prof. Sheldon Reaven,
SUNY Stony Brook**

Reply: You will find Wagner's operas in Yiddish in the book "Veltbarimte Operas" (World Famous Operas) by William Edlin. Another source is "Far shtub un estrade: a zamlung fun operaryes" (For Home and Stage: A Collection of Opera Arias) by Avrom Zak, in which the following arias appear: "Tannhauser: Der ovnt-shtern (The Evening Star)," and "Lohengrin: Mayn Shvan" (My Swan). Scenes of Wagner's operas, in Yiddish, are reproduced in Dr. A. Mukdoni's "Dos naye opera-bukh" (The New Opera Book), including ones from "Die Valkyrie," "Tristan und Isolde,," "Tannhauser," "Parsifal" and "Lohengrin."

We thank you for sponsoring Tot Shabbat!

Cheryl Bader-Goldblum & Stephen Goldblum
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Rabbi Alex J. Goldman Scholarship Fund

We thank the following people for their contributions:

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Rabbi Goldman Remembered Through *Kulanu* Essay Contest

The Rabbi Alex Goldman Scholarship Fund is pleased to announce the first Annual Rabbi Goldman Memorial Essay Contest for *Kulanu* 10-12th grade students. The contest is planned for Spring 2005. The winning essay will be published in the *New Jewish Voice* and read at the *Kulanu* graduation ceremony on June 1, 2005. Scholarship will be awarded to winner. Entries will be reviewed by a jury of community leaders and educators. Further contest details and essay topics will be announced in January 2005.



The Rabbi Alex Goldman Scholarship Fund was established to strengthen the Jewish identity of our teens by providing opportunities to enhance their skills in Judaic studies or writing on Jewish topics. The Rabbi Goldman Memorial Essay Contest is a tribute to Rabbi Goldman who was a historian and avid writer, authoring over 20 books all with Jewish themes.

Past presidents who served during Rabbi Goldman's tenure established the Rabbi Alex J. Goldman Scholarship Fund as a memorial tribute. Edith Goldman, the rabbi's wife, endorses this program. Anyone wishing to contribute may make their check payable to either Temple Beth El or the Jewish Community Endowment Fund, (JCEF), and mark the contribution for the "Rabbi Alex Goldman Scholarship Fund." JCEF will manage all monies received.

For more information, please contact Gina Lewald-Fass, *Kulanu* Director 203-321-1373 ext. 115 or gina@ujf.org.

Kulanu is a community-wide Jewish education program that engages post-Bar/Bat Mitzvah teens in learning and social connection through weekly classes and innovative programming. *Kulanu* is a program of the CCJE of the United Jewish Federation of Greater Stamford, New Canaan and Darien.

A special THANK YOU and MAZEL TOV to Leslie and Herb Horowitz for donating the beautiful challah cover in honor of their wedding anniversary!

YOUTH DEPARTMENT NEWS

As you may be aware, there has been a change in leadership in the Youth Department. We have said goodbye to Rachel Grossman, who recently left TBE, and has moved on to other endeavors.

We have had a very strong beginning to the youth programming this year. Our Keshet (3rd - 5th grade) and Kadima (6th - 8th grade) youth groups are nearly at capacity and our Atid (K - 2nd grade) group is growing nicely. We have a number of teens that regularly attend regional USY (9th - 12th grade) functions and we are looking forward to more joining them.

We are fortunate to have hired a highly qualified Youth Advisor for the remainder of this year, and it is someone in our own backyard. Please welcome Jonathan Ostroff to our Temple Beth El community in his new role. He is already well known amongst our children, as our 6th grade Religious School teacher as well as a popular teacher at Kulanu, our Hebrew High School.

You, the parents, are the link to making the youth programming work. Please encourage your children to attend programs. As we are trying to create an environment for all of our children that is welcoming and inclusive, we encourage you to contact Jonathan, or any member of the Youth Commission, to share your ideas, likes and dislikes. Please feel free to visit Jonathan in the Youth Lounge, contact him by phone, 322-6901 ext. 324 or e-mail youth@tbe.org.

Youth Commission:

*Stephne Behrend
Sharon Goldstein
Hazel Katz*

*Betsy Kempner
Scott Piskin
Cathy Satz*

KAHAL Shabbat - YOU ARE WANTED

Kahal Shabbat is open to all to lead as well as to participate in the service. For those who want to explore a role in leading a part of the service or to discuss what is involved, please contact either of the co-chairs of the Ritual Committee without any commitment.

Service parts may be customized to fit your needs. We will provide assistance and no introductory course requirements are necessary. Let the office know of your interest in obtaining more information.



This Boat Won't Float... Without you.

Just like Noah's Ark, our Religious School is only as good as the labor and love that we put into it.

Help us paint our walls, improve our furniture, add shades to our downstairs classrooms...and much, much, more!



Honor a loved one or friend, and give us a hand by dedicating an animal or plaque on the beautiful Noah's Ark hanging in our school.

\$1000 for each Animal

\$250 for each plaque

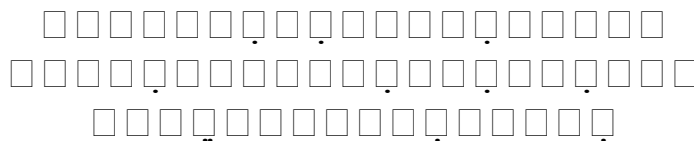
RABBI SELILAH KALEV, Education Director

It often happens that people will ask me whether or not I am *happy* here at TBE. I find this an interesting question; they don't ask if things are going well or even if I like it here... rather they are asking the deeper question "am I *happy*." This question rings sincere to me and always makes me smile...how truly special that so many in a community would think of their professional's happiness, not just their success. Given that the question touches me, it means all the more that I can answer it with an unqualified "yes."

We have arrived at the (secular) New Year. It is a time of giving, and getting...it is hopefully a time to appreciate what you have. It is all too common in a non-profit environment like the one in which we work, to always focus on what we need. Here at TBE, like any other synagogue, we thrive only when people are willing to give of their time and money, and unfortunately, there is always more to do...more needs of the community to attempt to meet. But here we are mid-year, with a lull in the motion, due to school breaks and snow fall, and it's time to take just a moment to notice all that we have.

This is easy for me...because I am so blessed. I love the great moments of interaction that I have with each of you: each *Shabbaton* where I get a chance to get to know my students better, each Color War where I hear the excitement and enjoy the fun with everyone together, each Adult Ed class, Family Ed day and impromptu conversation where we get a chance to share with each other. That is why I do what I do, why I love my job...It's the day to day interactions and most importantly, it is the people. That might be true wherever I might find myself; however, here I am additionally blessed with an amazing group of volunteers. Since the moment that I arrived here at TBE, I have regularly been surprised at the willingness of so many to help when the need arises and the energy that they show in the tasks that they take on.

It is truly amazing all that you have done for me and continue to do for the betterment of the school. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone of you who have given of your time or money. Whether you are an official member of the Board of Ed, Adult Ed, Youth Commission or the Board of Trustees, or whether you have simply come in to stuff envelopes, please rest assured that your care and heart mean the world to all of us here.



Blessed are You, Source of all Life, performing a wonderful deed for me in this place.

PARENTING SHABBAT

Saturday, January 29, 2005

The Jewish answers to all those kid questions parents get asked in the car.

Services begin at 9:30 a.m.
Jr. Congregation at 10:30 a.m.



Beth El Cares

2004 CHRISTMAS EVE DINNERS PACIFIC HOUSE & ST. LUKE'S LIFE WORKS

It takes a lot of people to make these holiday dinners successful. Big thank you's go to:

- **Jason, the DJ** who has given his time freely to Pacific House on Christmas Eve for over a decade. (Consider using him for your next celebration! Call 1-800-246-3406.)
- **Rosemary Licari of Court Square Cafe and the Jimmy Kitsios Restaurant Group** for donating all of the turkeys, gravy and stuffing.
- **Adam Eitelberg, THE SODA MAN**, for donating all of the soda.
- **Matthew and Alex Benjamin**, for using their own savings to buy all of the paper goods.
- **Tom Doyle and the terrific staff at the SPRINGDALE FLORIST**, who donated floral centerpieces, poinsettias, trees and personally raised funds to buy books and toys for kids in need.

We have come to count on these generous individuals and appreciate their generosity.

Thank you's also go to the following people who graciously helped to make the dinners a great success:

Ronni, Paul and Steven Ginsberg

**Nancy, Lindsay, Gregory, Becky and Ross Rosenberg
Susan and Rich Sabreen**

**Rosalea Fisher
Barbara Smith
Ellen Petersen
Judy Aronin
Ellen Gordon
Cathy Satz**

Ellen and Chuck Donen

**Vicky Kobliner
Julie Rakowitz**

**Joy, Larry, Aaron, Rachel & Hannah Katz
Eileen Rosner**

Sherry Shameer Cohen and Ken Cohen

**Carol Kalter
Sani Camner
Stephanie Finder
Sandy Gottlin
Beth Baer**

**Vicky Buchman and Bert Rothman
David, Alison and Rachel Wolff
Art and Alison Greenwald**

Those who donated toiletries/cosmetics for people in need.

We apologize for anyone whose name did not make it onto the list before we had to go to print. Thank you all for your kindness and generosity!

Sue Greenwald and Cheryl Wolff

Was your child born in 1994?



If your child was born in 1994 and you did not receive a **Bar/Bat Mitzvah Questionnaire** for the year **2007**, please contact Mindy in the Temple office at office@tbe.org or 322-6901, ext. 301.



Don't Miss These Exciting Scholars!

Dr. Eitan Fishbane

March 18-20, 2005

Jewish Mysticism and Kabbalah



Professor Jonathan Sarna

April 8-10, 2005

350 Years of American Judaism



*Sponsored by Penny & Michael Horowitz
in loving memory of Bessie Silver & Millie Reiss*

Wrap up with God, then, let's have a bagel.



**After the Wrap, join us for a bagel
and drash on the Mitzvah of Tefillin.**

Sunday, February 6 at 9:00 am, our Men's Club will join thousands of Jews around the world to celebrate the Mitzvah of Tefillin. Afterwards, please join us for a bagel (and more) and learn more about this wonderful mitzvah from the Rabbi and others.



Don't have a set of tefillin?

Order them at www.WorldWideWrap.org

Today Rabbah to our Kiddush/Luncheon Committee!!!

**Sherry & Ken Cohen, Rhonda Ginsberg, Denise Greenman,
Michelle Greenman, Leslie & Herb Horowitz, Susan
Leiterstein, Carol Sander**

Join

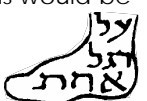
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On One Foot continued from page 3...

It seems to me that if enough people were bothered by this, Layla's might reconsider the language on their web site. Undoubtedly many Jewish patrons are not even aware of the problem. Not everyone checks out a website. But as more become aware, the pressure will increase. If they did change the language, even slightly, my taste buds would be most appreciative.

Rabbi Joshua Hammerman



BRIAN ROGOL...continued from page 5

able to have the breadth and depth of the programming and services that we offer. For those of you who would like to help out in fundraising efforts, please contact Rich Plutzer or Peter Kempner, co-chairs of our Fundraising Committee.

As the days of winter get colder and the snow begins to fall, please remember that Temple Beth El continues to need you. If the list of activities that need your help seems long, then just pick one and do it! And always remember that it is better to give than to receive! Finally, despite the fact that the "holiday season" is past history, Purim and Lag B'Omer are just around the corner!

Brian Rogol

*A very hearty Todah Rabah
to Cantor Deborah Jacobson
from the Miles Family
for her skilled and sensitive
training of Erica
for her Bat Mitzvah.*

**Would you like to have your own, very special
Todah Rabah box in our bulletin? Call Roberta
Aronovitch at 322-6901, ext. 304.**

TORAH FUND

Instead of sending greetings from Hallmark, why not send a beautiful Torah Fund card? You can help celebrate a simcha, extend get-well wishes and send someone special a *mazel tov*. I like to keep them "on hand" for the convenience of having them in my own home.

What is Torah Fund?

It is a project of Women's League for Conservative Judaism to benefit the Jewish Theological Seminary in NYC. Our Temple has already profited from this wonderful organization. Rabbi Hammerman, Cantor Jacobson and Hazzan Rabinowitz had their training at the Seminary.

How much are the cards?

\$3 a piece or 7 cards for \$20.

Who do I contact?

Karen Hainbach at (203) 322-8842.

I will make this transaction as easy as possible for you! I can meet you at the Temple at a time that is convenient for both of us. I can drop them in your mailbox when you send me your check. Remember, if you write a check, you may use that donation as a tax deduction.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Karen Hainbach Vice President of Torah Fund
TBE Sisterhood



Temple Beth El Israel Family Adventure

Led by Rabbi Joshua and Mara Hammerman

August 7-August 22, 2005

This unforgettable journey will have something for everyone:

- ☆ **Full children's program with youth counselor**
- ☆ **A glorious Shabbat in Jerusalem**
- ☆ **Archeological dig in the Judean Hills**
- ☆ **Relax at a five-star Dead Sea Spa, then ascend Masada**
- ☆ **Guest speakers and meaningful encounters with Israelis from a wide variety of backgrounds**
- ☆ **Western Wall Tunnels, ancient and modern Jerusalem**
- ☆ **Bar/Bat Mitzvah affirmation service and celebration**
- ☆ **Wilderness Experience in the Negev**
- ☆ **Exploring Tel Aviv and the mystical city of Safed**
- ☆ **Visit to our sister city of Afula**
- ☆ **Visit to an army base**
- ☆ **Boat ride on the Kinneret and Kayaking on the Jordan**

For further information, including pricing and a full itinerary, go to the trip's web site at:

<http://www.tbe.org/site/sog/TBEIsraelAdventure2005htm>

PLEASE HELP A FELLOW CONGREGANT THROUGH Temple Beth El's JOB BANK!

One kind of "mitzvah" is giving a person something to eat. Helping a person to find a job so that he can provide his own food is even a greater mitzvah.

Many Temple Beth El members are looking for jobs. We want to help. We are prepared to advertise "jobs wanted" and "positions available" in the monthly Bulletin, Shabbat-O-Gram and on the TBE website.

If you are interested in participating, please send no more than a five-sentence description (longer descriptions will be shortened at the discretion of the Editor) of your skills or the job you are looking for, or of a position you have available, via e-mail to rabbibtbe.org. You may also include a more detailed three-paragraph resume or description for posting on our website.


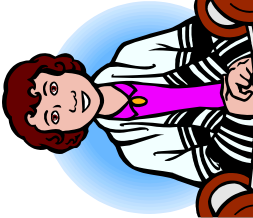
If you know of any job possibilities that fit one of more of the résumés at any time, please call Rabbi Hammerman. He will relay your phone number to the appropriate party so they can follow-up with you directly if they choose.

A similar program is being done at Temple Sinai. We plan to join together with them so that your ad will get exposure in their newsletter as well.

Weekday Minyan: 7:30 A.M.

Sunday Minyan: 9:00 A.M.

Jr. Congregation on Shabbat & Festivals 10:30 A.M.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>SHABBAT UNPLUGGED! Friday, February 21, 2005 7:30 p.m. With Music! Food! Friends!</p>						
2 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL Kulanu 9:00 am	3 21 Tevet	4 Board of Trustees Meeting 7:30 pm	5 23 Tevet	6 Membership Committee Meeting 7:30 pm	7 Candles 4:23 pm Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30 pm Tot Shabbat sponsored by Membership Committee 6:45 pm	8 Vaera Services 9:30 am
9 Kulanu 9:00 am Jewish Parenting 9:15 am B'nai Mitzvah Tutorial Program 10:00 am Jr. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am	10 29 Tevet	11 Learning & Latte at Border's Book Store 7:30 pm ROSH CHODESH	12 Lunch 'N Learn 12:30 pm (off-site)	13	14 Candles 4:31 pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 pm Family Friday Service	15 Bo Services 9:30 am
16 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	17 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	18 Women of the Book 7:30 pm	19 Lunch & Learn for Jewish Professionals 12:00 pm	20 Executive Committee Meeting 7:30 pm	21 Candles 4:39 pm Tot Shabbat 6:45 pm SHABBAT UNPLUGGED 7:30 pm	22 Beshalach Services 9:30 am SISTERHOOD SHABBAT
23 Kulanu 9:00 am Jewish Parenting 9:15 am B'nai Mitzvah Tutorial Program 10:00 am Jr. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am	24 7 Shevat	25 Ritual Committee Meeting 7:30 pm	26	27	28 Candles 4:47 pm Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30 pm Tot Shabbat 6:45 pm	29 Yifro Services 9:30 am TEEN SHABBAT
30 Kulanu 9:00 am Jewish Parenting 9:15 am Sisterhood's Women's Health Series II 10:00 am B'nai Mitzvah Tutorial Program 10:00 am Jr. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am	31 14 Shevat	15 Shevat	16 Shevat	17 Shevat	18 Shevat	19 Shevat
 <p>Sisterhood Shabbat Join us on Shabbat, January 22, 2005 Services begin at 9:30 a.m. Led by Sisterhood Members Followed by Lunch sponsored by the Men's Club</p>						
<p>20 Shevat</p>						
<p>21 Shevat</p>						

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T E M P L E B E T H I E L

February 2005

Shevat/Adar I 5765

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		1 Board of Trustees Meeting 7:30 pm	2 Kulanu 7:00 pm	3	4 Candles 4:56 pm Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30 pm Tot Shabbat 6:45 pm	5 Mishpatim Services 9:30 am Kahal Service & Lunch Mincha/Ma'ariv 4:45 pm Danielle Bachar Bat Mitzvah
6 World-Wide Wrap 9:00 am Kulanu 9:00 am Jewish Parenting Class 9:15 am B'nai Mitzvah Tutorial Program 10:00 am Jr. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am		8 Learning & Lattes at Borders Books 7:30 pm	9 Lunch 'N Learn 12:30 pm (off-site) Kulanu 7:00 pm ROSH CHODESH	10 ROSH CHODESH	11 Candles 5:05 pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 pm Family Friday Service	12 Terumah Services 9:30 am Ilana Polak Bat Mitzvah
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WORLD-WIDE WRAP - for 7th Graders
 Sunday, February 6, 2005
 9:00 a.m.
OPEN TO ALL!

**We recognize those who attended our daily minyan.
November 2004**

Scott Allen
Judy Aronin
Roberta Aronovitch
Stephne Behrend
Dan Benjamin
Amy & Jim Benjamin
Sanford Benjamin
Jerry Berkman
Debra Jaffe-Berkowitz
Larry Bloch
Linda Hempel Braun
Lori Burdett
Martin Clarke
Rhoda Dember
Charles Donen
Susan Eitelberg
Ben Evans
Robin Evans
Phil Farin
Rosaline Feinstein
Chick Finder
Richard Fisher
Janice Gaines
Gary Geller
Nina Gerber
Paul Ginsberg
Gerry Ginsburg
Judith Gladstein
Barbara & Marvin Gold
Fred Golove
Jack Greenberg
Denise Greenman
Art Greenwald
Ron Gross
Rabbi Joshua Hammerman
Joe Heyison
David Hirshfield
Darlene Hornstein
Herb Horowitz
Marty Israel
Cantor Deborah Jacobson
Sari & David Jaffe
Carol Kalter
Jeannie Kasindorf

Allen Kezsbom
Vicki Kobliner
Sam Kravitz
Harriet Lacker
Allan Lang
Seymour Lapin
Mark Lapine
Susan & Steven Leiterstein
Gary Lessen
Hersh Libo
Norma & Milt Mann
Laura Markowitz
Wendy Miles
Carol Nadel
Stuart Nekritz
Roz & Alec Perlson
Adam Pollack
Mitch Pomerance
Sandy & Hazzan Rabinowitz
Rick Redniss
David Rich
Jerry Rose
Joan & Robert Rosenthal
Eileen Rosner
Frank Rosner
Mel Rothstein
Carol Sander
Jeff Shapes
Maddy Shapiro
Sandy & Alvin Siegartel
Alan Silberman
Beth & Peter Silver
Linda Simon
Herb Soroca
Pearl Soroca
Lori Tobin
Gail G. Trell
Harvey Walzer
Harriet & Sy Weinstein
Peter Weissman
Arthur White
Martin Wolfe
Cheryl Wolff
Mark Zweibel

TREE OF LIFE

For those of you who have admired our very beautiful "Tree of Life" sculpture that adorns our Temple lobby, please be aware that there are many more leaves available for your own personal inscriptions.



You may wish to purchase a "leaf" in order to celebrate a happy occasion, honor or memorialize a loved one, or present a gift to an individual.

The following categories are still available:

- Triple Chai** \$5,400
- Guardians of the Temple** \$1,000
- Silver Leaves - Gold Border** \$ 750
- Silver Leaves** \$ 250

If you would like any further information, please contact Joyce Turner, (914) 764-4805, or the Temple office at 322-6901.

Mazel Tov to...

- Carol & Wil Brewer on the birth of a grandson, Jared Sam, born to Gina & Brian Waldman.
- Janis & Howard Kozinn on the marriage of their daughter, Jennifer to Evan Jaffe.
- Devra Jaffe-Berkowitz & Parry Berkowitz on the birth of a son, Andrew David, and to the proud grandparents, Sari & Alan Jaffe.
- Phyllis & George Heller on the birth of a granddaughter, Danielle Sarah, born to Sherri & Wayne Heller.

Why not "join the club?" There is lots of room and we will welcome you with open prayer books!

Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. and Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Helen Golin Judaica Gift Shop

Are you going to a party? Some suggestions for hostess gifts: Wine bottle or wine glass coasters, small jeweled boxes, pretty serving dishes, decorative dreidels

**REMEMBER, EVERYTHING IS DISCOUNTED
20% OFF RETAIL PRICES!!!**

Summer hours: By appointment.
Please call Mia Weinstein at 595-0528.



Is your Bar/Bat Mitzvah six months away?

Visit our Gift Shop to view our large selection of invitation books. Make an appointment with Penny Horowitz (10+ years of experience in the invitation business) and she will guide you through the ordering process. We have all the popular books to choose from: C'est Papier, Encore, Jansson, Checkerboard and more! And we have the BEST DISCOUNTS!

We also have Havdalah candles, Sunkist Fruit Gems sold in bulk, tallaim and yarmulkes for guys and girls and gifts. You can order your yarmulkes from us, too.

We are a one stop shop for your simcha!

Call Penny Horowitz at 322-4869 for an appointment.

SISTERHOOD SPEAKS

Now that we're deep into the winter season and have long since put our menorahs away for another year, I'd like to thank and acknowledge **Denise Greenman** for so diligently and thoughtfully sending all of TBE's college freshman and sophomore students Chanukah care packages at school.

The month of January has some special programming in store for our congregation. Our Annual Sisterhood Shabbat will be held on January 22nd. **Maureen Leffand** and **Susan Plotsky** have planned a beautiful program for the women of Temple Beth El. Please join us for Shabbat Shira, or the Shabbat of Song. I'm looking forward to a moving morning lead by women with a meal served by our Men's Club afterward!

Sisterhood is also proud to present Part II of the highly acclaimed Women's Health Series. **Dr. Pam Marcus**, Diagnostic Radiologist, will be speaking to us about Bone Density, Mammograms and Ultra Sound testing. Please don't miss out on this informative, educational morning on January 30th at 10:30 a.m. You can call or email **Marge Shameer** at mschmeer@snet.net or 322-2477 to save a place for you, for this is sure to be a full-house event.

If you haven't already joined Sisterhood this year it's not too late to become a member. Membership grants free admission to all of the Women's Health Series lectures and there are several more scheduled for 2005. We will be bringing expertise and information on the hottest, most relevant and often most unspoken medical issues to our membership to help them help themselves.

So now more than ever, join Sisterhood!
Good Health and Happiness to all!

Ellen Gordon

WOMEN OF THE BOOK

We have many wonderful programs planned for this year. The books and the videos are riveting, thought-provoking and humorous. You will leave our meetings shouting, "MORE, MORE!"



Please join us for any or all of the following programs:

January 18th: Video *Hidden Children and their Rescuers*

Have you ever wondered what was going through the minds of the people who decided to risk their lives and the lives of their families by hiding Jewish children during the Shoah? Have you ever wondered how their own children felt? This thought-provoking documentary attempts to answer these questions.



February 15th: No meeting

March. 15, 2005: *The Book Borrower* by Alice Mattison

A friendship lasting two decades starts when two young mothers meet on a New York City playground. Their stories show "...how the events of the outside world play into our private lives; and how the bonds between women are enduring, mysterious, and laced with surprise."

April 19, 2005: Video *Let's Face It: Women Explore Their Aging Faces*:

"Seven women, ages 48 to 63 speak openly, honestly and with wry humor on the reality of the sags and bags, wrinkles and lines that show up on their faces." "...In their ongoing conversations each woman realizes how her self-image is shaped by early family judgments and by the unrelenting messages from a culture that honors youth as the epitome of beauty."

May 17, 2005: *An Hour in Paradise* by Joan Leegant

This book consists of ten "outstandingly original and prize-winning stories." The stories take place in locations as varied as Jerusalem, Queens, Hollywood and Florida and deal with subjects as varied as drug dealing, AIDS, and mysticism.

June 21, 2005: Planning Session

Reminder: The Sisterhood Food Drive is an ongoing project. Please drop off non-perishables in the Temple's upper lobby.

WE NEED HANDS!

If you are available to help with Temple mailings in the mornings, WE NEED YOUR HELP! We start at 8:00 a.m. and usually finish by 9:30 a.m. If you can stay for 30, 60 or 90 minutes it would be greatly appreciated.

Contact Frank Rosner at 348-0104 to be on his "call list."

Todah Rabah to those who prepare our Congregational Luncheon following our monthly Shabbat morning "Kahal Service."

If you would like to sponsor a Congregational Luncheon, please contact Roberta Aronovitch at 322-6901, ext. 304 or execdir@tbe.org.



Sisterhood Proudly Brings Another Women's Health Program Dr. Pamela Marcus on Mammograms, Bone Density & Ultrasound



**"What Every Woman Needs To Know
to Ask but Doesn't"**

January 30, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.

**Free of charge to Sisterhood members
\$5.00 for non-Sisterhood members;**

**RSVP to Marge Shameer by January 27th
at 322-2477 or mshameer@snet.net**

Enthusiastic and Energetic Volunteers Needed!!

To create a kosher keepsake **Cook Book**
for our Beth El family and friends using our very own recipes.

Please join our cookbook team and bring your special ideas and talents to the team. All are welcome!! No experience is necessary, just your interest in the project! *Profits will be donated to the kitchen/ballroom renovation projects.*



Call Beth Silver at 967-8852 or email: beth@silverconsulting.net if you are interested.

Sponsored by the Temple Beth El Sisterhood.

Lunch 'n Learn

"Hot Button Halacha"

Meets monthly on the second
Wednesday of the month



January 12, 2005 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
Topic: CONVERSION - WHO IS A JEW?

February 9, 2005 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
Topic: SMOKING IN PUBLIC PLACES

What does Jewish law teach us about today's most controversial issues, including Gay Marriage, Tattooing and Body Piercing, Stem Cell Research, Assisted Suicide, Domestic Violence, Surrogate Parenting and Smoking in Public Places? Recent opinions of the Conservative Movement's Committee of Law and Jewish Standards will be discussed.

Meets at: Benjamin Gold, P.C., 350 Bedford Street 4th floor.

HONORABLE MENSCHEN

Todah Rabah to...

Larry Bloch, Frank Rosner, Carol Sander
and Millie Sobel

for helping in our office and with our
Temple mailings.

**A special *Todah Rabah* to Carol Sander for her
assistance in calling weekly yahrtzeit observers.**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIVING

- Religious School
- Youth Programs
- High Holy Day Appeal
- Adult Education Programs
- Ballroom Challenge Renovation Fund
- Kiddush Fund
- Shabbat Luncheon Fund
- Hazzan Sidney G. Rabinowitz Endowment Fund
- Beth El Cares
- Communications
- Cantor Deborah Jacobson's Mitzvah Fund
- Music Programs
- Men's Club
- Men's Club Scholarship Fund
- Rabbi Joshua Hammerman's Mitzvah Fund
- Sisterhood
- Capital Needs
- Hazzan Sidney Rabinowitz Mitzvah Fund
- Prayer Book Fund
- Building Maintenance Fund
- Project Ezra
- Beth El Seniors

We Thank You For Your Support!!

We are grateful for your contributions in honor of:

MAX LESSER ON BECOMING A BAR MITZVAH

Janice & Robert Klein to Rabbi Hammerman's & Cantor
Jacobson's Mitzvah Funds

THE MARRIAGE OF MICHAEL HANDEL TO MARNI RADELMAN

Phyllis & Seymour Lapin

BARBARA SMITH & ILAN BURSTEIN ON THEIR 25TH ANNIVERSARY

Sandy & Hazzan Sidney Rabinowitz to the Leon Smith
Vitamins for Israeli Kids Fund

Amy & rich Greenberg to the Leon Smith Vitamins for
Israeli Kids Fund

**IN APPRECIATION FOR A WONDERFUL SHABBAT UNPLUGGED &
STORAHTELLING**

Beverly & David Stein

KATIE MAIMON ON BECOMING A BAT MITZVAH

Sharon & Doug Karp to the Hazzan Rabinowitz Cantorial
Endowment Fund

DANIELE GOLD ON BECOMING A BAT MITZVAH

Sharon & Doug Karp to the Hazzan Rabinowitz Cantorial
Endowment Fund

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Sharon & Doug Karp to the Hazzan Rabinowitz Cantorial
Endowment Fund

Sylvia Kweskin to the Youth Fund

Wendy & Joel Brest

Betsey & Arthur Selkowitz to Cantor Jacobson's Mitzvah Fund

THE BIRTH OF AARON SHAI EBEN

Barbara & Joe Field to Rabbi Hammerman's, Cantor
Jacobson's & Hazzan Rabinowitz' Mitzvah Funds

Sharon & Doug Karp to the Hazzan Rabinowitz Cantorial
Endowment Fund

STEPHANIE KRAVITZ ON BECOMING A BAT MITZVAH

Sharon & Doug Karp to the Hazzan Rabinowitz Cantorial
Endowment Fund

**RHONNA ROGOL ON BEING APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF
PROGRAMMING & COMMUNITY OUTREACH OF THE CENTER
FOR JUDAIC AND MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES AT UCONN**

Sharon & Doug Karp to the Hazzan Rabinowitz Cantorial
Endowment Fund

**RABBI JOSHUA HAMMERMAN FOR HIS KINDNESS AND
SUPPORT TO MY FAMILY AND ME**

Sandy Siegartel to Rabbi Hammerman's Mitzvah
Fund

IN APPRECIATION

Arlene & Henry Pavony to Rabbi Hammerman's &
Cantor Jacobson's Mitzvah Funds

**RABBI JOSHUA HAMMERMAN & CANTOR DEBORAH
JACOBSON FOR MAKING US FEEL WELCOME AT TBE**

Erica & Dan Hochman to the Music Fund

**LARRY LEIBOWITZ ON HIS 50TH BIRTHDAY AND HIS HAFTARAH
READING**

Estelle Leibowitz to the Kiddush Fund

**IN APPRECIATION OF RABBI HAMMERMAN AND HIS LUNCH 'N
LEARN CLASS**

Florence Jacobson

THE ADULT B'NAI MITZVAH CLASS of 2004/5763

Shelley & Brian Zielinski & Family

Les & Herb Horowitz to Cantor Jacobson's Mitzvah Fund

JUDY SCHNEIDERMAN ON BECOMING A BAT MITZVAH

Susan Westlake

MAUREN LEFFAND ON BECOMING A BAT MITZVAH

Susan Westlake

VICTORIA KOBLINER & THE ADULT B'NAI MITZVAH CLASS

Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Rouso to Rabbi Hammerman's

We are grateful for your contributions in honor of:

MINDY HAUSMAN ON BECOMING A BAT MITZVAH

Lisa Wise to Adult Education Programs
Risa & Jeff Goldblum

CHERYL WOLFF ON BECOMING A BAT MITZVAH

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VICKI KOBLINER ON BECOMING A BAT MITZVAH

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ILENE KOESTER ON BECOMING A BAT MITZVAH

Lisa Wise to Adult Education Programs

CAROL SANDER ON BECOMING A BAT MITZVAH

The Walk Family
Phyllis Gofstein to Cantor Jacobson's Mitzvah Fund
Barbara & Mel Spat to Adult Education Programs
Marilyn & Jerry Rich
Barbara & Bob Sheffield

Remembering Our Loved Ones...

Joe Meltzer	ANNA ALTSTADTER
Betty & Sherwin Baer	ROSE & WILLIAM BAER
Susan & Richard Sabreen & Family	BLANCHE BERGER
Berkman Family	SAMUEL BERKMAN
Block Family	ROSE BLOCK
Ruth & Alan Locker	LOUIS BORTEN
Muriel Siskind	SARAH BRODY
Gloria & Seymour Baum	RUTH COHEN
Barbara & Edward Drotman	RUTH DROTMAN
Lois Hofshi	BENJAMIN ELLMAN
Philip Farin	RAY & CHARLES FARIN
Adele & Harold Sosnowitz	LEON FERTIG
Barbara & Joe Field	ABRAHAM FIELD
Phyllis & Harvey Walzer	FRANCES GOLDBERG
Ed Golove	ROSE GOLOVE
Carol & Willy Sander	MILDRED GROSSMAN
Arlene & Steve Grushkin & Family	BERNARD HELLMAN
Susan Frieden	NORMAN HILFER
Amy & William Miller	PAUL IGNAL
The Ivler Family	ROBERT IVLER
The Ivler Family	WILLIAM IVLER
Alan & Sari Jaffe	DAVID JAFFE
Rita & Mort Johnson	HARRY JOHNSON
Rita & Mort Johnson	MADALYN JOHNSON
Martha Kaiser Shendell & Family	EDITH SHAPIRO KAISER
Phyllis & Arnold Kapiloff	SADIE KAPILOFF
Darlene & Larry Hornstein	JOSEPH KAUFMAN
Karp Family	CHARLES KARP
Minerva Kveskin	HERBERT KWESKIN
Caren Wiener & Family	NORMAN LEIBOWITZ
Sherry & Kenneth Jay Cohen	FREDERICKA LEWIS
Estelle Marlowe	FLORA LIEBER
Nancy & Allen Malamet	FRANCES MALAMET
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The name of your loved ones can be inscribed on a
plaque for our Chapel wall along with a light to
commemorate their *yahrzeit* and *yizkor* observances
throughout the year.



Please contact Roberta Aronovitch at ext. 304 for further
information.

Yahrzeits Recalled for the Following Week

December 31

Eliahu Chuchinsky
Tillie Dorfman
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Samuel Gold
Yetta Golove
Marc Helfer
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Haim Iogman
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Rachel Korman
Lillian Kravitz
Stephen Marian
Jennie Nevas
Leo Radwin
Lee Rothschild
Mildred Saltzman
Joseph Solomon
Louis Solomon
Anne Weissman

January 7

Steven Adler
Mary Dember
Pearl Fein
Gertrude Figer
Fanny Fisher
Betty Frommer
David Gilbert
Melvin Goldberg
Alan Gordon
Ellen Halbrecht
Morteza Hendizadeh
Nosrat Hendizadeh
David Kabilio
Leon Kahan
Bessie Kweskin
Paul Lapin
Louis Lapine
Beatrice Martin
Sidney Mayer

Neil Miller
Lydia Nekritz
Bertha Oestreich
Alexander Redniss
Lucy Robbins
Elmer Rosenblum
Zipporah Rottelman
Lillian Samwick
Gary Schneider
Robert Schreiber
Benson Selzer
Elder Stein
Miriam Weisberg
Irene Zweibel

January 14

Isadore Abrams
Harry Bloch
Zander Blueweiss
Doris Bralower
Arnold Chaleff
Jeanne Elstein
Milton Feinstein
Esther Fields
Sadie Friedman
David Ginsburg
Saul Gold
Sally Gottlin
Dorothy Grossman
Ann Harmatz
Helen Josephson
Esther Karatz
Bella Lapin
Badana Lasnick
Herman Lasnick
Meyer Linshits
Heshamet Melamed
Elliot Olin
Matilda Perla
Mary Ripling
Joy Rubin
Norman Sandler
Max Schenker
Delmar Schoen

Charles Silber
Sol Spiegelman
David Wittenberg
Louis Zelermyer

January 21

Joseph Abadi
David Adelpopf
Pauline Adelman
Howard Aisenberg
Marshall Alpert
Hilda Borten
Leon Brown
Milton Donner
Joseph Epstein
Rae Epstein
Cynthia Goffman
Shirley Golden
Lillian Hellman
Sarah Horvitz
Edward Isaacs
Murry Jacobs
Nahman Jacobs
Noah Keehn
Yehuda Manela
Rubin Perlman
Harold Pomerantz
Rose Resnikoff
Philip Saltzman
Evelyn Schechter
Gloria Skigen
Anna Wallach
Anne Waskow
Rae Weintraub
Delphine Wofsey

January 28

Sophie Bloomfield
Julius Bresslour
Stanley Cooper
Lillian Epstein
Morris Granowitz
Doris Hornstein
Morris Lavinsky
Louis Levis

David Marcus
Nathan Martin
Harry Matzner
Philip Miller
Jerome Nekritz
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Alex Perlman
Jack Rabin
Gertrude Raikis
Shayndel Reznik
Charles Rosenberg
Paul Rosenfield
Bertha Rosner
Nitza Rottelman
Debra Sherman
Sophie Siderowf
Rose Sosnowitz
Abraham Walters
Shelly Weiler
Arnold Weissman
Selma Zager

February 4

Yetta Allen
Shirley Bloom
Francesca Bomash
Harry Coplin
Benjamin Davis
Ida Elkan
Benjamin Friedman
Simon Gerbin
William Goffman
Rose Goldenberg
Louis Goldman
Bernard Greenwald
Ruth Hilfer
Bernard Kweskin
Milton Lewis
Albert Meltzer
Paul Miller
Elizabeth Nabel
Samuel Oestreich
Morris Polis
Rita Potashnikova

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Anna Rosenberg
Israel Sarner
Evelyn Silver
Lydia Snyder
Gertrude Wolfson
Victor Zelenka

February 11

Henry Allen
Shirley Bergman
Anne Blueweiss
Fred Blum
Enid Brachfeld
William Epstein
Arthur Forcht
Hinda Ginsberg
Jack Goldsmith
David Goldstein
Kurt Gorwitz
Jessie Hantman
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Seymour Kirschner
Arthur Korngold
Frann Kravats
Jeanette Mott
Thomas Parks
Eric Paseltiner
Clara Rosenberg
Emile Rosenberg
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Henry Selzer
Herman Silver
Jay Simon
Sol Siskind
Florence Skigen
George Skigen
Robert Sneiderman
Rebecca Sosnowitz
Catherine Steinam
Ted Stuken
Lillian Ufberg
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CONDOLENCES

We mourn the passing of:

HARRY REZNIK, father of Judith Dalgin

WILLIAM ROTHSTEIN, father of Melvin Rothstein

ANN ROTHSTEIN, mother of Melvin Rothstein

GRACE SCHWARTZ, mother of Barbara Onish

BENJAMIN ZINBARG, husband of Joan Zinbarg

MELVIN WETTER, husband of Claire Wetter

ROBERT HERLANDS, husband of Eleanor Herlands

LESLIE SUSSER, father of Beth Weinberg

MOLLY YOUNG, mother of Marilyn Kaufman

SYLVIA KWESKIN, mother of Ilene Locker

FRIENDLY VISITORS

Volunteers are needed to conduct 45 minute Friday afternoon "services" at assisted living facilities. The services consist primarily of a few songs, lighting candles, blessings over the challah, and grape juice. Tape recorder, Yiddish tapes and all materials are provided. Two people conduct each service, one an experienced person. Volunteers can do this once a month or on a substitute basis. Children may accompany their parents. If you are able to help, contact Ellie Mirne, Temple Beth El representative to Jewish Family Services, at 356-1887.



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ADDICTION RECOVERY – MONDAY EVENINGS, JAN. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 – 8:30 PM: Pathways to Life: A support group for Jews in recovery from addiction; those who are currently seeking recovery from addiction, and family members and significant others of those who are in recovery or battling addiction issues. Call Netta Stern at JFS – 921-4161, ext. 122 for more information and any revisions on exact dates and times. No charge. Donations welcomed.

SHEMA FOR MOMS – MONDAY, JAN. 3, 10, 24, 31 - 9:15-10:15 AM
Meets weekly. This is a course on Jewish parenting for moms and their babies, birth to age two. For further information, registration, fees, and location, call Sara Jamison at 921-4161, ext. 102.

IS THERE LIFE AFTER DIVORCE? – TUESDAY EVENINGS, JAN. 4, 11, 18, 25 - 7:30-9:00 PM: Some people manage better than others after the break-up of a marriage. Develop strategies for success as you learn ways to move on and re-create your own life as well as help your children navigate through new circumstances. For more information and to register, contact Netta Stern at JFS, 921-4161.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP FOR OLDER ADULTS WHO HAVE LOST A SPOUSE – THURSDAYS - 1:30-3:00 PM: Losing a lifetime partner is a painful and often lonely experience. Participation in this group requires an initial consultation, free of charge. For more information or to schedule an initial consultation, please call Amy Hollander at 203-487-0983 or email ahollander@stamfordjcc.org.

NEW GROUPS FORMING:

HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD? A SUPPORT GROUP FOR PARENTS HELPING THEIR CHILDREN DEAL WITH DIVORCE: A follow-up ongoing support group for parents after the PEP program. Also open to all parents who need information and guidance. For more information and registration, call Judy Spindel-Brown at 921-4161.

PUTTING CHILDREN FIRST - A skill building and support group to help children cope with the break-up of their parents' marriage. Led by the JFS professional staff. Series to be held at the *JFS office, 111 Prospect Street, suite 410*. Times and dates to be arranged. Nominal fee. To indicate your interest and/or register, call JFS at 921-4161.

DESIGN YOUR OWN GROUP – JFS will attempt to provide a group on your topic. Minimum number of participants is five. Contact JFS at 921-4161 for more information.

PLEASE BE AWARE...

Because of new strict confidentiality regulations, Stamford Hospital has significantly limited the access that clergy have to patient population lists.

Please help us to help you and your loved ones by contacting the rabbi directly, by voice mail (322-6901 X307) or email (rabbi@tbe.org) when you know of someone in the hospital.



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FEBRUARY 16 - MARCH 31, 2005

The deadline for this issue is:
January 15, 2005

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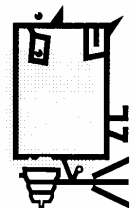
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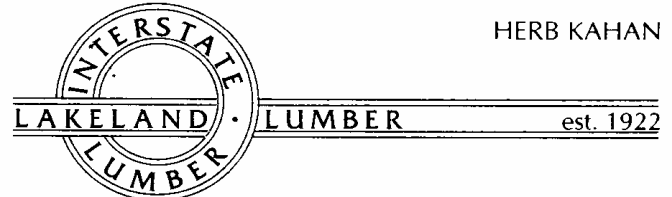
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