

TEMPLE TOPICS

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SEPTEMBER 2008

AV-ELUL 5768-5769

Yamim Nora'im (Days of Awe) 5768/5769

The High Holy Days Services of Temple Beth Am

Services Conducted by Rabbi Irwin A. Tanenbaum, D.D. and Cantor Susan Wehle

S'lichot

Saturday, September 20, 2008

7:00 PM Musical Interlude featuring Violinist Nadine Cohen. Coffee and dessert will be served.

8:30 PM Havdalah and Service of S'lichot

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Monday, September 29, 2008

6:00 PM Young Family Service (45 minutes)

8:00 PM Traditional Service

Rosh Hashanah Day

Tuesday, September 30, 2008

9:00 AM Early Service (A-L)

11:45 AM Late Service (M-Z)

3:00 PM Family Service

4:00 PM Tashlich

4:30 PM Refreshments

Rosh Hashanah Second Day

Wednesday, October 1, 2008

10:30 AM Second Day Service

Shabbat Shuvah

Friday, October 3, 2008

7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Shuvah

Saturday, October 4, 2008

9:00 AM Shabbat Morning Torah Study

Kever Avot

Sunday, October 5, 2008

1:30 PM White Chapel Memorial Park

Yom Kippur

Kol Nidre

Wednesday, October 8, 2008

6:00 PM Early Service (A-L)

8:45 PM Late Service (M-Z)

Yom Kippur

Thursday, October 9, 2008

9:00 AM Early Service (A-L)

11:45 AM Late Service (M-Z)

2:15 PM Reflections and Study

3:00 PM Family Service

4:15 PM Mincha Service

6:00 PM Yizkor Memorial Service and Ne'ilah

Concluding Service

Break the fast together immediately following the Service. RSVP is requested by calling 633-8877.

Sukkot

Tuesday, October 14, 2008

10:30 AM Sukkot Service at Temple Beth Am

Friday, October 17, 2008

7:30 PM Sukkot Shabbat Service and Kabbalat Torah v'Sidur

Monday, October 20, 2008

7:00 PM Simchat Torah and Consecration Service

Tuesday, October 21, 2008

10:30 AM Joint Liberal Shemini Atzeret Service and Yizkor at Temple Beth Zion

Don't Miss These Exciting September 14th Events!

**OPENING DAY OF
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL
9:00 AM**

**JUDAICA SHOP
SALE
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM**

**16TH ANNUAL
BOOK FAIR
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM**

**TEMPLE BETH AM
FAMILY PICNIC
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

Upcoming Services September 2008

Parashat Shoftim

Deuteronomy 16:18 – 21:9

Friday, September 5, 2008

6:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday, September 6, 2008

9:00 AM Torah Study

Parashat Ki Tetze

Deuteronomy 21:10 – 25:19

Friday, September 12, 2008

7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday, September 13, 2008

9:00 AM Torah Study

5:00 PM Havdalah Service

Bar Mitzvah of Adam Herman

Parashat Ki Tavo

Deuteronomy 26:1 – 29:8

Friday, September 19, 2008

6:00 PM Shabbatots

7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday, September 20, 2008

9:00 AM Torah Study

10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service

Bar Mitzvah of Alexander Waykoff

7:00 PM S'lichot Program,

followed by coffee and Service

Parashat Nitzavim

Deuteronomy 29:9 – 30:20

Friday, September 26, 2008

7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday, September 27, 2008

9:00 AM Torah Study

10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service

Bar Mitzvah of Benjamin Goldberg

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Monday, September 29, 2008

6:00 PM Family Service

8:00 PM Traditional Service

Rosh Hashanah

Tuesday, September 30, 2008

9:00 AM Early Service (A-L)

11:45 AM Late Service (M-Z)

3:00 PM Family Service

4:00 PM Tashlich

From Rabbi Irwin A. Tanenbaum, D.D.

Dear Friends,

Shannah Tovah to one and all! May this New Year of 5769 bring to everyone health and love, community and prosperity. May you all be inscribed in the Book of Life.

During September, Temple Beth Am has planned a wonderful month of Elul learning opportunities. Please note the dates and times; all events will take place at the Temple, at 7:00 PM.

For those of you with a shofar, Dr. Don Gilden, renowned ram's horn virtuoso, will be available to teach the basics in this arcane art on Sunday, September 7th. Thrill to the ancient wail of the shofar, as it calls us to repentance and forgiveness. Those who complete his program may enjoy ascending the Bimah at the conclusion of Yom Kippur, as we end our service with the multi-toned blasts of many shofars. Note as well, that our Sisterhood Gift Shop has an excellent selection of beautiful shofars for sale!

On successive Thursdays at 7:00 PM, September 11th, 18th, and 25th, three more pre-Rosh Hashanah programs will take place. Each will center around major prayers and themes of the High Holy Days.

September 11th: A discussion on Sin and the Unetanaah Tokef prayer ("On Rosh Hashanah it is written, on Yom Kippur it is sealed: How many will pass on....." etc.) and perhaps Al Cheit ("For the sin which we have sinned before You...").



September 18th: As this precedes the Service of S'lichot on Saturday evening, September 20th (among the most beautiful worship opportunities in the entire year!), we will examine the concept of Forgiveness and the S'lichot Service.

September 25th: To round out our brief examination of prayers and themes, we will look at Kol Nidrei and possibly Aveinu Malkeinu.

Elsewhere, please note our incredible Continuing Education Program for the Fall, beginning on successive Thursday evenings from October 23rd through December 18th (except November 27th, due to Thanksgiving, of course). Classes from "Beginning Hebrew" to "Interfaith Grandparent Discussion" to "Getting More out of Being Jewish" and much more will be offered. Mark off Thursday nights for Jewish learning at Temple.

Let this New Year of 5769 be a year of wisdom!

Marta joins me in wishing you all a joyous and healthy New Year.

In Peace,

Rabbi Irwin A. Tanenbaum, D.D.

Welcome New Members

Ari Berghash
Anita and Fredrick Fink
Terri Goldberg & Susan Block
Jodi Goldstein
Barbara Hayman
Ronald & Elaine Jacobs
Michael & Leslie Okun
Erik & Lorie Pleskow
John & Stephanie Radel
Ilene & Sara Scheib
Joseph & Elaine Weis



Thank You to Bagel Jays...

for the lovely challahs you donate to our Temple Beth Am Family each and every Shabbat.

More Thoughts on the Akeidah

by Cantor Susan Wehle

In last month's Temple Topics article, I focused on the teachings gleaned from the "awakening" of Isaac in the *Akeidah* (the almost-sacrifice of Isaac). This month, the focus is on Abraham and his understanding, or misunderstanding of God's command.



Divine whole (as we assert in the *Sh'ma*). Our lower self, our ego self, *nefesh*, lives in the illusion of separation, which is a place of great fear. So perhaps, Abraham is being asked to "sacrifice" his death grip on illusion (which the *nefesh* considers reality), and to truly embrace the essence of the *Sh'ma*, the oneness of the uni-

verse. But Abraham doesn't get it! He is a fundamentalist – he takes God's instruction literally. It is only at the last possible moment that an angel stays Abraham's hand. Who or what is that angel? Perhaps it is Abraham's *neshama*, his higher in-dwelling God consciousness, his healthy connected self, that overrides the control of his *nefesh*, his fearful separated self. In that moment, Abraham gets it. Of course, he has already traumatized his son, but that's a separate issue!

God instructs Abraham to take his son, his favorite son, the one that he loves, and offer him as an *olah*. The common translation of *olah* is "burnt offering." Rabbi Shefa Gold refers to the *olah* as "the burnt offering that is completely consumed by fire. Through the *olah* we experience the complete surrender of the self to God's will." The word *olah* is related to the word *alah*, to elevate or rise up. What exactly is God asking Abraham to do? Is God really asking Abraham to burn his son on an altar? Is God perhaps asking Abraham to "lift up" his son, to dedicate him to God's service?

Or, more profoundly, as Maggid Andy Gold suggests, is Abraham being asked not to lift up Isaac, but to elevate himself? Perhaps "the one you love" referred to in the text is really the beloved part of ourselves, the part we protect so vehemently. And what is the part of ourselves that we protect the most? The wounded parts, the parts that live in the illusion of separateness. Our higher self, *neshama*, understands that we are all one, all part of the great

Enlightenment, living in a constant state of awareness of the oneness of the universe, is not a finite endpoint, but a continual series of "awake" moments. May we use the space provided by *Elul* and *Tishrei* (the months before and during the High Holy Days), to begin the work of "sacrificing" our controlling, ego-driven *nefesh*, so that we can live more comfortably in the peaceful connection of our *neshama*.

Shana tova u'metukah! May your year be good, sweet, enlightening and fulfilling.

**Parents and Grandparents
Please check High Holy Day
Service Schedules for times
of Rosh Hashanah and
Yom Kippur Family Services.**

Do You Have a Child Going Off to College? Or One Already There?

Please join us as we discuss this major transition in our lives. Our very own Linda Nash, PhD, will lead the discussion. The event will take place in the fall and will include refreshments. If you have any questions, please call Joanne Rekoon at 688-4436.

Temple Beth Am

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November Temple Topics Deadline

The deadline for articles to be submitted for inclusion in the **November 2008** issue of Temple Topics is **September 21, 2008**. Please submit articles to the editor at Editor@BethAmBuffalo.org.

It's Pomegranate Season *by Sharon Malek Jacobs, Director of Education*

We are all familiar with the Rosh Hashanah custom of dipping apples in honey. Some dip pieces of round challah in honey. Both customs symbolize our desire to be remembered for a sweet and full year.

The pomegranate is another fruit that we can enjoy during the autumn Holiday season. One of the symbolic reasons for this is explained in a midrash that proffers the idea that there are 613 kernels in a pomegranate; the same number of mitzvot the Torah encourages us to fulfill.

When I was in Israel, every gift shop I entered was selling pomegranate art. I asked a clerk why the decorative form of this fruit seemed to be "growing" in every shop. Her explanation was interesting. The pomegranates are created by some well know artists who were drawn to the shape and colors of this unique fruit that is mentioned in Deuteronomy as one of the seven choice fruits of Eretz Yisrael, the Land of Israel. The pomegranate also was one of

the fruits that the spies brought to Moses to demonstrate to him the prosperity found in the Promised Land. Apparently, these artists wanted to remind us of the prosperity found in modern Israel. There is another beautiful midrash that compares children studying Torah to the seeds of a pomegranate. Just like pomegranate seeds clump together in rows inside the fruit, children engaged in studying Torah clump together in groups (Shir HaShirim Rabbah 6:11) working on extracting the juiciness of Torah.

As we are about to begin a new year, I look forward to watching our students "clump" together in the pursuit of Torah.

My family and I wish all of you a happy, healthy and sweet New Year. And, perhaps this year, you will add a pomegranate to your Rosh Hashanah table.

L'Shanah Tovah u'metukah!

Important Religious School Dates

September 14, 2008

Opening Day of Religious School
First 8th grade session

September 16, 2008

First Tuesday class grades 3 – 7

September 21, 2008

First Ganainu Class
(3 & 4 year olds with an adult)

September 28, 2008

First Ch@t session grades 9-12
(Formerly known as JLI)

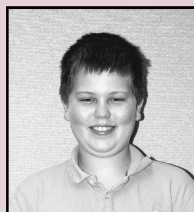
Shabbatots is Back!

**Join Rabbi Tanenbaum at 6:00 PM
on Friday, September 19th.**

Shabbatots is our Young Family Shabbat mini-service for children under six years of age and their families. Come help us sing, dance, celebrate Shabbat and begin to think about the New Year. For details, please call Sharon Jacobs at 633-8953.

Shabbatots is open to the community.

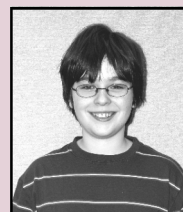
Mazel Tov to Our B'nai Mitzvah and Their Families



Adam Herman
September 13th, 5:00 PM



Alexander Waykoff
September 20th, 10:30 AM



Benjamin Goldberg
September 27th, 10:30 AM

**You don't have to just be celebrating a Bar/Bat Mitzvah to sponsor an Oneg!
Celebrate any Simcha! Call Jan Cohen at 689-3147 for all of the details.**

**ARE YOU IN 8TH GRADE OR IN HIGH SCHOOL?
PLEASE READ THIS:**

Stay connected to Temple Beth Am, Mitzvot and Tikkun Olam.
Explore how Judaism can be relevant to you in the 21st century,
as you come face to face with many critical decisions.

Giborim - 8th grade program led by Gina Herzbrun

Giborim - our strong ones - we hope to welcome you as the bridge from our Religious School to being Teacher Aides and members of our Ch@T program. One Sunday morning a month, we will explore and implement community or Temple service projects. We will come to understand what Judaism has to say about our choices. Breakfast will be available, as well as an opportunity to socialize.

Chillin' at Temple - Ch@T High School Program led by Ellen Scumaci

With input from members of last year's JLI (Jewish Leadership Initiative), Ch@T was born. This new, thought-provoking, program will provide participants with insight into their Jewish values, even as their personal ideas may be challenged by society. We will engage in spirited, guided discussion involving movies, books and hot topics significant to your life. This program is open to all teenagers in our Jewish community. Teacher Aides and students enrolled in the High School of Jewish Studies are encouraged to register for Ch@T in an effort to broaden their horizons and enhance a sense of the importance of Jewish community. Breakfast will be available as well as an opportunity to socialize. If you have friends who would like to join you in this program, but are not TBA members, please have them speak with our Director of Education.

Attention Parents and Grandparents

Please be sure that your children or grandchildren are registered for Religious School.
If you need information, please call the Religious School office
at 633-8953, so that we can assist you.

CALLING ALL 3 OR 4 YEAR-OLDS

Bring a grown up to our monthly parent/child pre-school program
called GANAINU, which means "our garden."

Ganainu, taught by Terri Goldberg, offers an opportunity to celebrate
Judaism through music, crafts, stories, prayers and snacks.

We meet from 9:00 – 10:45 AM one Sunday each month.
For our schedule and registration information, please call
the Religious School office at 633-8953.

This program is very popular, so register NOW!

Ganainu is open to the entire community. Temple membership is not required.

Greetings from Sisterhood
by Jan Cohen, Sisterhood President

Greetings Ladies:

A new year is beginning and Sisterhood has already started planning social events, fundraisers, and educational programs for members and non-members alike.

Our first major event will be our annual Paid-up Membership Luncheon on October 26th from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM, with a guest speaker for your entertainment, a jewelry vendor for your shopping pleasure and a surprise raffle just for fun.

We're also planning our first big important fundraiser, a luncheon at Carrabbas Italian Grill, on Wednesday, October 29th. For our own private party, Carrabbas will provide a full course meal. Everyone is invited—men, women, members, non-members, friends and family. We are limited to 100 participants, so get your reservations in early. Please send your check for \$18/person to Evelyn Herman at 52 Fairbanks Avenue, Buffalo NY 14223.

Our closing event of the past year was our Annual Summer Pot-luck Dinner and Pool Party. Flory Herman graciously volunteered her

home and pool for our event. After a wonderful meal provided by the ladies of Sisterhood, we conducted a brief business meeting on Flory's back patio. We voted to share the cost of re-carpeting our Temple's hallway with the Men's Group. We also discussed the upcoming, very first Northeast Biennial WRJ Convention, to be held in Springfield, Massachusetts, November 14th-16th. At this convention, our District (District 3) will formally merge with District 1—women from Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Vermont, Maine and New Hampshire. Our enlarged new District will be designated as the Northeast District of Women of Reform Judaism. We're hoping to send several delegates from our Sisterhood to this convention. There will be a bus leaving from our own Temple parking lot on Thursday, November 13th, returning Sunday, November 16th. Anyone interested in attending should contact Diane Symons at 716-580-4636.

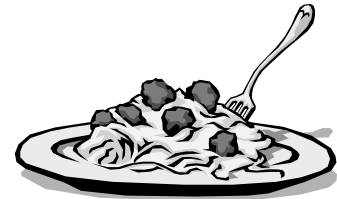
In spite of bad weather during our pool party, there was an opportunity for a dip in the pool. It was a wonderful evening.

Thank you Flory!

The Sisterhood of Temple Beth Am
Cordially Invites You (Women AND Men) to a Fundraiser at:



CARRABBA'S ITALIAN GRILL
1645 Niagara Falls Blvd.
(Behind Lowe's)
Amherst, NY 14226



On Wednesday, October 29, 2008

11:45 AM
12:00 PM
\$18.00

Sign-in
 Lunch (Chef's Choice - Salad, Entree, Dessert, Beverage)
 Per Person (includes tax and gratuity)

Everyone is welcome—members and non-members (we can only seat 100 people, so get your check in early!)

Please make checks payable to "TBA Sisterhood," and mail your check and this Reservation Form to the Sisterhood Treasurer:

Evelyn Herman
 52 Fairbanks Avenue
 Buffalo, NY 14223

RESERVATION FORM
October 29th Sisterhood Luncheon

Names (Please Print)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

Total # of People _____ @ \$18.00 each = \$ _____

High Holy Day Service Information

S'lichot

**Saturday, September 20, 2008
7:00 PM**

Join Rabbi Irwin Tanenbaum, D.D. and Cantor Susan Wehle, along with guest violinist, Nadine Cohen, for music, dessert, Havdalah and the Service of S'lichot, to help us prepare for the New Year. Weather permitting, this Service will be held under the Tent.

Erev Rosh Hashanah Family Service

**Monday, September 29, 2008
6:00 PM**

Bring the youngest in your family to this brief Erev Rosh Hashanah Service. The Service will be conducted by Rabbi Irwin A. Tanenbaum, D.D. and Cantor Susan Wehle, and will end at 6:45 PM!

Tashlich

**Tuesday, September 30, 2008
4:00 PM**

Join us for the symbolic casting off of sins into a body of water. This practice is based on a verse spoken by the prophet Micah who expressed the hope that G-d would cast the sins of Israel into the sea. We will walk to nearby Ellicott Creek (weather permitting) on Rosh Hashanah afternoon at 4:00 PM. Bring your bread crumbs to cast into the water. We will gather in the Temple parking lot.

Kever Avot Graveside Memorial Service

**Sunday, October 5, 2008
1:30 PM**

It is traditional to visit the graves of loved ones in the time before the Days of Awe. Please join Rabbi Tanenbaum as we gather at the Temple Beth Am section of White Chapel Memorial Park Cemetery at Niagara Falls Boulevard and Tonawanda Creek Road. After a brief Service, there will be time for private reflection.

Family Services

Our Family Services on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are led by our Clergy with music by guitarist Andy Symons. These Services are open to the entire Community.

Fasting

Every Jewish person over the age of Bar/Bat Mitzvah is expected to fast on Yom Kippur. Besides the lessons that fasting teaches about self-denial and appreciation of what we are, it provides a physical complement to the emotional and spiritual cleansing of the Day of Atonement. Children should be encouraged to fast if they show an interest in doing so. For a pre-Bar/Bat Mitzvah, the fast may involve skipping a meal during Yom Kippur rather than a full day's fast. **Pregnant women and nursing mothers should abstain from fasting as should any person who is ill or who has been advised against fasting by a physician.** Let common sense guide you in the fulfillment of this mitzvah.

Child Care Available for High Holy Days

Temple Beth Am provides complimentary childcare for children in third grade and younger during morning services on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

Children in fourth grade and above are expected to attend services with their parents. Older children should not find it difficult to sit through the entire service. Every parent must be responsible to assure that his/her child does not linger in the foyer, become unruly, or disturb the childcare services.

Families interested in child care are asked to make reservations by calling the Temple office at 633-8877 with the names and ages of every child.

Please indicate which service (early or late) you will be attending. High Holy Day childcare will be provided by Staff members of the YWCA After School Program, now hosted at Temple Beth Am.

**Your Family. Our Heritage.
Israel's Future.**

**State of Israel Bonds
High Holy Days Campaign
2008-5769**

Calling all Shofar Blowers

Come blow your horn at the Ne'ilah Service, the last Service of Yom Kippur Day, Thursday, October 9, 2008. Bring your own Shofar, or borrow one of ours. Let's end the High Holy Days with a big communal blast!

High Holy Day Ticket Policy Reminder

High Holy Day Tickets have been sent only to those members in "good standing." "Good standing" is defined as being current with your dues payments. If you did not receive your tickets, or if you any have questions, please call the Temple Office at 633-8877.

Tickets will be available to all members at a **Ticket Will Call Window conveniently located at the entrance to the Marshall & Marlene Glickman School of Jewish Learning.**

Ushers will be at Temple to assist you for this and any other concerns you may have throughout the Services.

Parking

Please Note: Additional parking is available on Tristan Lane, Indian Trail, and at the Church at the corner of Indian Trail and Sheridan Drive. Do not block fire hydrants or driveways. Thank you!

Temple Beth Am Committees

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Spivack Memorial Youth Library

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Fund Raising Activities
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Operations
Personnel

*Social Action: Alan Camhi, David & Janet Shucard

ARZA
Fight Hunger Fund
Food Baskets for Bimah
Habitat for Humanity
High Holy Days Food Drive
Israel Bonds
Mazon
School 45 Partnership
Soup Kitchen and Underwear Collection
Thanksgiving Day Food Baskets

Every Member is welcome to volunteer on a committee. If you wish to volunteer, please contact the Vice President who heads the Committee you are interested in.

Religious School Begins with Special Events

Please join the Religious School and the TBA family for our Opening Day activities on Sunday, September 14th:

- Student sign in begins at 8:30 AM in the Religious School Foyer.
- Annual Book Fair in our Open Area from 9:00 AM-11:00 AM.
- Special Assembly to welcome students and meet our faculty and teacher aides in the Sanctuary .
(Parents are encouraged to attend the Assembly.)
 - 5th Annual Family Picnic with food, games and fun sponsored by the Men's Group -
RSVP is required. Please call 633-8877 or 633-8953. There is a fee.

Reminder ... The First Tuesday of Religious School is September 16th at 4:30 PM sharp.

Thank you, thank you, to all of the Temple Members who have devoted countless hours to Temple Beth Am.

Volunteerism is the lifeblood of Temples.


We could not go on without you. L'Shanah Tovah



Temple Beth Am
FAMILY PICNIC
 Sunday, September 14th
 11 AM - 1 PM



**BOUNCE
 HOUSE**

\$6 per person

Includes:
 barbecue,
 beverages,
 side dishes
 & dessert!

**All
 games
 and
 activities
 are FREE**

Your ***RSVP IS NECESSARY*** for proper food ordering.
 Please respond to the **Religious School Office**
 at ***633-8953 before September 10th.***
 For after hours calls - Please leave a message
 indicating your family name and the number of adults and
 number of children who will be attending. Responses can
 also be emailed to TBAReligiousSchool@BethAmBuffalo.org.

Thank You!

Temple Beth Am Religious School's



16th ANNUAL BOOK FAIR

Sunday, September 14th
9AM - 11AM

OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY

(Books and merchandise provided by Barnes & Noble Booksellers.)

*The Spivack Memorial Youth Library is in need
of Judaic books and software that are
new or gently used*

- ➔ *Purchase books for you & your family
to enrich your Jewish bookshelves!*
- ➔ *Purchase books to donate to the
Spivack Memorial Youth Library!*
- ➔ *Receive a raffle ticket for each book
you purchase to enter to win a
Starbuck's Gift Basket!*

Sisterhood Judaica Shop Special One Day Sale

Visit our displays at the Book Fair or stop in the Gift Shop

Sale runs from 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

September Donations (those received by July 21, 2008)

The Endowment Fund

In Memory of:

Judy Goldberg Alcabes, by
Mr. And Mrs. Alan Camhi
Sandra Gale Klein-Davidson, by
Bess Feldman and Ben Buchberg
Mindy and David Weinman and Family
Martha Goldenberg, by Phoebe and Harold Meyers
Sophie Kweller, by
Carole and Gary Bluestein
Laurie and Brian Rothschild
Joanne and Gary Stromberg
Deborah Sue Levin, by Marilyn Levin
Samuel Maxick, by Faye Maxick
Isabelle Roberts, by
Sally Sievers and Dale Denbury
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Samuel Reznick, by the "Red Hatters,"
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Flora Rosen, by Selma Leondar
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Brian and Stefanie Tubin,
Andrea and Kinnin Hernandez

The Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In Memory of:

Helene Frost, by Marc and Joanne Frost
Helen Gross, by Jacqueline Korchowsky
Isabelle A. Roberts, by Harold M. Roberts
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In Honor of:

Aliza Berger, on becoming a Bat Mitzvah, by
Michael and Joanne Berger
Rachael DiVita, on her Confirmation, by
Cheryl and Joseph DiVita
Caitlin Neumann, on becoming a Bat Mitzvah, by
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With Appreciation for:

Jacqueline Gugino's unveiling, by
Pamela and Dana DiBernardo
Samuel Reznick's Funeral, by the Reznick Family

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In Memory of:

Sandra Gale Klein-Davidson, by Jennie Pohl
Samuel Reznick, by Sima Lewis
Tillie Sohinki, by Jennie Pohl

The Educator's Discretionary Fund

In Memory of:

Michael Paul Davis, by the Frier Family

The Building Fund

In Honor of:

George Pearlman, on his Special Birthday, by
Beth and Martin Lewin

The Cantor's Discretionary Fund

In Memory of:

Sandra Gale Klein-Davidson, by
Saul Davidson
Meyer Tubin and Shirley Shalwitz
Marion Macks, by Faye Axlerod
Isabelle A. Roberts, by
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Between the Covers

"Between the Covers with Jewish Authors"
Launches its fourth year on Thursday,

September 18th at 7:30 PM in TBA's Library.

For a lighthearted experience, come hear Marta Braiterman review "The Saturday Wife" (2007), a witty new novel about a rabbinic spouse. The novel is by Naomi Ragen, a bookgroup favorite. In Q&A format, Marta will share personal vignettes while reviewing the fictional story of an upwardly mobile rabbinic wife who moves from the Bronx to suburban Connecticut.

You are welcome to try this group, dedicated to friendly discussion and learning through contemporary Jewish literature. Each month, we use a roundtable book group format to discover personal meaning in Jewish books, sometimes discovering new friends among others who share a love of reading. We rotate book review leadership monthly, signing up as the year begins. Leaders bring their research about the author and pose questions to keep our discussions on topic.

Between the Covers is a dynamic, intergenerational gathering, open to all women, men and mature teens. Sponsored by Sisterhood, this series is free of charge, with monthly attendance around 10-15 people. By individually ordering books from Amazon.com on our Temple website, TBA gets a 5% donation. Monthly reminders of the titles appear in Temple Topics. If you can't finish a book, you are still welcome to come hear the review and discussion.

At the year's opening meeting on September 18th, we will also choose the year's book-picks together, and invite volunteers present to sign up to lead a review. This year's dates will be: 9/18/08, 10/16/08, 11/20/08, 12/20/08, 1/17/09, 2/21/09, 3/19/09 and 5/14/09. Most of these dates are the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM, except for the three darkest winter months, where we change to Saturdays at 11:00 AM.

At the September meeting, we'll ask for volunteer reviewers, choosing from among these titles: *Away* (Amy Bloom); *The Sep-tembers of Shiraz* (Dalia Sofer); *The Sistine Secrets: Michelangelo's Forbidden Images* (Blech and Doliner); *Miram's Kitchen* (Elizabeth Ehrlich); *Congregation Contemporary Writers Read the Jewish Bible* (David Rosenberg, ed.); *A Woman in Jerusalem* (A.B. Yehoshua); *Stars of David: Prominent Jews Talk About Being Jewish* (Abigail Pogrebin); *Spicebox of the Earth* (poetry by Leonard Cohen); *Souls on Fire or A Beggar in Jerusalem* (Elie Wiesel); and *A Day of Small Beginnings* (Lisa Rosenbaum).

So come on Thursday, September 18th at 7:30 PM to hear Marta's review, then help set up our successful fourth year of reading between the covers.

Kudos for September 2008

Mazel Tov to **Nanette Burstein**, whose film "American Teen," was shown at a Buffalo theater in July. Nanette won "best Director's Award" at the Sundance Film Festival this year. Nanette is the daughter of Irwin and Marna Burstein.

Mazel Tov to the family of the late **Bruce Kershner**. The State Senate passed the "Bruce Kershner Heritage Tree Preservation and Protection Act," which is aimed at protecting the state's remaining old-growth trees and forests. Bruce was a staunch advocate for our old-growth forests. He discovered over 300 old-growth forests across the northeast.

Mazel Tov to **Lillian Innerfield Gerstman**, on the upcoming re-issue of the book, *The Blue Rose*, by the Blue Rose Foundation. Lillian's daughter, **Jen Innerfield**, was the subject of the book, first released in 1974. Temple members and their families and friends are invited to a book signing at ECC North Campus in the Cafeteria from 1-3PM on Sunday, September 21st. Proceeds from the book sales will benefit people with developmental disabilities.



Join with BATY and recycle your newspaper, old mail, magazines, phone books and paper. The money raised helps support the Youth Group!

In Memoriam

Our Temple extends its sympathy to the families of:

Harold Brody
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To those of you who so generously sponsored the festival.
To those of you whose donations resulted in amazing basket raffles.
To those of you who volunteered.
To those of you who attended.
To those of you who told your friends and neighbors to come.
You helped launch a new tradition for Temple Beth Am, and lay the foundation for a major annual event that will only get bigger and better.

THANK YOU!

To Todd Sugarman, for coming up with the idea in the first place.
To Gary Bluestein, for spearheading this effort.
To both of them, for devoting so much time, energy and resources, and for bringing me on board.
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See you next year!
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September 12, 2008

Max Berger, Alvin Bernstein, Marci Birzon, Raymond D. Bluestein, Isadore Busnar, Sylvia Cohen, Norma Dreschner, Carolyn Foreman, Sarah K. Foreman, Benjamin Glaser, Sam Goldman, Nathan Harris, Irwin M. Harvey, Rose C. Horblit, Betty Jacobson, Isadore Jacobson, Clara Kaplan, Sarah Karchefsky, Esther Kohn, Marian Krohn, Rose Krupp, Samuel Kushner, Herman Levyne, Lilo Lindenfeld, Patricia Niemyski, Miriam Obstein, Adele Organek, Bernard Palanker, Beatrice Perlstein, Rose Rudin, Minnie Schwartz, Lillian Smith, Rose Symons, Syd Wartley.

September 19, 2008

Joe Berger, Hinda Binstock, Leo Burwick, Herb Cantor, Donald Crawford, Shane Ferguson, Shloma Finkel, Paul Gerring, Harry Gische, Carolyn Glickstein, Benjamin Golden, Sol I. Goldman, Israel Goldwater, Alfred Hersh, Morris L. Horwitz, Jack S. Knopp, Fruma Lerman, Mildred Lesse, Ralph Liss, Frank Markowitz, William Mintzer, Marilyn Moskowitz, Louis Mossmond, Sarah Yalof Oehlbert, Florence Sommer Powell, James Z. Pugash, Lillian Rapp, Ida Reback, Milton Reingold, Harry Mayer Rudin, Estelle Schlissel, Helen Schmidek, Nathan Schneider, Joseph Selbst, Isador Simon, Irving Slaybod, Harry Smith, Cecelia Spiegelman, Benjamin Starsky, Charlotte Steinberg, Sam Subotnick, Belle Sunshine, Florence Taksen, Rachel Tick, Jacob Ungerleider, Joseph L. Weber, Ellen Wolpert, David A. Zackem, Sam Zakalik.

September 26, 2008

Joseph Algase, Samuel Aronoff, Philip Blatt, Estelle Borowitz, Merwin Bristol, Lorraine Cherbaw, Joseph Cohen, William Ehrlichman, Sidney Freshman, Gerald Glaser, Herman Gottlieb, Joseph Graber, David Horwitz, Betty Jacobson, Leo Kahn, Lewis Krohn, Reva Kutsina, Michael Morcelle, Harold Jay Mullman, Milton Phillips, Edith Schwartz, Evan Slomovitz, William Z. Snitzer, Susan Solender Bailis, Minnie Toubkin, Shalim Vekhter, Samuel Weiss, Mina Winiger, Bella Zhebrak.

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7 9:30 AM Faculty Orientation 9:30 AM Teachers Aide Orientation 7:00 PM Elul Adult Ed Join the Call of the Shofar	8 Building Closes at 3:00 PM	9 7:30 PM Executive Committee Meeting	10 6:30 PM H.S.J.S.	11 6:30 PM Parkinson's Group Meeting 7:00 PM Elul Adult Ed Sin and Prayer	12 7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service	13 9:00 AM Torah Study 5:00 PM Havdalah Service Bar Mitzvah of Adam Herman
14 8:30 AM Religious School Opening Day 9:00 AM Grade 8 Giborim 9:00 AM Book Fair 11:00 AM Fun Fair and Picnic	15 Building Closes at 3:00 PM	16 4:30 PM Religious School First Tuesday 6:00 PM BATY Pizza Sale 6:15 PM Finance Committee Meeting 7:30 PM Board of Trustees Meeting	17 6:30 PM H.S.J.S.	18 7:00 PM Elul Adult Ed Forgiveness and the S'lichot Service 7:30 PM Between the Covers Book Group	19 9:00 AM Vus Tut Sich 6:30 PM Shabbatots 7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service	20 9:00 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service Bar Mitzvah of Alexander Waykoff 7:00 PM S'lichot Program Followed by Dessert, then Havdalah and S'lichot Service
21 9:00 AM Religious School 9:00 AM Ganainu 9:15 AM Men's Group Meeting Deadline for November Temple Topics Articles	22 Building Closes at 3:00 PM	23 4:30 PM Religious School 6:00 PM BATY Pizza Sale 7:00 PM Special Evening with Gerda Weissmann Klein	24 6:30 PM H.S.J.S.	25 7:00 PM Elul Adult Ed Prayers and Themes of Kol Nidre	26 7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service	27 9:00 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service Bar Mitzvah of Benjamin Goldberg
28 9:00 AM Religious School 9:00 AM High School Ch@t Program	29 Office Closes at Noon Erev Rosh Hashanah 6:00 PM Family Service 8:00 PM Traditional Service	30 9:00 AM Early (A-L) Rosh Hashanah Service 11:45 AM Late (M-Z) Rosh Hashanah Service 3:00 PM Family Service 4:00 PM Tashlich 4:30 PM Refreshments	October 1 10:30 AM Second Day Rosh Hashanah Service OFFICE CLOSED	October 2	October 3 9:00 AM Vus Tut Sich Noon: Communication Committee Meeting 6:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service	October 4 9:00 AM Torah Study
October 5 9:00 AM Religious School 9:00 AM Ganainu 1:30 PM Kever Avot	October 6 Building Closes at 3:00 PM	October 7 4:30 PM Religious School 6:00 PM BATY Pizza Sale 7:30 PM Executive Committee Meeting	October 8 6:00 PM Early (A-L) Kol Nidre Service 8:45 PM Late (M-Z) Kol Nidre Service	October 9 9:00 AM Early (A-L) Yom Kippur Service 11:45 AM Late (M-Z) Yom Kippur Service 2:15 PM Reflections 3:00 PM Family Service 4:15 PM Mincha Service 6:00 PM Yizkor and Ne'ilah Services 7:00 PM Break Fast	October 10 7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service	October 11 9:00 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service Bar Mitzvah of Michael Rapaport