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RABBI VICTOR'S COLUMN



A Case for Conservative Judaism

As I write this article, I have begun teaching a class on Conservative Judaism through the assertions of the Chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary, Arnie Eisen. I am also looking forward to attending the annual convention of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and the Rabbinical Assembly (this year it is being done jointly). At a recent class I was asked, "Why am I teaching such a class?" A class attendee

"Am I an advocate for a way of religiously and spiritually connecting with people that is becoming less and less relevant in the lives of American Jews?"

responded, "He has clearly drank the cool aid." This response was certainly offered in jest, but it made me think, "Am I an advocate for a way of religiously and spiritually connecting with people (a.k.a. a set of religious principles and doctrines) that is becoming less and less relevant in the lives of American Jews? Beyond asking whether modern Jews

know about or understand the differences between the denominations (Orthodox, Conservative, Reform, Reconstructionist, Renewal, etc.), we have to ask whether the areas of difference would really affect their lives in any way. What are the criteria for a family choosing a rabbi? What do people want when they search for a synagogue? A rabbi must be personable, an excellent speaker, a hard worker, a good teacher, and a visionary. Synagogues should be welcoming, inclusive, and accessible. Very rarely are coherent theology or the ideological approach to prayer and mitzvot high on the list of choice criteria.

Chancellor Arnie Eisen divides his opus on Conservative Judaism into essays on the concept of Covenant, Community, Peoplehood, Learning, Mitzvah, Tefilla, and relationships with other ethnic or religious groups. The convention features topics like, "Guns in Synagogue," "Prayerful Evolution not Revolution," "Dispute in an age of Uncivil Discourse," and "Retention in our congregations." Does Conservative Judaism bring anything unique to the table when we are discussing the importance of community, safety, or membership retention?

Well a synagogue needs to be thinking about these convention topics, just as a community needs to be thinking about the concepts about which Chancellor Eisen speaks – and I will continue to share the wisdom of figures within the movement. But my new year's resolution is to direct the message of Conservative Judaism not to the larger entities, but ultimately to every individual within our reach. Conservative Judaism offers a unique spiritual discipline as a response to the human need for meaning. It brings a historical perspective to the importance of Jews having a differentiated voice within humanity at large. It challenges us to answer to something beyond ourselves, whether it be God, Torah, history, community or the needs of fellow human beings.* All of us are in search of meaning and have a desire to live a life of significance and value. I believe Conservative Judaism can bring a unique, and very compelling, message to every Jewish soul. I look forward to speaking with all of you about this message in the year 2020.

* From the writings of Daniel Gordis, *The Hartman Institute, Jerusalem.*

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SCHEDULE OF TORAH READINGS

Saturday, January 11, 2020
Parsha Vaychi
Genesis 47:28-48:22
Haftarah I Kings 2:1-12

Saturday, January 18, 2020
Parsha Shemot
Exodus 1:1-2:25
Haftarah Isaiah 27:6-28:13; 29:22-23

Saturday, January 25, 2020
Parsha Vaera
Exodus 6:2-7:7
Maftir Numbers 28:9-15
Haftarah Ezekiel 28:25-29:21

Saturday, February 01, 2020
Parsha Bo
Exodus 10:1-11:3
Haftarah Jeremiah 46:13-28

Saturday, February 8, 2020
Shabbat Shirah
Parsha Beshalah
Exodus 13:17-15:26
Haftarah Judges 5:1-31

Saturday, February 15, 2020
Parsha Yitro
Exodus 18:1-27
Maftir Exodus 19:20-20:17
Haftarah Isaiah 6:1-7:6; 9:5-6

Saturday, February 22, 2020
Shabbat Shekalim
Parsha Mishpatim
Exodus 21:1-22:3
Maftir Exodus 30:11-16
Haftarah II Kings 12:1-17

Saturday, February 29, 2020
Parsha Terumah
Exodus 25:1-25:40
Haftarah I Kings 5:26-6:13

Saturday, March 7, 2020
Shabbat Zakhor
Parsha Tetzaveh
Exodus 27:20-28:30
Maftir Deuteronomy 25:17-19
Haftarah I Samuel 15:2-34

Saturday, March 14, 2020
Shabbat Parah
Parsha Kee Tissa
Exodus 30:11-31:17
Maftir Numbers 19:1-22
Haftarah Ezekiel 36:16-38

Saturday, March 21, 2020
Shabbat Hahodesh
Parsha Vayakhel & Pekude
Exodus 35:1-37:16
Maftir Exodus 12:1-20
Haftarah Ezekiel 45:16-46:18

Saturday, March 28, 2020
Parsha Vayikra
Leviticus 1:1-2:16
Haftarah Isaiah 43:21-44:23



**Many thanks
to Phyllis Rosenfield for
her efforts in selling Mah
Jongg cards annually.
The National Mah Jongg
League donates funds to
Temple Beth-El based on
the amount of cards sold.**

Todah Rabah!

MINYAN FOR Yahrzeit

If a loved one's yahrzeit falls on a weekday or Sunday and you would like to say kaddish at one of our daily services, please let the office know the week prior to your date. We will do our best to make sure that a minyan is present.

The editors of Chayenu request that all submissions for the Bulletin be in the form of a Word document (which can be edited) and not in the form of a PDF (which is harder to edit).

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A great deal of time and effort goes into the publication of the Temple Beth-El Bulletin. From time to time, errors do occur. We apologize in advance if this happens. Please notify the Temple office so that a correction can be published in the next month's issue.

JANUARY FEBRUARY MARCH CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

January 3	4:19pm
January 10	4:26pm
January 17	4:34pm
January 24	4:43pm
January 31	4:52pm
February 7	5:00pm
February 14	5:09pm
February 21	5:18pm
February 28	5:26pm
March 6	5:35pm
March 13	6:43pm
March 20	6:50pm
March 27	6:58pm



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TIMES OF SHABBAT SERVICES

Fridays Evenings	8:00pm
Saturday Mornings	9:30am

WEEKDAY MINYAN

Monday - Friday mornings, 7:30am
Sunday Mornings By Request Only at
8:30 AM.

EXCEPTIONS

On the following days morning minyans will be at 8:30 AM:

LABOR DAY
COLUMBUS DAY
THANKSGIVING DAY
CHRISTMAS DAY
NEW YEAR'S DAY
MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY
PRESIDENTS' DAY
MEMORIAL DAY

*There is no Friday, Saturday or
Sunday Night Minyan*



MORNING MINYAN

**We hope you will
consider joining
us at daily minyan,
Monday - Friday
mornings at 7:30am.**

FROM TBE PRESIDENT DONNA GORDON



Growing "Social Capital"

"Do not separate yourself from the community," Pirke Avot, 2:4

Hillel understood the importance of "social capital" - the value of people working together for the common good.

A large part of what synagogues need to thrive is "social capital". "Social capital" can be defined as "networks of relationships among people who live and work in a particular society, enabling that society to function effectively" (taken for Lexico.com). In synagogue life this "social capital" is generally seen in the form of volunteers - the many individuals who freely give of their time and energy to work on behalf of the synagogue.

While financial capital is crucial in covering the operating costs of a synagogue, volunteers are essential for a synagogue to function effectively and to thrive. From the beginning, volunteerism has been a cornerstone of Temple Beth El. Volunteers serve as lay leaders and committee members. They assist with planning and implementing specific programs or activities. They make calls and cook meals. They engage in social action. They show up and speak up to make our synagogue a living and flourishing community. The synagogue would be unable to adequately serve the congregation and the community at large without congregants investing "social capital."

Why am I taking the time to discuss this topic? The answer is simple. While many people understand the correlation between financial capital and the success of a synagogue, the impact of not having enough volunteers to fill various roles needed to run a synagogue is not as obvious.

Temple Beth-El is fortunate to have a core group of members who can be counted on to consistently donate their time to serve in various capacities. However, there are still numerous vacancies that need to be filled. There are some important committees in need of members and roles large and small that need to be filled.

Serving on a committee often requires a once a month commitment to attend meetings. There are many other ways to engage as well. People are needed to make phone calls from home, visit or deliver a meal to someone in need, help to plan a fund raiser, or participate in a variety of ways. Have an idea you would like to see happen? - speak up and step up. In giving, you will get much back - just ask a volunteer. If you are able and willing to help increase Temple Beth-El's "social capital," please email me at president@tbeny.org

Bright Nights Dec 2019



WE SHARE OUR FRIEND'S GRIEF

Our congregation mourns the loss of:

Mark Graff, brother of TBE congregant Sandra (Jamie) Schechter, November 11th

Nina Setaro, mother of TBE congregant Todd (Susan) Canning, November 6th

Jean Malkischer, wife of Kurt, November 18th.

Gloria Perlson, mother of TBE congregant Emily Moran, mid-November

Martin Rothman, brother of Alan (Jessica) Rothman, Friends of TBE, November 12th

Irving Abzug, former TBE congregant, early December



Rabbi Miriam Hyman,
Education Director &
Cantor Devorah Gartner,
Youth & B'nai Mitzvah
Director



Do You Want to Build A Snowman?

Well, if you do, winter in the Hudson Valley is definitely for you. If instead, you are more inclined to toastier, indoor activities, you may want to drop by and see what all the fun is about.

In December, we all had a blast at the **Community Hanukkah Celebration**, jointly sponsored by Temple Beth-El, Congregation Shir Chadash, Vassar Temple, The Harding Club, the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County, and **PJ Library/PJ Our Way**. Everyone enjoyed the puppet show by the hilarious Len Levitt, and families had a delicious time making edible dreidels and menorahs, straining their brains with Hanukkah trivia, and visiting the **PJ Library/PJ Our Way** activity room. It was a special blessing to be able to make blankets for those in need, giving the gift of warmth in the season of light.

The *Temple Beth-El Youth Group* ran their annual **Bright Nights** winter coat collection and distribution. Donations were at an all-time high. Thank you to everyone who cleaned out their closets and shopped the sales. In addition to giving coats to needy adults in our community, this year, the *Youth Group* was the grateful recipient of a generous grant for **Bright Nights** from the **Schlossberg Fund**. When combined with donations, this grant enabled us to provide **over 200 winter coats, jackets, hats, scarves, and gloves** to children at our local elementary school. Now the kids can safely and warmly go outside to build their own snowmen!

The *TBE Youth Group* wishes to thank everyone who donated, hosted a collection box, sorted, packed, schlepped, and worked tirelessly to make this annual mitzvah such a rousing success. Todah Rabbah to one and all. We couldn't do it without you.

*"In January, it's so nice,
when slipping on the snow and ice"*
Shabbat School adds some lovely spice!!

Who knows, there might even be "*chicken soup with rice*" at **Shabbat School** lunch. Or possibly with matzah balls.

From January through Purim in mid-March, the **Temple Beth-El Religious School** meets on Saturdays. Each class will be honored on their own special Shabbat, and we will once again have several family holiday programs with interactive stations. The **Boker Tov Café** is also back. Come in, have a cup of coffee, a little nosh and chat a bit with Rabbi Victor. This year, the topics center on "Sustainability".

The **Gesher Hebrew High School** began its second trimester with a film preview and discussion of **Green Rebel** – a documentary about solar farms. The evening continued with the **Gesher Pre-Hanukkah bash**, including candle-making, karaoke, Twister and dessert. Gesher second trimester classes are Art, Beyond Anne Frank, Torah Yoga, and What's Funny About Being Jewish.

There is so much to do and learn. We will celebrate Tu b'Shevat and Purim. Spring will be here before that snowman starts to melt. Stay warm and don't forget the chicken soup!

Len Levitt and The LEVITY PUPPETS



SOCIAL ACTION AT TEMPLE BETH-EL

SOCIAL CAPITAL AND SOCIAL ACTION

"Do not separate yourself from the community" Pirke Avot 2:4

Our president, Donna Gordon, has made clear the need for "social capital" here at Temple Beth-El. The social action committee can use you on our committee and asks you to become involved in a particular area of in reach and outreach.

The following are some of our Social Action Committees which would welcome your help:

***Reyut** reaching inward to our members to make phone calls, deliver occasional meals, participate in shiva minyanim, help with rides to synagogue events, help with special holiday programs for people with disabilities, interfaith or other special needs. Contact chairperson Linda Perfecto to help. reyut@tbeny.org



Supplies collected for Thanksgiving Baskets

***Jewish Social Action Coalition**
Outreach with 4 synagogues and the Harding Club. Help with Morse School projects, join steering committee, prepare a meal for homeless shelter, help in various community drives, propose new initiatives. Contact socialaction@tbeny.org

***Volunteer for the monthly Temple Beth-El Lunchbox crew** Contact Nancy Judson or sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0e4bafa928a3fc1-lunch4>

* Help form subcommittees for specific initiatives such as the following, or others:

- climate issues, including alternative energy advocacy
- immigration advocacy
- fair trade
- Israel education

"Social capital" is needed to make all of this possible. Put your hat in the ring- step up and speak out! Muriel Horowitz socialaction@tbeny.org



ENJOY A CUP OF COFFEE AT TBE THIS YEAR & SUPPORT FAIR TRADE

Thanks to a congregant's generous donation, we are able to serve ethically sourced and produced coffee, roasted locally in Poughkeepsie.

Mil Flores Nicaragua Coffee - This coffee is certified organic, bird friendly and comes directly from Nicaragua. The beans are bought by North River Roasters in Poughkeepsie directly from farmers at their asking price. This is a woman-run social enterprise comprised of 3 farms. Their mission is forest conservation to preserve the primary source of drinking water in Nicaragua.

DUTCHESS COUNTY INTERFAITH COUNCIL

Thank you to all who made the Rabbi Erwin Zimet Humanitarian Award Gala a resounding success. Thank you to each and every person who contributed and participated. Highlights included the presentation of the award to Rev. Gail Burger and an inspiring keynote address by Judge Albert Rosenblatt.

Two upcoming events:

DCIC Annual Peace Concert: An Afternoon of Stories

- Sunday, February 2, 2020 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 67 South Randolph Avenue, Poughkeepsie.

Presentation on Immigration by Valerie Carlisle -

February 16, 2020 at the Fellowship Hall of First Congregational United Church of Christ, 269 Mill Street, Poughkeepsie.

Interfaith prayer service January 2020



ANNE PELTZ HALBERG MEMORIAL FUND

April was the month of mother and grandmother, Anne Peltz Halberg's birthday. She would have been 105 years old this year. Our mother lived by the tenet that everyone is equal and should be treated in a respectful manner. Several years before her death we created this fund in her honor.

The Anne Peltz Halberg Memorial Fund provides some funds for congregants who are responsible for a Bar or Bat Mitzvah Oneg/Kiddush if they cannot afford it financially. In this way the Oneg and Kiddushim can be of equal quality.

Our mother was a wonderful, loving, giving woman who was full of life and spirit. She not only loved life but she cherished it. This fund is open for donations by anyone who would like to keep her memory and ideals alive. These donations would be helping our *Kehillah*, community, by providing congregants with the ability to maintain their respect and allow the congregants an opportunity to share sweet sustenance together.

Adrienne Peltz London & family
The family of Susan Peltz Hochhauser z'l

HARDING CLUB NEWS

Don't you wish you were 29 again? If you do, then you must be envious of one of our previous presidents: Warren G. Harding. More on what is significant about the number 29 as regards to Warren G. Harding later in this article. The Harding Club (the Club) has been operating in the Poughkeepsie area since 1923. That's 96 years and counting, and the Club is still a vital presence in our Jewish community.

Today the Club is fulfilling the social needs and civic responsibilities of many Jewish men. Yet, it is still a place where more members would be welcome. More on that, later in this article as well. The Club meets once or twice per month for dinner at a local restaurant (Joe Willys, Route 9 in Wappingers Falls), where members enjoy camaraderie, good food and interesting speakers. Additionally, the Club does good work in the Jewish community as well as the greater Dutchess County community. Among our projects are our support of the PJ Library and our work helping to distribute food to needy families at the Morse School in the City of Poughkeepsie.

As mentioned above, there are opportunities for membership for those of you who are interested. The Club is open to Jewish men who are friendly, engaging and community minded. That should include ALL Jewish men!! Check out our website at harding.jigsy.com

Or send an email to hardingclub1923@gmail.com, we would love to hear from you.

Oh, yes, and why is 29 a significant number for President Warren G. Harding? It is because he was the 29th president of the United States. Why was our Club named for him? The answer to that question will be answered in my next column.

Hoping to hear from you, I am,

Alan Fox,
Harding Club President



TEMPLE BETH-EL GENERAL FUND

Roberta Shayo

In memory of my father, Jules Shayo, on his 4th yahrzeit

Pamela Krimsky

In memory of Abraham Krimsky

In memory of Florence Backman

Sue Mackson

In memory of Sam Stern

Adrienne London

In appreciation of Ron Reed & wishing him much future success

Wishing the entire congregation *La Shana Tovah*

Welcome to Bret Amery as our new caretaker

With appreciation to Rabbis Victor, Hyman & the office staff

In honor of Lilli Zimet's special birthday

In honor of the naming of Cindy & Roger Lewin's granddaughter

With appreciation to Ruth & Donald Klein for just being them

Refuah Shlemah for Rabbi Hyman

In memory of my beloved husband, Lance Eric London

In memory of Audrey Grogan

In memory of Ruth Stern

In memory of Miriam Pliskin

In memory of my beloved mother, Anne Peltz Halberg

In memory of Nina Setaro

In loving memory of Gloria Perlson

William Axelrod

In memory of my beloved Aunt & Uncle, Sylvia & Arthur Levinsohn

Barbara Scheer

In memory of my beloved husband, Hamilton Scheer

Annaliese

In appreciation of the birthday wishes & the honor of opening the ark on erev Rosh HaShanah

Betty & Chet Sussman & Family

In memory of Audrey Grogan

Leona & Irvin Miller

In memory of Gloria Perlson

Bob Ulrich

In honor of Lilli Zimet's special birthday

In memory of Gloria Perlson

In memory of Martin Rothman

Barbara & Bernie Cohen

In honor of Lilli Zimet's 100th birthday

In memory of Ruth Stern

In memory of Judy Zweifler

In memory of Gloria Perlson

In memory of her mother, Ruth Blumberg

Sharon & Bernardo Steinvurzel

Wishing a speedy recovery to Rabbi Miriam

In memory of Ruth Stern

In memory of Gloria Perlson

In memory of Nina Setaro

In memory of Jean Malkischer

In memory of Martin Rothman

Linda & David Rabinowitz

In memory of Ruth Stern

Ellen & Lawrence Danziger

In memory of Rita Effron

Jane & Jonathan Dworkin

In memory of Rita Effron

Robert Ulrich

In honor of John Weisman

Susan Siegel & Roman Bohonowych

In memory of Arthur Bressman

Grete & Marty Finkelstein

In memory of Ruth Stern

In memory of Miriam Pliskin

In memory of Audrey Grogan

Kala Fleigh & Bob Blase

In memory of Arthur Bressman

Paula & Azzy Reckess

In honor of Nancy Judson

In honor of Fred Hurst

In loving memory of Ruth Stern

In loving memory of Miriam Pliskin

In loving memory of Gloria Perlson

In memory of Nina Setaro

Lillian & Michael Silberstein

In memory of Ruth Stern

Debbie & Arnold Most

In memory of Ruth Stern

In memory of Gloria Perlson

In memory of Nina Setaro

Amy & Steve Effron

In memory of Arthur Bressman

Patti & Pete Zakow & Family

In memory of Arthur Bressman

In memory of Rita Effron

Lisa & Michael Arnoff

In honor of Fred Hurst

Morton Alterman

In honor of Stew Brenner

Elyse & Neil Mansfield

In memory of Ruth Stern

Sharon Miller

In memory of John Moran

June Seiden

In memory of Arthur Bressman

Elaine & Aaron Blum

In honor the Lewins' new granddaughter

In honor of the birth of Ezra Arnoff

Wishing a speedy recovery to Rabbi Miriam

In memory of Halaine Feldman

In memory of Adel Bayer

In memory of Ruth Stern

In memory of Arthur Bressman

In memory of Rita Effron

In memory of Rita Kaplan

In memory of Rita Alterman

In memory of Marilyn Abrams

In memory of John Moran

In memory of Burt Gold

Marcy & George Marlow

In memory of Adel Bayer

In memory of Ruth Stern

Stephanie Sabloff Wasser & Steven Wasser

In memory of my beloved father, Philip Sabloff

Doris H. Johnson

In memory of Audrey Grogan

Elaine Miles

In memory of my parents, Hyman & Sylvia Cohen

In memory of Ruth Stern

Barabara & Peter Sperber

In honor of Sue & Rich Levine

Joyce & Richard Kinches

In memory of Ruth Stern

Jeanette Friedman

In memory of Arthur Bressman

Frieda & Edward Gershuny

In memory of Ruth Stern

In memory of Rita Effron

Muriel Lampell

In memory of Arthur Bressman

Jack Effron

In memory of Arthur Bressman

In memory of John Moran

In memory of Rita's father, William Kertzman

In memory of Rita's mother, Leah Pankin Kertzman

In memory of Rita's sister, Marilyn Kertzman Prescott

Nancy Levine

In memory of my father-in-law, Harry Levine

Susan & Nan Most

In honor of Deborah Most

Madeline & Albert Kleeman

In memory of Audrey Grogan

Rena Cheskis-Gold

In memory of Ruth Stern

Betty & Hyman Kaplan

In memory of Hyman's father, David

Lydia & Al Bauman

In memory of their parents, Henry & Dora Bauman and Sidney & Rose Rudin

In memory of Jean Malkischer

Miriam Gold

In memory of Arthur Bressman

In memory of Rita Effron

In memory of Adel Bayer

In memory of Miriam Pliskin

Susan & Richard Grilli

In memory of our grandfather, Leon Grilli

In memory of our grandmother, Marie Gabanyiova

Carole & Stuart Chimkin

In memory of Audrey Grogan

Norman Silverman

In memory of his father, Harry Silverman

Sheila & Edward Silverman

In memory of our parents

Sheri, Dave, Ben & Gayle Raften

In memory of Mark Graff

Susan & Richard Levine

In memory of Gloria Perlson

Marlene Straus

In honor of Lilli Zimet's 100th birthday

In honor of Pam Spilke

In memory of Gloria Perlson

Sandy & Jerry Goldberg

In memory of Ruth Stern

In memory of Jean Malkischer

In memory of Nina Setaro

In memory of Gloria Perlson

Emily Moran

In honor of the birth of Sherry & Eliot Hudes' grandson

In honor of the birth of Cindy & Roger Lewin's granddaughter

In memory of Joel Miller's mother

In memory of Barbara Katz's mother

In memory of my mother, Gloria Perlson

Amy & Joshua Marlow

In memory of Gloria Perlson

Jessica & Alan Rothman

In memory of my brother, Martin Rothman

Gail & Sam Simon

Wishing a speedy recovery to Rabbi Miriam

Nancy & Sandy Bernstein

In memory of Gene Glanzberg

Ilana & Zvi Segal

In memory of my sister, Ruth Caspi

Charles Feinberg

In memory of Ruth Stern

Michelle Roos

In memory of Ruth & Sam Stern

Darren Witte

In memory of Rita Kertzman Effron

Sharon Dolinko

Mazel tov on the birth of Cindy & Roger Lewin's granddaughter

In memory of Jerry Rockoff

Jack Hentel & Family

In memory of Dr. Jean Hentel, beloved wife, mother, grandmother & daughter

Grete & Marty Finkelstein

Wishing Rabbi Miriam, a speedy return to good health

In memory of Nina Setaro

Sheila & Marty Zweifler

In memory of Gloria Perlson

Wendy & Stuart Waxman

In memory of Stuart's mother, Sandy

In memory of Jean Malkischer

Marcia & Ralph Preiss

In honor of Lilli Zimet's special birthday

Rita & Lew Sims

In honor of our grandson, Jack Sims

In honor of Lilli Zimet's 100th birthdayIn honor of Renee & John Weisman's 50th anniversary

Wishing a speedy recovery to Rabbi Miriam

In memory of John Moran

In memory of Gloria Perlson

In memory of Alan Lemberger

In memory of Joel Miller's mother

Susan & Stanley Riveles

In appreciation of the adult Hebrew classes, taught by our gifted teacher, Naomi Kamlot

Carole & Stu Chimkin

In memory of Eugene (Gene) Glanzberg

**MYRA HORWITZ MEMORIAL GARDEN FUND*****In memory of Sanford Horwitz***

Debbie & Arnold Most

Howard Horwitz

Jeff Horwitz

Susan Pitts

Sandy & Jerry Goldberg

Gary Cohen

Susan Crown & Gregory Toto

Elaine & Aaron Blum

Jack Effron

Karen & Bruce Sabath

Daniel Schwartz

Michael Harris Sabath

Melissa Horwitz & Mitch Drucker

Scott & Amy Horwitz

Robert Horwitz

TEMPLE BETH-EL KIDDUSH FUND

Rabbi Daniel Victor, in honor of Arnold Most

Karin & Jack Fein, in honor of our last Shabbat at Temple before our winter visit to Florida

TEMPLE BETH-EL RABBI ERWIN ZIMET FUNDGeri & Maurice Bromberg, in honor of our wedding anniversary
Ann & John Pinna

Grete & Marty Finkelstein, in memory of Elana Rothschild and Rabbi E. Zimet

Donations in honor of Lilli Zimet's 100th birthday

Linda & Eric Perfecto

Sharon & Bernardo Steinvurzel

Lydia & Al Bauman

Eileen & Stanley Steinberg

Marlene Straus

Debbie & Arnold Most

Ronald Gehr

Sharon Dolinko

Deanie Gordon

Rose, Brion, & Joshua Shapiro

Harold Freidman

Frank Ritter & Family

Sandy & Nancy Bernstein

Brad Sohn, in honor of Lilli Zimet

Ruth & Donald Klein

Marcy & George Marlow

Muriel Horowitz

Rocille & Roger Schmidt

Miriam & Frank Rubin

Marilyn & Michael Schwartz

Ann Davis & Bob McAulay

Ellen & Victor Stern

Grete & Marty Finkelstein

TEMPLE BETH-EL BIMAH FLOWER FUND

Cindy & Roger Lewin, in honor of our family

Wilma Sirota, in memory of my parents, Benjamin & Ida Sirota

Karin & Jack Fein, in honor of our last Shabbat at TBE before our winter visit to Florida

Barbara & Bernie Cohen, in memory of Ruth Blumberg

TEMPLE BETH-EL CEMETERY FUNDLouise & Stuart Gantman, in memory of Marion Gantman
Sommer

happy anniversary

MAZEL TOV TO OUR CONGREGANTS CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES IN JANUARY, FEBRUARY & MARCH

Gloria & Ronald Robbins	59	January 12
Dana & Ira Effron		January 14
Shelley & Ronald Tatelbaum		January 16
Margery & Benjamin Ebersman	59	January 22
Rochelle & Stanley Perlman	55	January 23
Eve Wood & Thomas Wieber		January 25
Harriet & Jerome Jacobs	60	January 31
Sandra & James Schechter		January 31
Maryann & Stephen Katz		February 4
Deborah & Arnold Most	55	February 7
Ellen & Victor Stern		February 13
Jenn Birk-Goldschmidt & Neal Loevinger		February 18
Christine & Ira Weiner	20	February 19
Rose & Brion Shapiro		February 24
Judith Elkin & Eugene Fleishman		February 26
Sandra & Jerome Goldberg	55	March 6
Nancy & Bruce Judson		March 6
Judith & Herbert Dym	56	March 8
Adele & Sheldon Lobel	54	March 12
Brenda & Robert Seligman	55	March 14
Claire & Marvin Klenosky	45	March 15
Bonnie & Seth Greenspan		March 16
Naava & Ariel Koblenz	45	March 17
Nancy & Steven Koch	30	March 18
Linda & Joseph Lettieri		March 24
Anne Botsford & Donald Puretz		March 27
Amy & Steven Effron		March 28
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Photographs from TBE/Community Events



Halloween Celebration at Lunch & Learn



Community Hanukkah Celebration at TBE



Concert at Morse School sponsored by the Social Action Coalition

SHABBAT FISH STEW

Jane Bramble

Shalom! This is the fish stew recipe from Shabbat kiddush in December. The Brazilian name is *MUQUECA* (moo-kee-kaa). Enjoy!

2 pounds of cod
Juice of 4 limes
2 red hot peppers (or green)
5 cloves garlic, crushed
3 onions
2 red bell peppers
2 green bell peppers
5 tomatoes sliced
4 tablespoons olive oil
2 tablespoon palm oil (or substitute 1 tablespoon paprika+1/2 tablespoon tumeric)
1 bunch cilantro, chopped
½ bunch green onion, chopped
1 cup water
1 can coconut milk

(1) dice the veggies small (2) season the veggies (3) slice the fish in small pieces to get all the flavors (4) in a pan mix the oils and heat a little bit (5) make layers of veggies / fish / veggies / fish, cover with veggies (6) add water and coconut milk (7) cook in low heater for 30min. *Bet'havon!*



Rabbi Victor & Cantor Devorah Gartner sing at the DCIC Interfaith Thanksgiving Service



At the Community Hanukkah celebration



Rabbi Victor at the Interfaith program in January



Bright Nights coat distribution, Dec. 2019



Renee Weisman being called to the Torah in Jerusalem

TBE REYUT (FRIENDSHIP) COMMITTEE - HERE TO HELP

As part of its mission of service to the congregation, the Reyut Team makes phone calls and visits to the sick or housebound, sends cards, offers rides to synagogue, can help set up for shiva, and can make a simple meal for those who are ill or in mourning. If this would be helpful to you or someone you know, or if there are other needs we might be able to assist with, please reach us by calling the synagogue office or emailing reyut@tbeny.org. We'll be in touch as soon as possible.

Reyut is also looking for volunteers; we can all help in caring for each other, even if it's just once a year. There are no meetings required, and you can choose when and what you'd like to do. Please call the office, email reyut@tbeny.org, or fill out our interest form [here](#). Thank you!

Linda Perfecto, Reyut Chair

TBE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

We hope many of our children will be looking forward to Jewish experiences this coming summer. The Scholarship Committee will be **accepting applications through March 2nd** for children planning to attend a Jewish summer camp or Israel summer program in 2020. Please submit two letters to the Temple Beth-El Scholarship Committee, 118 S. Grand Avenue, Poughkeepsie 12603, Attention: Sandy Goldberg, Miriam Rubin, Co-chairs.

The first letter, from the parents, must include the following information about the program:

- a. Name
- b. Description
- c. Duration
- d. Cost
- e. Family contribution being given
- f. Amount of funding requested
- g. Benefits to the child

The second letter, from the child, must include the following information about the program:

- Why you want to attend
- What you hope to gain from the experience

Please contact us with questions

Sandy Goldberg at (845)297-7670 or sajgold@aol.com
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Sandy Goldberg and Miriam Rubin
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SHALOM TOTS STORYTIME

with Jane Kriegler
Saturday, January 18th at 11:15am
Classroom 2

For children ages 0-5 and their families
4th Saturdays 11:15am-12:00pm
[Kiddush lunch follows]

dates: 2/15, 3/28, 4/25, 5/23, 6/20



TOT SHABBAT

with Rabbi Miriam Hyman
Friday, January 31st at 6:30pm

Explore Shabbat & Jewish Holidays

For children ages 0-5, caregivers & siblings
1st Fridays 6:30-7:00pm with a Shabbat snack
Dates: 3/6, 4/3, 5/1, 6/5

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David Kraemer began teaching at JTS as a graduate student, receiving his PhD in 1984. His focus as a professor is on the literary analysis of rabbinic literature, rabbinic ritual, and the social and religious history of Jews in late antiquity. He accepted the position of Librarian in 2004 and has played a crucial role in forging policy and expanding the impact of the Library's world-renowned collections and programs.

Dr. Kraemer is a prolific author and commentator. In addition to his books he has written influential articles on the biblical books of Ezra and Nehemiah, the Mishnah, along with a commentary on Paul's Letter to the Ephesians (in *The Jewish Annotated New Testament*, 2nd edition).



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Dr. David Kraemer

Eating Ethically: Jewish food values in the age of factory farming

Rare Gems of Jewish Culture: Hebrew Manuscripts and the Secret of Jewish Cultural Survival

Dr. Kraemer is the Joseph J. & Dora Abbell Librarian and Professor of Talmud and Rabbinics, Jewish Theological Seminary

SELECT PUBLISHED WORKS

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8pm Third Fridays

KOL ZIMRA

On the third Friday of each month we have an opportunity to celebrate Shabbat in prayer and with music. *Kol Zimra*, (joyous musical voice) includes prayer with song and musical instruments. The service is more informal than our usual Friday night service and will be held in the chapel.
We welcome all voices to join us.

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Spread the word! We are once again selling 2020 Mah Jongg Cards. The price has remained the same: Regular Print is \$8.00 and Large Print is \$9.00.

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The Mah Jongg League accepts only one check for the entire order. Therefore, payment must be by cash or check payable to Phyllis Rosenfield. Please drop off your order to the temple office or mail to: Phyllis at 32 Ferris Lane, Poughkeepsie, N.Y. 12601

The deadline for ordering is JANUARY 17, 2020.

Your support is greatly appreciated

January Learn & Lunch Bunch

Wednesday, January 8

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OFF FOR WINTER BREAK

Wednesday, January 15

Dr. Martin Luther King commemoration: Stories of Unity with master storyteller Muriel Horowitz
MENU: Estella's Lebanese Stew, Kasha Varnishes, coffee, tea, dessert

Wednesday, January 22

Vision Boards with Marisa Moeller
Come make a vision board that represents YOU!
MENU: Bagels, schmear, coffee, tea, dessert

Wednesday, January 29

Travel safety for seniors with Lori Wall owner of Travel by Lori.
MENU: Soup, salad, bread, coffee, tea, dessert

Wednesday, February 5

Five secrets to aging in place so you can live your best life with Colleen Ashe
MENU: Pizza, salad, coffee, tea, dessert

Wednesday, February 12

Movie: Saga of the Dead Sea Scrolls
MENU: Bagels, schmear, coffee, tea, dessert

Wednesday, February 19

Celebrating 5 seasons of Clove Creek Dinner Theatre with Felicia DiNonno
In honor of the current production "Barefoot in the Park" please bring a pair of new socks for the needy!
MENU: Chili con carne, pico de gallo, coffee, tea, dessert

Wednesday, February 26

Cantor Devorah Gartner will presenting a fun topic!!
MENU: Assorted wraps, coffee, tea, dessert

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, January 12, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm – "A Jewish Welcome" Baby Expo
Celebrating babies born since January 2018 and expected in 2020 – Grandparents Welcome

Sunday, January 19, 12:30pm – 2:00pm – Lunch & Learn North – Rise of Hate Part 4
Dr Martin Luther King's view on hate.

Sunday, January 26, 2:00pm – Hevra concert, FDR Library & Museum
Information to follow in December Voice, Jewish in Dutchess email and our website.

11:00-11:30 Coffee & Nosh	11:30-12:30 Program	12:30 Lunch
Coffee, Nosh & Program: \$4.00	Lunch & Program: \$6.00	
<i>No one is turned away due to lack of ability to pay.</i>		

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 New Year's Day TBE OFFICE CLOSED	2	3 Evening Services	4 Shabbat Services
5	6	7 Ivrit	8 Youth Group, Gesher 2nd Gen Holocaust Group	9 9:30am Rabbi Class Crafted Kup	10 Evening Services	11 Shabbat Services, Shabbat School, Adult Hebrew
12	13 TBE Board Meets	14 Ivrit	15 Youth Group, Gesher	16 9:30am Rabbi Class Crafted Kup	17 Kol Zimra Musical Service	18 Shabbat Services, Shabbat School, Adult Hebrew
19	20 TBE Office Closed Martin Luther King, Jr Day	21 Ivrit	22 Youth Group, Gesher	23 9:30am Rabbi Class Crafted Kup	24 Evening Services	25 Shabbat Services, Shabbat School, Adult Hebrew Shalom Tots
26	27	28 Ivrit	29 Youth Group, Gesher	30 9:30am Rabbi Class Crafted Kup	31 Scholar In Residence Tot Shabbat Evening Services	Notes: Morning Minyan M-F 7:30AM

February 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Notes: Morning Minyan M-F 7:30AM						1 Scholar In Residence Shabbat Services, Shabbat School, Adult Hebrew
2	3	4 Ivrit	5 Youth Group Gesher	6 9:30am Rabbi Class Crafted Kup	7 Evening Services	8 Shabbat Services, Shabbat School, Adult Hebrew
9	10 TBE Board Meets	11 Ivrit	12 Youth Group Gesher Holocaust Group	13 9:30am Rabbi Class Crafted Kup My Grown-up & Me	14 Evening Services	15
16	17 Presidents Day	18 Ivrit	19 Youth Group Gesher	20 9:30am Rabbi Class Crafted Kup	21 Kol Zimra Musical Service	22 Shabbat Services, Shabbat School, Adult Hebrew
23	24	25 Ivrit	26 Youth Group Gesher	27 9:30am Rabbi Class Crafted Kup	28 Evening Services	29 Shabbat Services, Shabbat School, Adult Hebrew, Shalom Tots

March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 TBE Board Meets	3 Ivrit	4 Youth Group, Gesher	5 9:30am Rabbi Class Crafted Kup	6 Tot Shabbat Evening Services	7 Shabbat Services and 7 th Grade School Adult Hebrew
8 Daylight Saving Begins	9 Erev Purim Megillah Reading, celebration & Service	10 PURIM 7:30 Megillah Reading at minyan	11 Youth Group, Gesher	12 9:30am Rabbi Class Crafted Kup	13 Evening Services	14 Shabbat Services and 7 th Grade School
15 Purim Carnival at TBE	16	17 Ivrit	18 Youth Group, Gesher 2nd Gen Holocaust Group	19 9:30am Rabbi Class Crafted Kup	20 Kol Zimra Services	21 Shabbat Services and 7 th Grade School Shalom Tots
22 Religious School	23	24 Ivrit	25 Youth Group, Gesher	26 9:30am Rabbi Class Crafted Kup	27 Comm Shabbaton Evening Services	28 Comm. Shabbaton Shabbat Services, Shalom Tots
29 Comm Shabbaton Religious School	30	31 Ivrit	Notes: Morning Minyan M-F 7:30AM			

Tikkun Olam Project

The 4, 5, & 6 grade class, which meets on Sundays for Judaic Studies, decided to take on a Tikkun Olam (repairing the world) project this year. A company in Indiana, Green Tree Plastics, collects plastic bottle caps and turns them into commercial grade outdoor benches.

The class will collect clean caps which are recycle #2, #4, #5. When we have collected the number of pounds required, we will turn the caps in to the company and get the bench of our choice. The bench will be put in the backyard where the children play for recess.

This project will most likely take the whole year to collect, sort and weigh the caps. Students are an integral part of the process utilizing their math skills as well as skills in cooperation and visual sorting according to a particular criteria.

Please be sure to adhere to the criteria for cap collection. The caps must be clean and dry before turning them in to us.

A collection bin is in the Temple Beth-El lobby with a poster and pictures of acceptable caps.

Thank you for supporting our Tikkun Olam project.
Morah Beth Richardson and the students in grades 4, 5, 6



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