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MAH NISHTANAH...

מה נשתנה הלילה הזה מכל הלילות

Mah nishtanah ha laila hazeh mi kol ha lailot?

Why is this night different from all other nights?

Because on all other nights, we pick up something on the way home from practice but tonight we eat a homemade meal.

Because on all other nights, we stand at the counter and find some leftovers to eat quickly before going to a meeting. Tonight we eat while sitting at the table with family and/or friends and eat in a more leisurely manner.

Because on all other nights we eat in front of the television, and tonight we eat with one another, talking, laughing, singing, teaching, and learning.

Because on many other nights we simply don't have the time to stop and talk about who we are, or to tell our stories, or to dedicate the evening to the children, but tonight is different...

...but don't think that you have to have to have the "perfect" seder, because they are all "perfect," even the ones where the kids run around, the brisket is overcooked, and the wine is spilled. (Of course, I'm not as good at

taking this advice as I am at giving it). What is important is taking the time to tell our story, to explain the symbols on the seder plate, to spark conversation,

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and to have fun! ...Of course a prayer or two couldn't hurt!

Here are a few Web sites that can be helpful for you – to compile your own age-appropriate haggadah or to add to the one you've been using for years.

www.jewishfreeware.org – This site has great songs, a haggadah that you can download as well as a "haroset experience!"

www.myjewishlearning.com – A site that is filled with all kinds of information.

<http://learn.jtsa.edu/passover/> – This site has essays as well as activities for children and adults to do together.

May you have a liberating and a sweet Pesach.

Rabbi Braun

CHAI & CHAI WITH RABBI BRAUN

The Wednesday afternoon Chai & Chai study group continues to meet with Rabbi Braun every other Wednesday at 12:00 NOON, at MPBN on Marginal Way in Portland. April Chai & Chai dates are the 11th and 25th.

Remember – you do not have to have any experience with the text. You don't

have to know Hebrew (but it is fun, if you do) and you don't even need a Siddur as one will be supplied for you. Just come and learn with others, translate and discuss. Find deeper meaning in the prayers and doors will be opened.

Please feel free to bring your lunch and/or a snack.

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"Our vision is to be an embracing, supportive and vibrant community which observes Judaism in the Conservative tradition and which is devoted to the perpetuation of Jewish values and culture. Temple Beth El honors the diversity of its members and is committed to their spiritual growth."

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Congregants are encouraged to make regular attendance at Temple Beth El a part of their lives.

DAILY SERVICES

Monday through Friday 6:50 AM
Saturday and Jewish Holidays 9:30 AM
Sunday and Secular Holidays 8:30 AM

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICES

First Friday Evening, September-June 7:30 PM
Remaining Friday Evenings 5:30 PM

"Do not separate yourself from the congregation."

—Hillel, Pirkei Avot, 2:5

PASSOVER SERVICE SCHEDULE:

Monday, April 2, 6:50 AM — Service/Fast of the First Born
Tuesday, April 3, 9:30 AM—12:00 NOON
Wednesday April 4, 9:30 AM—12:00 NOON
Monday, April 9, 9:30 AM—12:00 NOON
Tuesday, April 10, 9:30 AM—12:20 PM, Yizkor

CLOSURES

Temple Beth El Hebrew School will be closed: Wednesday, April 4; Sunday, April 15; Wednesday, April 18; and Sunday, April 22.

Temple Beth El Office will be closed: Monday, April 12 at noon; Tuesday, April 3; Wednesday, April 4; Monday, April 9; and Tuesday, April 10.

APRIL FOOD OF THE MONTH: DONOR'S CHOICE

During the month of April the food of the month will be open. Please bring in any food items you would like to contribute each time you come to Temple. More Tikkun Olam Committee projects listed on page 6.



Temple Beth El is a member of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism.



Funding for Temple Beth El Religious School has been generously provided by the Jewish Community Alliance of Southern Maine, through its Annual Campaign.

A MEETING OF THE MINDS—AND HEARTS

On Sunday, March 4, Temple Beth El hosted a congregational meeting to discuss the financial and staffing issues regarding our religious and educational professionals. The conversation was the result of discussions about Cantor Ross' contract renewal in June and the future consideration of the contracts of both Rabbi Braun and Avis Smith, which end in June 2008.

The board became aware of the challenges presented by these deadlines. It is clear that the income and resources of our congregation can no longer support three full time professionals, whose salaries account for two thirds of the synagogue's annual income. Despite the generous contribution by the Endowment fund, rent from the Levey Day School, the Annual Fund, and donations, our dues are low, and a third of our members are not able to pay full dues. General expenses have grown, and occupancy costs have doubled due in part to the deferred maintenance of an aging building (new boiler and roof). Although we have been joined by many wonderful members each year, our numbers have decreased due to deaths, congregants moving out of Maine (including "snowbirds"), and the departure of others who no longer wish to belong to a synagogue or have chosen to worship at other area congregations.

A committee of the Board discussed possible alternatives with the Board, Executive Committee, Past Presidents, and with Cantor Ross, who understood our predicament. On January 30, 2007, the Temple Beth El Board voted to offer the Cantor a one-year contract during which she would participate in planning for the future restructuring of our professional staff. During this time, we would have the opportunity to consider the needs of the congregation and to make a comprehensive plan that would

meet the congregation's long-term interests. We also acknowledged the importance of including the Rabbi and Avis in these important discussions.

Cantor Ross rejected our offer and said that although she has enjoyed her relationship with Temple Beth El, she could only consider a four-year contract.


At our congregational meeting on March 4, members expressed sadness

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and regret about the loss of Cantor Ross. Many talked about all that she has brought to our synagogue, both musically and personally. Ellie Miller, who will oversee the transitional decisions during the year, assured us that the B'nai Mitzvah training and other cantorial responsibilities will be covered. We will look at a whole spectrum of needs such as youth advising, programs for seniors, early childhood, and intermarried members, and we will always protect the musical tradition of our congregation.

With every loss come opportunities. In the coming year, we will evaluate the long-term needs of our congregation and the composition of our professional staff. The Board is committed to protecting and assuring our congregation's financial and spiritual health, and we look forward to forming a comprehensive plan that will meet our needs.

The Board and I thank those of you who attended the meeting and others who have taken the time to communicate with us by email. The process, which we are about to undertake, will require the thoughtfulness, commitment, and participation of each one of you. Ongoing conversations with Temple Beth El members will ensure the vibrancy of our congregation.

Todah rabah
Judy Wilson 

Molly Paris Bat Mitzvah



Deborah Klotz-Paris and David Paris welcome you to join them as their daughter Molly Paris becomes a Bat Mitzvah on April 20–21.

Molly is a 7th grader at Falmouth Middle School where she enjoys playing basketball and running track.

During her Bat Mitzvah preparation process, she has been impressed by the amount of work it takes to learn

see Molly page 7

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Holocaust Education Award Recipient Announced

Temple Beth El Hebrew School is pleased to announce that Ben Shapiro is this year's winner of the Golda Sneider Memorial Holocaust Education Award. Ben is a seventh grader in the Hebrew School and a student at Falmouth Middle School. He is the son of Ira Shapiro and Barbara Carlin and will become a Bar Mitzvah on June 23.

The Golda Sneider Memorial Holocaust Education Award provides a \$1,000 stipend for a student and an adult companion to visit the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington D.C. Funding must be used to cover accommodations and expenses for the trip to Washington. Upon their return, winners are expected to share their insights and experience with their school and religious communities

This award was created and funded in 2003 by the late Mr. Philip Sneider in memory of his wife Golda, who taught Hebrew School here at Temple Beth El. The competition is open to seventh and eighth graders and is funded for a period of five years. Past recipients are Sarah Louden, Ilana Freedman and Ben Abrahams. Next year will be the final year the scholarship is offered.

TBE Torah Reading Corps

The Cantor wants you! It's easy, it's fun! And it makes you feel really good! Learn more about reading the Torah. The program meets on Sundays from 11:15 AM to 12:00 NOON in the TBE Conference Room. For more information contact Cantor Ross at TBE.

MARCHING TOWARD SPRING IN THE HEBREW SCHOOL

Several special events marked the month of March at Temple Beth El Hebrew School, as we work our way toward spring, Pesach, and (hopefully) warmer weather. On Sunday, March 4, the Hebrew School held its Gala Purim Celebration, starring Rabbi Braun, Cantor Ross, and a cast of Mordechais, Esthers, Hamans, assorted pirates, princesses, and others in full costume regalia. Hamentashen were served and a great time was had by all... The following Sunday, March 11, all grades were treated to a special guest performance by the Jewish Youth Chorus of Southern Maine, featuring our own madricha Bess Beller-Levesque. This dynamic vocal group is composed of high school students from communities in southern Maine, and their quality of performance is first-rate. We thank them for sharing their considerable talents with us!

We were very excited to bring the traveling Israel archaeology simulation, "Dig the Past," to our school on March 18, with funding from the Scott M. Black Israel Enrichment Grant. Students had the opportunity to participate in an archaeological dig, to assemble ancient pottery shards, and to learn more about Israel's past and present through this incredible hands-on activity. The following week our fifth graders experienced the culmination of months of preparation at their Ellis Island simulation, joining their peers at Bet Ha'am's religious school for an amazing reenactment of their family histories. Many thanks to Morah Sara Kramer for her dedication to preparing her students for their roles.


March also marked the beginning of the third and final module of our new Community High School program — a course on Jewish Literature, with

EDUCATION DIRECTOR
AVIS SMITH

Professor Sanford Freedman of Bates College. Students and teachers alike have responded favorably to this experimental program, and we hope it will continue and expand in the coming years. It is open to 11th and 12th grade students in the southern Maine area, and meets approximately twice a month. Sessions for this module will be held at Temple Beth El on Sunday afternoons, 1:00-2:30 PM, March 4, 18, 25, April 8 and 29. As the month ends, we look forward to our annual presentation of siddurim to our third graders on a


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Friday evening, date to be announced, and to our second semester of the Family B'nei Mitzvah Class which begins April 26.

Hag Sameach — a happy, sweet and kosher Pesach — to all! 

Temple Beth El Israel Trip...

there's still time to join!

A few openings remain for this summer's Temple Beth El Israel trip. Rabbi Braun will lead the journey through Israel from July 15 through July 25. For more information about the itinerary and costs, please call the Temple office, 774-2649. 

THE STATE OF THE OFFICE

April marks my ninth month as the Executive Director of Temple Beth El – the end of my gestational period perhaps. So in the spirit of this season which heralds rebirth, I'd like to give you an update on the work of the Temple administrative team since my arrival, as well as current and future projects.

High Holidays: Starting in the end of the summer as I did, I spent my first three months preparing for the High Holidays, living through the High Holidays, and catching up on work left undone during the High Holidays. It is, of course, the busiest time of year at the Temple and offered me an immediate understanding of the number of hours many Temple members contribute so the congregation can worship together, unfettered by the mundane. It also gave me a chance to start figuring out who everyone is: Finberg, Goldberg, Miller, Filler, Schwartz, Schultz, Kanter, Canter... I'm still getting the hang of it as you can see from my occasional slip-ups in Temple emails. I appreciate your patience as well as your corrections!

Communications: We started 5767 with reformatted Temple announcements, both hard copy and email versions, in an effort to present TBE happenings to the membership in a more reader-friendly way. Communication improvements are still in process and I look forward to working with the Technology Committee to bring you daily access to current information through the Temple website.

Office Organization: Of course I also spent my first few months at TBE learning the various services provided by the office and working with the staff to reassign those tasks according to the new office configuration. In November and December we conducted a re-organization of the Temple computer filing system, allowing for shared access to current and past operations and services. Currently, I am working with office

staff and religious professionals to compile a Temple Operations Manual which will act as a guideline for Temple procedures ranging from "how to sponsor a kiddush" to "roles and responsibilities when a member dies." The manual will serve the purpose of consolidating years of partially documented precedents so that Temple employees

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
LIZ ROSE-COHEN

can respond to member needs in a more consistent and efficient manner. We will also produce an abbreviated version (in hard copy and on the website) featuring those items useful to members.

Membership: In preparation for the new membership and billing calendar to begin in July, we have spent hours pouring through our database and working out the kinks: contacting members who have been inactive to clarify their status and correcting any billing inconsistencies we find. As you know, the new membership timeline asks members to declare their membership at the beginning of the fiscal year by either paying 1/4 of the year's dues or arranging for a payment plan. This timeline, along with the database clean up, will allow Temple employees and lay leadership a more accurate picture of the membership so we can make spiritually, programmatically, and fiscally responsible plans for the congregation. The new timeline will also benefit members as we will determine abated dues and Hebrew School scholarship *see Office Page 11*



Thanks to the following individuals:

- Miriam Remar for her work chairing the review of TBE's bylaws.
- Richard Abrahams for making us all more safe by installing treads on the foyer stairs.
- All those who participated in the Megillah Reading and Joke Night.
- Barbara and Gil Dichter for preparing the hamantaschen for the Megillah Reading.
- Olivia Solodar and Daniella Skalina for their work organizing the Shalach Manot Baskets, Andre Skalina for creating the tags, and all those who pitched in to prepare and deliver the baskets.
- Barbara Peisner, Sanford Freedman, Eydie Pryzant, and Natalie Ladd for preparing last month's high school aides' lunches.
- Joan Levy and Deborah Barlock for preparing the Shabbaton lunch in February.
- Tom Berman for his continued technical support.
- The Weber family for hosting and organizing the kosher wine tasting event in March.

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TBE Children, Youth, & Families

■ KOL YELADIM PREPARES PASSOVER "SEDER"

The Early Childhood Education Committee invites families with children age six and under to join us for a mini "Seder" in preparation for Passover. We will make a seder plate, meet Elijah, recite the ten plagues, sing, and pray. Sunday, April 1, 10:00 to 10:45 AM.

■ KIDS KEHILLAH

Kids Kehillah will meet on: April 7 led by the 5th grade and April 21 led by the 4th grade. Kids Kehillah is a family-friendly one hour service held in the school wing at 9:30 on Shabbat morning. (We meet the first and third Saturdays of each month.) It is a wonderful opportunity for your children to practice the prayers they are learning in Hebrew school. Hope to see you there.

■ JR. USY UPCOMING EVENTS

Jr. USY families, please be sure to mark your calendars for these upcoming events: **Bowling on April 15** after Hebrew School; **Seacoast Funpark and beach on May 27**, from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM; and **Red Sox bus trip** to Boston, May (date TBA).

■ USY NEWS

On the second Friday of every month during the academic year USYers continue to lead services at Cedars (630 Ocean Avenue, Portland) from 3:30-4:00 pm. This is a great mitzvah.

Look forward to some upcoming events such as: Tikkun Olam opportunity at the Ronald McDonald House, Carbs Night, Shabbat Dinner, Spring Convention, "Perfect Date" and voting, and an end of the year

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Tikkun Olam: Current Projects to Repair the World

■ Sewers needed for Women's Shelter Project

The Tikkun Olam Committee is looking for people who would like to help sew bags that women's shelter clients can use for personal care items. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Barbara Peisner at 797-9640.

March Lucky Day Lotto Winners


Did you know you can win Lucky Day Lotto retroactively? Here's how it works. Everyday we draw a winning Lucky Day Lotto Calendar number. If someone has purchased the calendar with that number, they win the prize for the day. If no one has purchased that number, we keep it on file. If someone buys the calendar with that number later in the year, they will win a prize for each time that calendar number was drawn. Did you know the same number can win a Lucky Day Lotto prize more than once? That's right, after a number is chosen it is re-entered into the pool all year long. So... it really is never too late to buy a Lucky Day Lotto calendar. March Winners:

- Gil and Barbara Dichter
- Ben Marcus
- Michael Rolnick
- Charlene Whitten
- Jacob Goldberg
- Maxine Farber & Susan Berkman
- Susan Goldberg
- Sara Kramer 

■ Wayside Soup Kitchen

Volunteer at the Wayside Soup Kitchen with Bet Ha'am & Holy Trinity Church, 252 Oxford Street, Thursday, April 26 from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. If you are interested, please contact Harlan Baker at 772-9640 or hbaker@maine.edu.

■ Tikkun Olam Committee Open to New Members


The Tikkun Olam Committee welcomes anyone who is interested in being part of this important work. If you would like to learn more about what the committee does, or if you have Tikkun Olam ideas, please contact committee chair, Barbara Peisner at 797-9640. 

IN THE COMMUNITY

■ Jewish Youth Chorus, Tumblers, & Klezniks mix it up!

Southern Maine Jewish Youth Chorus in collaboration with the Casco Bay Tumblers and the hot teen klezmer ensemble, Klezniks, will be offering their annual end-of-season concert and chorus fundraiser on Sunday, April 29, 2:30-4:30 PM. The Best of Portland's Jewish music will be mixing it up at Congregation Bet Ha'am. Folks have been seen dancing in the aisles at past performances!

Bet Ha'am is located at 81 Westbrook Street, South Portland. Street parking is available, and parking in the lot by the building is permitted.

Tickets are: \$10 for adults, \$7 for children under 12 and seniors, or \$25 per family. Additional donations are welcome! Refreshments will be served. 

SCENES FROM THE WHOLE MEGILLAH: TBE JOKE NIGHT



ANNIVERSARIES

APRIL 2007

- 4 Jeffrey and Tamara Schwartz
- 4 Peter and Barbara Shaw
- 6 Kurt and Sonja Messerschmidt (63 years)
- 11 Stanley and Phyllis Wilner (54 years)
- 13 William and Nancy Troubh (40 years)
- 16 Tom and Ellen Froncek
- 16 David and Barbara Turitz (40 years)
- 19 Jack and Carol Simensky
- 24 Scott and Alise Koocher
- 24 Ira Shapiro and Barbara Carlin
- 25 Elliot and Linda Levine
- 28 Joe and June Rubin

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how to read from the Torah. Her Bat Mitzvah project will include volunteering with the organization My Wonderful Dog and working on a Passover project with residents of Cedars.

Molly and her parents wish to thank all of the Hebrew School teachers who have taught her through the years.

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trip. Also, USY would like to thank all those who helped, participated, and supported us through our shalach manot basket fundraiser. It was a huge success! For more information on USY activities please contact Rebecca at 272-8680.

Photos clockwise from top right: Madame President; the Cantor makes some noise; Olivia Solodar as Tinkerbell; Ahoy Mates!; Barbara Dichter as... the Esther Bunny!; and Judy and Dan Gatchell: Queen & King Shabbat.

IN OUR TBE FAMILY

Mazel Tov

To Rabbi Braun on the occasion of the Bat Mitzvah of her niece, Rebecca Braun-Keller, on March 10.

To Brad Kaplan on the birth of his granddaughter, Romy Shachar Kaplan. Romy was born to Tamara and Josh Kaplan on March 1 in Jerusalem.

We mourn the passing of:

Louis Himmelfarb, father of Jon Himmelfarb, on February 21.

Alma Read, mother of Jennifer Read, on February 23.

Ruth Finn, aunt of Wayne Goodman, on February 25.

Golde Aranson, mother of Robert, Paul, and Mark Aranson, on March 4.

Anne Schultz, mother of Ed Schultz, on March 7.

Angel Rosa, son on Bob and Anna Bradbury, on March 11, in Iraq.

Allen Sneider, husband of Sally Sneider, on March 19.

Mitchell Cope, husband of Thelma Cope, on March 19.

Welcome New Members

Gary Auritt and Shannon Hamilton, of Cumberland.

Elizabeth O'Donnell, of Old Orchard Beach.

Upcoming Adult Jewish Learning Events

The Adult Jewish Learning Committee has prepared a number of events for the congregation in the coming months. Another round of Read Hebrew America began at the end of March, (those still interested in enrolling should call the Temple for more information as soon as possible). April and May will offer a film discussion, visiting scholar and musical Shavuot. Please mark your calendars now so you won't miss these opportunities to learn and live Jewishly with your congregation.

A DAY OF LEARNING:

Resistance to Evil: Film and Discussion, Sunday, April 29

View the stirring documentary, *The Partisans of Vilna*, about the courageous young Jewish men and women who fought back against the Nazi invaders of the great Jewish center of learning that was known as the "Jerusalem of the North." Discussion follows, led by Jackie Littlefield, education director of the Maine Holocaust Human Rights Center. The program will conclude with a slide



show of Vilna today, presented by Norm Wilson. Time: Sunday, April 29, 1:00–4:30 PM.


SHAVUOT WITH MUSIC AND LEARNING

Visiting Scholar Rabbi Jack Gabriel, May 23–24


Folk-singing Rabbi Jack Gabriel has created a delightful musical form that he calls "klez-reg" (klezmer-reggae). A leader of the Jewish Renewal movement, he performs his own soul-filled lyrics and inspired melodies with infectious enthusiasm. He is also a scholar of liturgy, music and spirituality and is currently rabbi of B'nai Vail in Vail, Colorado. He will be sharing his special gifts of music and learning during our Shavuot services.

Do you see a gap in this programming?

...then the Adult Jewish Learning Committee needs you!

We are a small committee whose goal is to provide stimulating and informative learning opportunities that will appeal to all members of our congregation. We are a practical committee, turning interests into programming and courses of study, guest lectures and Shabbatonim. If you and your friends have ideas for learning or interests thus far not addressed, please join us. Help us to turn ideas into programs, and curiosity into knowledge. Be a part of our community of learners! For more information, or to join our committee, contact TomFroncek@verizon.net. 

SISTERHOOD GIFT SHOP

Temple Beth El's Sisterhood Gift Shop offers a wide variety of Judaica items: ritual and holiday items, jewelry, mezuzahs, menorahs, candles, and gifts for all occasions. Passover is right around the corner and we have lots of items for your seder table: seder plates, Matzah plates, Matzah covers, Kiddush cups, as well as kids' stuff. Although the Gift Shop does not have regular hours, the wonderful staff of Temple Beth El can help you anytime the Temple Office is open. Please keep in mind that all Gift Shop profits benefit Temple Beth El. If you have any questions, you can e-mail or call Debbie Barlock at cestme@aol.com or 774-1080. 

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We are grateful for the following gifts to our Temple Funds. Donations not designated for specific funds will be placed in the General Fund.

Donations to a Temple Fund provide a wonderful opportunity to remember loved ones, honor friends and family and continue to bring strength to our Temple Beth El community. We encourage your donations and welcome your thoughtfulness.

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Rita Weisberg, In Memory of Ruth Finn

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Adele & Richard Mack, In Memory of Alice Cohen

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Carol & Stu Gilbert, In Memory of Seymour Filler

Carol & Stu Gilbert, Speedy recovery to Rita Willis

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Susan & Paul Trusiani, In Honor of Stuart Gilbert's Birthday

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Oscar & Gussy Gottschalk, In Memory of Golde Aranson

Douglas & Gail Volk, In Memory of Anne Schultz

Harriette Small, In Memory of Golde Aranson

Norm & Judy Wilson, In Memory of Golde Aranson

Norm & Judy Wilson, In Memory of Anne Schultz

Norm & Judy Wilson, In Memory of Seymour Filler

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ships at the start of the fiscal year so families can budget accordingly.

New and Prospective Member Development: As we plan for 5768, I anticipate that increased efficiency in the office (due to projects described above) will allow for more time and energy to spend on new and prospective member development. I look forward to studying the demographics of the current membership and listening to various subgroups of the congregation to better assess which needs we are meeting and where we have room to improve. Together with the religious profession-

als, office staff and the Board of Directors, I look forward to launching a membership outreach campaign in time for the High Holidays.

Broaden Member Involvement: Broadening the composition of those members active in committee work and organizing Temple events will broaden the range of those participating in Temple activities and attract a broader pool of prospective members. I am always delighted to talk with members about their interests and skills and how they might best be involved. Currently we are looking for volunteers to help us

serve those members of our congregation who are in need. Visiting those who are ill, delivering meals to families with newborns or those sitting shiva, offering a ride to a medical appointment... these are all ways Temple Beth El members can care for others in the community. If you are interested in learning more about these opportunities, please contact me.

I have enjoyed getting to know the TBE congregation and look forward to meeting those of you I have yet to meet. I wish you a joyful Pesach; the celebration of our collective journeys to freedom is my favorite of the year. 

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