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THIS MONTH

- 6/1 – Hebrew School Closing Exercises & Celebration
- 6/1 – Kol Yeladim end of year celebration & picnic
- 6/2 – Adult Jewish Learning - Walking With God
- 6/5 & 12 – Jewish Youth Chorus
- 6/6–7 – Noah Ullman Bar Mitzvah
- 6/13–14 – Sarah Muscat Adult Bat Mitzvah
- 6/20 – Remar/Millman Aufruf
- 6/20–21 – Joshua Abrahams Bar Mitzvah



“The Torah is a tree of life to those who hold fast, and all who cling to it find happiness.”

—Book of Proverbs 3:18

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AVIS SMITH: THE GOLD THREAD IN OUR COMMUNAL TAPESTRY

by Tom Froncek

When Rick Finberg asked me to organize a celebration of Avis’s 21 years of service to Temple Beth El, I did not hesitate to say “Yes!” I have not known Avis for as long as many of her friends and colleagues here in Portland. But in the five years that Ellen and I have been Temple members, we have come to know Avis as a fellow davener, an inspiring teacher, a gifted colleague on the Adult Jewish Learning committee and a valued friend. So I was proud and honored to say “Yes.” And I was not alone.

When was the last time you heard of anyone actually rushing forward to volunteer to work on a committee? It’s rare, right? But that’s exactly what happened when the word went out that we would be honoring Avis. People began rushing forward to help. Everyone understood that this evening to be a long overdue opportunity to tell Avis in a very public way just how much she has meant to all of us.

From her guiding hand in the Hebrew school and B’nai Mitzvah training, to her leadership in the choir, in adult learn-

ing, in Shabbat and holiday services, and in so many other areas, she has been an incredibly important part of the fabric of life and learning at Temple Beth El: the gold thread running through our communal tapestry.



And what a wonderful celebration we had! More than 120 people attended on Sunday evening, May 18. Avis was toasted by Rabbi Braun, Cantor Messerschmidt (who remembered the teenaged Avis as both student and teacher), by Aaron Peisner and Alyssa Ladd (representing her young adult stu-



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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

CLOSURES

The Temple Beth El office will be closed on Monday, June 9; Tuesday, June 10; and Friday, July 4.

The last day of Hebrew School is Sunday, June 1.

SHAVUOT SERVICES

Erev Shavuot; Sunday, June 8, 7:00 - 9:00 PM (Hebrew High School Confirmation)

Shavuot Day 1; Monday, June 9, 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Shavuot Day 2; Tuesday, June 10, 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM; Yizkor

EREV SHAVUOT PROGRAM WITH HEBREW HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION

Our Erev Shavuot Program will take place on Sunday, June 8, from 7:00-9:00 PM as we celebrate the confirmation of 10th graders Peri Arens, Rachel Barkin, Alyssa Ladd, and Noah Sleeper. Each one will share their understanding of God and Judaism as an opportunity for discussion. Dessert and celebration to follow.



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.

SAYING GOODBYE

I don't even know how to begin to say goodbye after twenty years. Growing up in this congregation I never dreamed that I would return one day as a teacher or as an education director. When I came on board to teach 4th and 6th grades in 1987, I also never dreamed I would stay for two decades and expand my responsibilities to what they eventually became. How different our lives can be from what we might have imagined!

I will take away indelible memories from my time here at Temple Beth El – memories of my wonderful students of all ages, my colleagues, and the many friends who have become like extended family members to me; memories of singing and of davening, of celebrating and of mourning, of smiling through times of tranquility and making it through times of upheaval; memories of rabbis, cantors, presidents and committees, programs, dinners, concerts, classes, consecrations and confirmations, and the entire gamut of congregational and educational events.

My goal from the first day I walked into the classroom was a simple one – I wanted to be the best teacher that my students had

ever had. I wanted to be the teacher who taught them to think, and who helped them think about Judaism in a positive light. I wanted to be a guide and a mentor while at

EDUCATION DIRECTOR
AVIS SMITH


the same time being a student, for it is true that we learn from all our students as well as from our teachers. Above all, I wanted to do something important with my life.

I wanted to be the teacher who taught them to think, and who helped them think about Judaism in a positive light.

Now that it is time to leave, I thank each and every one of you who has helped me in trying to achieve that goal. My dearest memories will be of the connections I have made with so many of you, and I thank you for the love, respect and support you have shown me over these past twenty years. I hope that my legacy will be a positive one, and that

friendships will continue even if time and geography intervene. I wish you well as you move forward as a congregation and a community, and pray that God will grant us all the blessings of shalom as we take the next steps on our individual and collective journeys.

L'hitraot b'shalom,

Avis 


Noah Ullman Bar Mitzvah



Noah Ullman becomes a Bar Mitzvah on June 7. Noah was born in Newark, Delaware but has lived in Maine since he was 3 months old. He has attended Waynflete, Levey Day School, Breakwater, and is currently a 7th grade student at NYA. His older brother Nate had his Bar Mitzvah last year.

The second son of Joe & Laura Ullman, Noah is an engaging kid who invariably leaves adults shaking their head with amusement after they've experienced a conversation with him. Noah doesn't do anything half way. His current passions include boats and paintball. His first organized paintball team took 2nd place in their first tournament. He was voted the most improved tennis player on the 6th grade tennis team at NYA.

Noah has a voracious reading appetite and has studied 3 languages including Russian, Hebrew, and Latin. He plays the drums and has an eclectic musical and film appetite. Like many kids, Noah has an Xbox control permanently welded to his hand at times. Despite his lineage, he is a Detroit Tigers fan and was before it was fashionable.

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Josh Abrahams Bar Mitzvah



Please join Richard and Leslie Abrahams in celebrating the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Joshua, on June 20–21, 2008.

Josh will chant Haftarah and Torah; his Torah portion is entitled “Shelach L’cha,” or “Send Forward.” In addition to his parents and brother, Ben, the Abrahams family looks forward to welcoming relatives and friends from all corners of the United States. Another special milestone, Leslie and Richard’s seventeenth wedding anniversary is on June 23, the time at which it all began.

A seventh grade student at Scarborough Middle School, Josh enjoys baseball, football, reading, computer games, and medieval warfare and times. For his Bar Mitzvah project, Josh played his saxophone for residents of Cedars, who sang along to songs like “Take Me out to the Ballgame” and “Yankee Doodle Dandy.” Josh thanks Rabbi Braun, Avis Smith, and Laura Boenisch, his Bar Mitzvah tutor, for helping him prepare for his Bar Mitzvah. Josh learned that the preparation for his Bar Mitzvah required more time and commitment than he expected!


The Abrahams family invites the TBE congregation to a buffet luncheon following the Saturday service.

GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER INCLUSIVENESS EFFORT STARTED AT TBE

A group of Temple members including Fae Silverman, Paul Heckler, Merrill Abramson, Judy Wilson, and Rabbi Braun have begun an effort to increase awareness about gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender issues as they relate to our Congregation. In addition the group will outreach to the greater Jewish community to ensure that GLBT Jews and their families know they are welcome at Temple Beth El.

Anyone interested in being part of this important work can contact Fae at

faejoliege@yahoo.com. Allies are welcomed and encouraged. Please watch the weekly announcements for upcoming meetings.

The group kicked off its efforts by leading a Torah discussion at services in May. In June they will be representing Temple Beth El in the Pride March, which will be held on Saturday, June 21st at 12:00 noon. Anyone interested in walking in solidarity should contact Fae or Merrill at merilabramson@yahoo.com for details. 

THANK YOU FROM HABITAT FOR HUMANITY


Our Congregation received the following note in thanks for our participation in Habitat for Humanity’s interfaith efforts.

Dear Rabbi Braun,

Please accept our sincere thanks for the Temple’s support of the recent walk for Habitat for Humanity and the interfaith effort as a whole. The Walk was a great success – despite inconvenient weather – both in terms of community building and financially.

Special thanks to Matt Goldfarb who continues to work tirelessly for this cause. What a wonderful representative you have in him and Lynn!

Thank you again, and we look forward to further collaboration with Temple Beth El as we continue this interfaith effort!

In partnership,
Jennifer Gregg
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Update on Religious Professional Staffing for Next Year and Beyond

by Liz Rose-Cohen, Executive Director

This has been a busy season preparing for all of the upcoming transitions at Temple Beth El... and it's just getting busier. The Reconfiguration Committee, charged with determining an optimal religious professional staffing model for Temple Beth El consistent with our fiscal resources, has completed its work. The Interim Search Committee, assigned to recruit and select an Interim Assistant Religious Professional/Hebrew School Principal for the coming year, is well into its process. Here are the highlights.

Reconfiguration Committee:

The Reconfiguration Committee, chaired by Ellie Miller, presented its final report to the Board of Directors on April 15. The Committee offered the Board three creative options for the Board to consider for a religious professional staffing model moving forward. Each option includes a full time Rabbi, a second full time religious professional, and additional part time support. Each of the three models carefully balances the Congregation's educational, liturgical, and pastoral needs. The Executive Committee is currently analyzing the cost of each scenario. At its June 24 meeting, the Board of Directors expects to review Temple budgets projected out for the next four fiscal years for each of the possible configurations. The Board is expected to approve one of the three proposed staffing scenarios based on consideration of the Congregation's needs and resources.

On the heels of the Board's approval of a religious professional staffing model, the next task will be to hire professionals to fill the new positions. The

hiring process will take the better part of the coming year with a goal of fully implementing the new configuration by July of 2009.


Interim Search Committee:

In the mean time... Co-Chairs, Judy Gatchell and Paul Muscat, have been hard at work with the Interim Search Committee, interviewing candidates to fill the one year Interim Assistant Religious Professional/Hebrew School Principal position. This position begins on July 1 and will include a variety of pastoral and liturgical duties combined with oversight of the Hebrew School. Second interviews will take place in the first half of June.

Fall B'nai Mitzvah:

The Fall B'nai Mitzvah begin on August 30 with Nathan Finberg, followed by Elijah Tabachnick on September 6, and Alexis Elowitch on September 13. Nathan, Elijah, and Alexis have been preparing for their B'nai Mitzvah under the tutelage of Avis Smith. Those students called to the Torah in November and December will study with Laura Boenisch, who served as the tutor for B'nai Mitzvah students this spring.

Keeping You Updated... Moving Forward:

The Temple Beth El Board and staff have heard loud and clear that members want to be kept up to date regarding these changes. We appreciate your reminders and are aware that this time of transition is challenging for many. We welcome your feedback and are committed to keep you informed as we do our best to plan for a strong and fulfilling future for Temple Beth El. 

IN OUR TBE FAMILY

Mazel Tov

To Ellen and Jonathan Handelman on the birth of their daughter, Moss Edith, who was born on Tuesday, April 27! Moss joins her older brother Simon.

We mourn the passing of:

Miriam Marcus, mother of George Marcus & Jean Peck, on April 22, in Portland.

Leonard Rubin, brother of Diana Sturman, on April 19, in Massachusetts.

Ed Goldman, cousin of Bette Novick, Len Nelson, Ken Nelson, Bruce Nelson, Andrew Nelson, and Amy Rolnick, on May 3, in Florida.

Welcome New Member

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NCJW Celebrates Scholarship, Leadership and Membership

National Council of Jewish Women Southern Maine Section will celebrate Leadership, Membership and Scholarship at its Annual Meeting on Wednesday, June 11 at 7:00 PM at the Atrium at Cedars.

The organization is pleased to announce the installation of new officers and board members who reflect the strength and diversity of the membership. This event comes at the heels of an amazing year of growth and revitalization of NCJW Southern Maine with four highly successful programs and record numbers of participants sparking a renewed interest in community service and social action. The Section is honored to announce Elinor Multer (former National Vice President, National Treasurer and Section Past President) as the installing officer.

Membership, always the backbone of National Council of Jewish Women, will be recognized at this momentous meeting with the introduction of at least twenty-five new members, many who will be assuming leadership positions and installed this evening.

Scholarships will be awarded this evening from five Endowment Funds: Sarah Bernstein Fund, Harry M. Schwartz Fund, Frances Marcus Fund, Rita S. Willis Fund and Melvin and Ruth Finn Fund.

The National Council of Jewish Women invites women of any age to become involved. Contact Gail Volk at GJVOLK@aol.com, Geri Hirsch at ahirsch@maine.rr.com or Patty Weber at shooz61@verizon.com to join or to express your areas of interest. For

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DOCUMENTING OLD MAINE JEWRY

www.MaineJews.org

Since the 1800s, there have been Jewish communities in Maine and around Auburn/Lewiston, Augusta, Biddeford/Saco, Bangor, Rockland, Portland, and Waterville. Individual Jews also lived in many small towns and villages throughout the state. The Documenting Maine Jewry project (www.MaineJews.org) is collecting short histories on many of these individuals and organizations which have made a contribution to the Jewish history of Maine and putting this information up on the web.

Now in its third year, the website and the database have records on over 20,000 Jewish Mainers in some 90 towns and cities. There is also information on roughly 260 Maine Jewish organizations, two-thirds of which are social service based and the remainder mostly religious based. Over time the project seeks to document the histories of these institutions and link more and more individuals with their important community organizations.

The web-based software allows the data to be searched by family name, individual name, cemetery, and community organization. It also includes oral histories, images of original old Maine Jewish documents, and over 1500 headstone images from Maine cemeteries.

The database has been constructed from cemetery records from Berliawsky-Small Cemetery (Rockland), Beth El Memorial Park (Portland), Beth Israel Cemetery (Bangor), Chaore Tildos Itzchok Anshe Sfarad (Bangor), Mount Carmel (Portland), Mount Sinai (Portland), Owls Head Jewish Cemetery (Owls Head), Smith Street Cemetery (South Portland), Teferith Israel (Bangor), and Temple Shalom Synagogue-Center Cemetery (Auburn); memorial boards from Cedars/Jewish Home for the Aged (Portland), Etz Chaim (Biddeford), Etz Chaim (Portland), Shaarey Tphiloh (Portland), Temple Beth El (Portland), Temple Shalom Synagogue-Center Memorial Wall (Auburn); yartzheit announcements, state and federal census and marriage records, personal recollections from over 150 families, Jewish community association newsletters, old membership records, photographs, historical reports and memorabilia.

Recent additions to the on-line resource include scanned extracts from commemorative publications by Congregation Beth Israel (Bangor) on its 50th year (1963) and its 100th year (1988); Beth Abraham Synagogue (Bangor) on its 50th year (1983),

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Thank you from Temple Ahavat Achim

Our Congregation received the following letter in thanks for donations sent in response to the fire that devastated Temple Ahavat Achim in Gloucester, Massachusetts last winter.

May 14, 2008

Dear Friends at Temple Beth El,

The entire Temple Ahavat Achim community joins me in thanking you for your generous donation of \$826.00 to the Rebuilding Fund in honor of Dick and Adele Aronson and Elaine Lewis.

The tragic fire of December 14 brought many losses but, looking back, we realize that we have also found many treasures, including hundreds of letters and donations from all over the world. People of all faiths and traditions – from

members of the congregation and Cape Ann residents to complete strangers – have written to express their own grief, comfort, encouragement, and offers of assistance. We are deeply moved by this swift and sincere response.

Contributions both large and small have been received. We are inspired by the generosity and caring spirit of all those who have come to our aid. As we begin to look to the future, we thank you again for your kindness and support.

Sincerely,
 Carole Sharoff
 Co-President
 Temple Ahavat Achim
 Gloucester, Massachusetts



Thanks to the following individuals:

- Tom & Ellen Froncek, Ross Goldberg & Rorie Lee, Cliff & Barbara Kucine, Miriam Remar & Harold Millman, Larry & Joan Levy, Joe & Hilary Goodman, Marilyn Westerfield & Bob Fried, Joe Ullman, Elaine Rosen, Judy & Ben Bertram, Sarah & Paul Muscat, and Leslie & Richard Abrahams for sponsoring kiddushes in February through June.
- Joan Levy, Debbie Barlock, Karen Hindall, Tom & Ellen Froncek, David Diamond, Orly Kahn, Alyssa Ladd, Joan Barkin, Rachel Barkin, Samantha Levy, Noah Levy, Miriam Remar, Harold Millman, Barbara Peisner, Jeff Peisner, Stacey Herwitz, and Eric Herwitz for cooking, preparing, planning, and cleaning up after the Salute to Israel Dinner.
- Emma Hindall for preparing the May *Shofar* mailing.
- Tom & Ellen Froncek for organizing Avis' goodbye party; Natalie Ladd & Joan Levy for preparing the food; Paula Harris for bringing together the choir; Nancy Levinsky, Debbie Kanter, and Hedy Cohen for their work on the congregational gift; Tom Berman for preparing the slides and video.
- Rebecca Canter, Jackie Soley, Natalie Ladd, and Steve Berg for another year of providing Jewish social activities for Temple Beth El's youth.
- Merrill Abramson, Fae Silverman, and Paul Heckler for leading a Torah discussion in May.

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So to the many enthusiastic volunteers who made the evening possible, thank you all. It couldn't have happened without you: Ellen Froncek, Debbie Kanter, Hedy Cohen, Nancy Levinsky, Joan Levy, Olivia Solodar, Geof and Karen Hindall, Clara Purinton, Tom Berman and Paula Harris. And thanks as well to our terrific office staff for help in coordinating so many of the details: Liz Rose-Cohen, Jodi Veysey, and Stacey Herwitz. To all of you: *Todah Rabah Gadol!*

dents), by Becky DeLois on behalf of her adult students, by Debbie Kanter and Olivia Solodar on behalf of her professional colleagues, and by Rick Finberg on behalf of the Board. All presented her with meaningful gifts. But we in turn received a wonderful gift from Avis. She not only directed the reassembled choir in a performance of their Greatest Hits but also sang a beautiful and moving solo.



ANNIVERSARIES

JUNE 2008


- 5 Ilene & Myron Berman
- 5 Harvey & Kathy Silverman
- 6 Ron & Gaye Blumenthal
- 7 Marc & Stacey Herwitz
- 8 Edward & Charlotte Shible (61 years)
- 8 George & Ruthanne Singal
- 9 Michael & Thea Greene (40 years)
- 9 David & Elaine Lewis (51 years)
- 12 James & Barbara Kriger (53 years)
- 14 Brian & Connie Goldberg
- 14 James & Marjorie Goodman
- 14 Patrick & Jackie Maidman
- 15 Norm & Judy Wilson (40 years)
- 16 Jon & Amy Brier
- 17 Jon & Deborah Himmelfarb
- 17 Lenny & Merle Nelson (52 years)
- 18 Harvey & Carole Cole
- 18 Hy & Peggy Osher (58 years)
- 19 Mark & Norma Filler
- 19 Barry & Lori Saltz
- 23 Richard & Leslie Abrahams
- 23 Bernie & Marlene Cohen
- 23 Dan & Phyllis Dunitz (51 years)
- 24 Joseph & Debbie Bornstein
- 24 Jerry & Sue Gordon (52 years)
- 24 Joseph & Rhoda Wildstein
- 25 Peter & Sandy Bennett (20 years)
- 25 James & Bonnie Klein
- 26 Jon & Jodi Freedman
- 26 Alan & Geri Hirsch
- 27 Stan & Judy Elowitch
- 30 Stephen & Francine Blattner

Mazel Tov to Temple Beth El's Graduates

■ Graduating from High School this year are:


Asher Asken Dunn, Son of Andrea Asken Dunn & Michael Dunn
Rachel Barkin, Daughter of Joan & Jeffrey Barkin
Sarah Berlin, Daughter of Steven & Andrea Berlin
Molly Brenerman, Daughter of David & Nancy Brenerman
Nicole Jacobson, Daughter of Michael & Linda Jacobson
Alexandra Koocher, Daughter of Scott & Alise Koocher
Allison Koss, Daughter of Peter & Anita Koss
Nathan Marcus, Son of Benjamin Marcus & Anita Bernhardt
Aaron Peisner, Son of Barbara & Michael Peisner
Adam Rice, Son of Geoffrey & Harriet Rice
Brea Robinov, Daughter of Rachel & Richard Robinov
Gabriel Rubinstein, Son of Neil & Phyl Rubinstein
Harrison Weber, Son of Ross & Patty Weber
Lizzy Weisberg, Daughter of Verne & Tracy Weisberg

■ Graduating from College this year are:


Glenn Bridgman, Son of Geri & Peter Bridgman
Elliott Cohen, Son of Hedy & Michael Cohen
Elizabeth Hague, Daughter of Linda Jacobs & Joseph Manning
Drew Lefebvre, Daughter of Ann Fleischer & Al Lefebvre
Nicole Skalina, Daughter of Daniela & Andre Skalina
Manya Sleeper, Daughter of Bruce & Joanne Sleeper
Teddy Turesky, Daughter of David & Elizabeth Turesky
Whitney Turkanis, Daughter of Harriet & Michael Turkanis 

SENIOR USY

In May...we had an awesome turnout for Carbs night, hosted by the Arens', where we also worked on the banner for Spring Convention. A big thank you goes to the Arens' for hosting USY and soon-to-be Senior USYers, the night before Pesach. We had a great time at Spring Convention in Milford, Massachusetts and were so happy to have a Jr. USYer join us this year!

Hope everyone has an exciting summer and see you next year! 

KADIMA AND JR. USY ADVISORS NEEDED

Kadima and Jr. USY are looking for advisors for next year. Kadima is a Jewish youth club for 4th, 5th and 6th graders, who meet for a fun activity several times during the year. Jr. USY is a Jewish youth club for 7th and 8th graders that meets about once per month. We would love to welcome new advisors who can keep these clubs active. If you would like more information, please contact Rebecca Howes at 207-632-7986. 

DONATIONS TO TEMPLE FUNDS

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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Karen, Alan, Justin, & Brandon Lerman, In Honor of Elizabeth Hague's Fullbright Scholarship to study in Morocco

Karen, Alan, Justin, & Brandon Lerman, In Honor of Olivia Solodar for being awarded the Legacy Heritage Jewish Communal Scholarship

Karen, Alan, Justin, & Brandon Lerman, In Honor of Sam & Bette Novick

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Karen, Alan, Justin, & Brandon Lerman, In Honor of Roberta & Alan Zimmerman

Karen, Alan, Justin, & Brandon Lerman, In Honor of Sam & Susan Koren

Karen, Alan, Justin, & Brandon Lerman, In Honor of Rita Weisberg

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Karen, Alan, Justin, & Brandon Lerman, In Honor of Susan Heath & Herman Blumenthal

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Karen, Alan, Justin, & Brandon Lerman, In Honor of Diana, Joel, Ben & Elisabeth Gold

Karen, Alan, Justin, & Brandon Lerman, In Honor of Susan & Paul Trusiani

Harvey & Helen Levine, In Honor of Leon Shriber's 80th Birthday

Rita Weisberg, In Honor of Leon Shriber's 80th Birthday

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JULY 2008

- 1 Steve & Cindy Lerman (35 years)
- 3 Charles & Lisa Dewey
- 3 Carol & Stu Gilbert
- 3 Jonathan & Ellen Handelman
- 3 Stan & Sherrie Schatz
- 4 Alan & Betsy Levenson
- 5 Ivan & Sue Most
- 6 Irwin Gratz & Bonny Rodden
- 8 Michael & Hedy Cohen
- 11 Carl & Recia Richman
- 14 Jack & Anne Spiegel (62 years)
- 17 Roger & Avis Smith
- 18 Sarah Darhower & Tommy Darhower, Jr
- 19 Sylvia Most & Alan Cardinal
- 20 Cliff & Barbara Kucine
- 21 Scott & Yoon Cohen
- 22 Deborah & John Barlock
- 22 Steve & Joani Willis
- 23 Mel & Fran Stone (64 years)
- 24 Ann Fleischer & Al Lefebvre
- 24 Phillip & Judy Sher (25 years)
- 29 Sumner & Barbara Berkovich (57 years)

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information on NCJW political action activities, go to NCJW's website, www.ncjw.org, a rich and deep source for political action.

NCJW Mission Statement: The National Council of Jewish Women is a volunteer organization, inspired by Jewish values, that works through a program of research, education, advocacy and community service to improve the quality of life for women, children and families and strives to ensure individual rights and freedoms for all.

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Abe Benjamen, In Memory of Gerald Cohen

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