

SHOFAR

MARCH - APRIL 2013 • ADAR - NISAN - IYAR 5773

UPCOMING Special Events

Sunday, March 3 - 11:00 am

Brunch Celebration honoring
our members age 90 and older

Saturday, March 23 - 11:45 am

How Matzah Became Square
Lunch & Learn with
Rabbi David Freidenreich

Tuesday, March 26 - 6:00 pm

TBE Community Passover Seder

Sunday, April 7 - time TBA

Yom Hashoah
Holocaust Remembrance Day
Observance at USM

Friday, April 12 - 5:30 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat services with
speaker Robert Trestan, acting
director of ADL, New England

Sunday, April 14 - 11:00 am

*The Changing Role of Religion in
the Israel/Palestine Conflict*
with Rabbi David Freidenreich

Sunday, April 21 - 8:00 am

TBE "Spring Cleaning" Yard Sale

Wednesday, May 29 - 6:30 pm

TBE presents
The Israeli Scouts - LIVE in concert!

Mah Nishtana Halaila Hazeh Mikol Haleilot?

Why is this night different from all other nights?

Rabbi Carolyn Braun

Because on this night, we sit at the table together, as families and friends, and tell stories: stories of our ancient past, stories of seders past, stories about family, stories about freedom, and stories about our People. On this night we ask hard questions. On this night, we speak a little Hebrew. On this night we speak about theology. On this night we share recipes. On this night, we take the time to be together.

I have a love/hate relationship with Passover (Pesach). On the one hand, preparation is a lot of work. I completely clean my house – especially the kitchen. At the last minute, I will take away my regular dishes, pots and silverware, do a final clean, and bring out the Pesach equipment. There is always that horrible, in-between time, where I'm neither all Pesach nor all *hametz* (leavened foods), or I'm both Pesach and *hametz*. I am not ready to give myself over completely to the Passover food, but any *hametz* will ruin the kitchen. The older I get, the more I wonder why I do this to myself. And then it's done, and I thank God that I had the strength to do it again.

Maybe because I only see the Pesach equipment once a year I feel as though everything is new. I laugh as my nephew's rendition of fire surrounding hail (the seventh plague) falls out of my *haroset* container (a symbolic mixture of chopped apples, nuts or other fruits eaten, at the Seder meal), bought for me by a friend at the Christmas Tree Shops! Like the symbolic food on the Seder plate, many of my Pesach things have a story to tell.

I try to buy something new every year. One year it was the frogs that our gift shop sold. Now they are spread all over my table – on the rim of the glasses, on the plates and all over the table. I have two seder plates: a beautiful traditional one given to me by my father, and an equally beautiful, non-traditional plate with several, dancing women holding up a place to put the symbolic foods, sometimes including an orange (honoring the diversity of Jews) and a beet (in honor of vegetarians for whom a shank bone would be abhorrent). Tradition and innovation is the theme of my seder, from the table setting, to the food, to the people at my table, to stories we tell, and the songs we sing.

In the end, this is a very thoughtful and thought filled meal. It is exhausting

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TEMPLE BETH EL

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

All are welcome.

Monday through Friday	6:50 am
Friday evening Kabbalat Shabbat service	5:30 pm
Saturday (Shabbat) and Jewish holidays	9:30 am
Sunday	9:00 am
Secular holidays	8:30 am

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2012-2013

President - Irwin Gratz

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Jodi Veysey

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TEMPLE BETH EL'S MISSION

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.



Rabbi Carolyn Braun
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THE RABBINICAL
ASSEMBLY

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Irwin Gratz



In this country we try (and usually succeed) in keeping government and religion separate. This does not mean they don't intersect from time-to-time. This is about one of those intersections. A place policed by something called "HIPAA" (pronounced: Hip-pah).

HIPAA is the acronym for the federal "Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1966." It stands, like a traffic cop, at the intersection of our medical information and disclosure. Like a traffic cop, it's supposed to make sure our medical information only passes through to those who need to see it (like doctors) or have a right to (us, or maybe our closest family members). HIPAA is supposed to make sure a nosy employer or someone else, say a nosy reporter (there aren't any of those, are there?) are blocked from seeing any of that medical information.

HIPAA will make exceptions, as long as the patient, or a family member says it's ok. Which brings me to the point of this column. Our Temple, and our Rabbi, are committed to ministering to the personal needs of our congregants. One of those very important needs can be either practical, or spiritual help when someone is ill and perhaps in the hospital.

Once upon a time it was possible for clergy to make regular hospital visits and seek out congregants who might be there and in need of spiritual aid and comfort. HIPAA prevents that. Access to patients in a hospital is now much more tightly controlled. While that may enhance the privacy of those who are hospitalized, it is also a barrier to those who wish for a serendipitous visit.

In recent years, we have taken to reminding folks, from time to time, to call the temple office if they know of someone who is ill and might need the synagogue's or the rabbi's help. Without such notification, it may simply be impossible for anyone at Temple Beth El to know that someone is seeking our help. Now it may be difficult for immediate family to be in touch while they are dealing with the crisis of a hospitalization. So, if you know of a friend or acquaintance who's ill or been hospitalized, you too should alert the office so we can try and reach out to see if a family has needs the Temple can meet.

Now, not everyone needs or wants the Temple's help at such times. Be assured we will honor those requests, too. But, if we work together as a community we can make sure the spiritual needs of our congregants can be met in any circumstance. ■

BAR MITZVAH

DANIEL BAKER



Daniel Baker, son of Kim and Jay Baker, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on his birthday, April 27, 2013.

Daniel is in 7th grade at King Middle School. Daniel enjoys being on the tech team, legion robotics, crew team for theater productions, and a library aid. Daniel also participates in Ultimate Frisbee and karate. Daniel and his parents wish to thank Dov Goldberg and Rabbi Braun for helping Daniel prepare for this special day.

MAZEL TOV מזל טוב

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Adam Johnson and Isabelle Cohen Johnson
- 8 Jack and Deena Weinstein
- 17 Steve Gleit and Dana Robbins
- 17 Steve and Peggy Shapiro
- 20 Tom and Marjorie Berman
- 23 Larry and Lisa Plotkin
- 25 Mark and Shelley Chorney
- 25 Morton and Esther Gold
- 27 H. Michael Alpren and Joanne Turnbull
- 27 Joe and Becky DeLois
- 27 Fred and Ruth Miller

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 Jeffrey and Tamara Schwartz
- 4 Peter and Barbara Shaw
- 19 Jack and Carol Simensky
- 24 Scott and Alise Koocher
- 25 Elliot and Linda Levine
- 28 Joe and June Rubin



NEW MEMBERS



James & Joan Cohen
and their children
Devon & Spencer

Books & Pajamas

Dov Goldberg, Director of Congregational Learning



In my recent comments in the *Shofar*, I have taken the opportunity to talk about the exciting and innovative initiatives that are being implemented in our new Kadima Beth El religious school program. But I'd like to take my time in this issue to talk about a wonderful Jewish educational

program beyond our congregation.

PJ Library was the brainchild of Jewish philanthropist Harold Grinspoon. He thought that if we could get Jewish books into the hands of young parents then those stories would become part of the reading routine and rotation of those families. This would then become a vehicle for expanding Jewish connection and reflection for these children and their parents. And best of all, this initial connection would come to them in their own homes. Grinspoon further hoped that over time this Jewish reading experience would also encourage these families to seek out greater connection with other Jewish families and the organized Jewish community. And so, PJ Library was created, giving the gift of a monthly book, to families with young Jewish children.

This effort has succeeded beyond Grinspoon's wildest expectations. The project now acts as a partnership between the Harold Grinspoon Foundation and participating communities to underwrite the cost of giving these books to families in their community. Nothing is required of subscribing families other than simply to register. Age appropriate books are provided each month (with a Jewish cd replacing a book once a year) for children age 6 months up through between 5 and 8 years (depending on the participating community). And the careful selection of titles is ongoing, so younger siblings don't usually receive the same book as their older brother or sister did at the same age. While most books have some explicitly Jewish content, others are chosen because they promote important Jewish values. Families also receive an informative monthly newsletter, access to additional education materials, and invitations to Jewish events in their community especially appropriate for PJ subscribers.

There are now 185 participating communities (and the list keeps growing) with more than 100,000 active subscribers, not to mention the 75,000 additional subscribers who passed through the program. More than three and a half million books have been mailed since its inception, and PJ Library, with its buying power, has become an influential force in the growth of the Jewish children's book industry. Most importantly, PJ Library has touched the lives of countless unaffiliated as well as affiliated Jewish families and brought many of them into greater involvement with other Jews, local Jewish institutions, and their own Judaism.

Best of all, PJ Library will soon be coming to southern Maine, spearheaded by the efforts of the JCA in collaboration with other community Jewish institutions. So, look to hear more about all of this in late spring! ■

BAR MITZVAH

Ellis Craig



Please join Sharon and Stephen Craig in celebrating the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Ellis Ian Craig, on April 19 and April 20, 2013.

Ellis is a seventh grade Honors student at Lincoln Middle School in Portland. Ellis is very creative – quite talented in drawing, acting (he had the lead role in the school play, “The Phantom Toll Booth” in sixth grade) and in Lego building. Ellis is also a member of the Lincoln School chorus and band (playing percussions) and was among a select few to perform in January 2013 at Maine's District II Music Festival. He enjoys spending time with his friends, playing basketball and baseball and is a great big brother to eight year old Noah. Ellis also loves spending the first session of every summer at JCC Maccabi Camp Kingswood in Bridgton, Maine as well as traveling to visit family in Massachusetts, California and Israel.

Ellis is an amazingly thoughtful young man. He has a great gift to relate to both his peers and to adults. He has a diligent work ethic and understands the value of working hard to achieve his goals. Ellis is also quite funny and although he may not always choose the right time to make a joke (like most kids) he always uses his humor to keep the mood light and to keep his family and friends laughing.

The Craig family would like to thank Rabbi Braun, Dov Goldberg and the Hebrew School teachers for the education, guidance and preparation over the years for this special day and for the strong foundation of Ellis' Judaism.

FUNDRAISING & MEMBERSHIP

Karen Lerman, Fundraising & Membership Chair

Our New & Prospective Members Brunch was held on Sunday, January 13th. Not only was the food delicious (thank you, TBE Kitchen Manager Josh Bach!), but the 28 attendees were delightful company! Our new members felt welcomed by many of our Board members and by our Rabbi. Thank you to our ever-supportive Board. You're the best!

Special thanks to our director, Jodi Veysey for all the great prep work... From the food to the tables... all the details are well taken care of! A special shout out to Elaine & David Lewis. Your support means the world to us! I'm sorry that some of you couldn't make it to this brunch because you were going out of town!

Everyone was delighted to hear about the wonderful social events we have coming up throughout the spring, and we promise you much much more!! Don't miss our:

- **Brunch Celebration honoring our members age 90 and older - Sunday, March 3**
- **Community Passover Seder - Tuesday, March 26**
- **Spring Cleaning Yard Sale - Sunday, April 21**

Please don't hesitate to call and leave a message at TBE for me. Your suggestions are always welcomed! Until next month... ■

TIKKUN OLAM CHAVURA

Carolyn Turcio-Gilman, Tikkun Olam Committee Chair

The Tikkun Olam *chavura* (Social Action group) encourages you to donate business-appropriate clothing suitable for a job interview to the ASPIRE program. There is a rack for ASPIRE donations in the coat room. If you wish to have a receipt for the donation, make a list of donated items, the date, your name and address for mailing the receipt, and attach the list to one of the donated items. These clothes will help a person currently out of work and unable to afford good clothing for a job interview.

You will also notice some wicker baskets in the TBE foyer for collecting non-perishable food, clothing and toiletry items that go to Preble Street shelter and soup kitchen. The cold weather still lingers, and the homeless and destitute need help. Please think to drop off some items for their use. Thank you. ■

HOUSE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Dan Gatchell, House Committee Chair

- Replacement of the main sump pump in the boiler room and repairs to the center door threshold entering from the circular driveway. Part of this door frame may require some additional work this summer.
- Ernie & Toby Wallach donated the sump pump for the boiler room.
- Steve McBrady Roofing came and resealed flashing in hopes of stopping the leaks in the hallway near the Levey office. ■

ADULT EDUCATION

Dana Robbins, Adult Jewish Learning Committee Chair

HELP WANTED. ADULT LEARNING COMMITTEE needs new members. Position is unpaid but personally rewarding. The Adult Learning Committee is committed to bringing stimulating and meaningful programming to Temple Beth El. We have sponsored several highly successful visiting scholar weekends. However, in order to continue our vital work we need a few new members. No qualification needed other than enthusiasm for adult learning. Please contact Dana Robbins at malkah41@aol.com.

The Changing Role of Religion in the Israel/Palestine Conflict with Rabbi David Freidenreich, PhD

Sunday, April 14, at 11:00 am, TBE Social Hall

The Adult Learning Committee invites you to join us for a learning session with Rabbi David Freidenreich. The conflict over Israel/Palestine was not originally religious in nature. As recently as 50 years ago, the major players on both sides were all secular and justified their competing territorial claims within the framework of nationalism. Today, however, the loudest voices among Israelis and Palestinians alike express their claims in religious terms. Why did religion play a marginal role during the initial phases of this conflict? What changed? What does this transformation mean for the future of the conflict and the prospects for its resolution? ■

KESHET COMMITTEE

Gay Marriage: What Now?

Sandra Kornblum

First of all, I would like to say how happy I am that gay marriage is now legal. Jewish community members, who are gay and lesbians can now not only be married under Jewish law, but also by the state. Some of us will celebrate this news, listen to the news about the couples who went to City Hall the first night they could be legally married, and then not think about it much at all.

Others may consider the ramifications of this new law. Ok, folks can get married, but does that make them equal to heterosexual couples? Actually it does not. To do so, we need some changes in the tax code at the state and federal level so that same sex couples can file jointly and receive the same tax benefits as their heterosexual counterparts. We need changes made in the work place so that married same-sex couples can get medical benefits for their spouses. We need to change how our hospitals view homosexual spouses. We've all heard about court cases in which the homosexual spouse and the parents or siblings of the patient are fighting over visitation rights or other more significant decisions. This is not even debatable in the heterosexual world; the spouse makes the decisions.

As Jews we believe in the concept of Tikkun Olam, repairing the world. Hopefully, those of us who are more active in fighting for the rights of others, will consider what needs to happen to make the changes we need to make, as a way of helping others and of repairing the world. ■

BELONGING TO TEMPLE BETH EL

TBE introduces our new suggested levels of giving

It is our goal to make membership at Temple Beth El available to everyone regardless of their ability to pay. Ultimately, the more members we have, the more enriching each member’s experiences will be and the easier it will be to sustain our Temple financially.

It currently costs an average of \$1,640 per membership per year to maintain our budget. This is based on our total annual operating costs, which include, but are not limited to, programs, holiday services, special events, staffing, maintain our building and so much more. However, we know that \$1,640 per membership is beyond the means of some of our members and prospective members. Therefore, in order to make our Temple accessible to all, we have created new suggested levels of giving. This change is not about cutting or increasing our dues, but about allowing everyone to find the level of dues that suits the reality of their financial resources. Using the \$1,640 per membership as a guideline, please make your annual dues commitment at a level that speaks to you. Know that if you are able to increase your contribution, you will be helping us be a truly welcoming congregation by providing support for members who cannot contribute as much. For those who have always been a part of our abatement program, you may continue to maintain the level of dues that you have paid in the past.

In your May billing, you will receive a Levels of Giving form. At that time, please select a suggested category amount or choose 'Other' and indicate an amount above, below or in between these levels. Please return your form to the office no later than June 1st so that we may prepare the billing for the 2013-2014 dues year, which begins July 1, 2013. Those who do not return their form by June 1st will have their dues billed to them at the level closest to what they have paid in the past.

NEW SUGGESTED GIVING LEVELS FOR ANNUAL DUES

Other	\$ _____
Double Chai	\$3,600
Chai and a half	\$2,700
Chai	\$1,800
Aleph	\$1,500
Beit	\$1,250
Gimmel	\$900
Dalet	\$750
Hei	\$600
Yesodot	Current abated dues level

If you have any questions regarding these new giving levels, please contact TBE Director Jodi Veysey at 774-2649 or director@tbemaine.org.

Thank you for your support of our kehillah - our community!

BAR MITZVAH

Connor Foye



Connor Foye, son of Kate and Colin Foye, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on March 15-16, 2013.

The preparation for Connor's Bar Mitzvah began years ago during a High Holy Days Service when he looked to the Torah with such awe and amazement. His faith has always been strong and his connection with Judaism is intertwined with his family and friends.

Growing up Jewish in Maine can be a challenge. Connor has never backed away from sharing his traditions with his friends or from bringing lessons of holidays into his school work. Attending Camp Kingwood for the past three summers has been another way Connor brings Judaism into his everyday life. He even won the "Ruach" award during his second summer! Celebrating Shabbat with family on Friday nights has become an ever important part of the week. It is these strong bonds of family that made Connor's Mitzvah Project an easy choice. He has decided to raise awareness and money for the Wounded Warriors organization. As many members of Connor's family have served in the military, most in combat situations, it is a cause close to his heart. His *ruach* or spirit shows itself, not only in his love for his family, but in his passion for Judaism, for sports and the outdoors, and his compassion for those around him.

SUPPORTING TEMPLE BETH EL

Contributing to the following TBE funds is a wonderful way to honor a loved one, commemorate a yahrzeit or to celebrate a special event. To make a donation, please complete the form below and send it along with your payment to Temple Beth El. Every gift makes a difference - we appreciate your support!

- Adult Education Fund** - Adult learning programs, classes, workshops and speakers
- Brotherhood Fund** - supports Temple needs at the discretion of Brotherhood members
- Building Fund** - special building projects and building maintenance
- David & Ethel Wilson Family Fund** - supports lifecycle events, i.e. deaths, weddings, conversions, etc.
- Education Director's Discretionary Fund** - Kadima Beth El projects, professional development and teacher training
- Edward Weisberg Fund** - school materials & special projects
- Endowment Fund** - building the endowment which helps fund TBE operations, Kadima Beth El Religious School & Adult Education programs
- General Fund** - for general (unallocated) Temple needs
- Hebrew School Fund** - equipment, supplies and books for Kadima Beth El
- Phyllis & Jonas B. Klein Fund** - to be used at the discretion of the Klein family
- Kiddush Fund** - providing Kiddush refreshments at Shabbat services
- Kol Yeladim Fund** - Early childhood activities
- Koocher/Robinov Hebrew School Scholarship Fund** - scholarships for Kadima Beth El Religious School
- Kulanu Fund** - supports building reconstruction
- Temple Beth El Memorial Park Fund** - Memorial Park maintenance
- Molly Finkelman Choir / Music Fund** - music-related materials
- Norman Finberg USY Fund** - funds trips for USY youth to Israel and other Jewish events
- Prayer Book Fund** - new and replacement prayer books
- Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**
- Sisterhood** - supports Temple needs at the discretion of Sisterhood members
- Technology Fund** - supports maintenance and upgrades to TBE's hardware infrastructure and software systems.
- Yad L'Yad Fund** - outreach to members in need
- Yahrzeit Fund** - mailings for Yahrzeit notifications
- Youth Activity Fund** - Youth social groups

First & Last Name: _____

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Send acknowledgement to (name & address): _____

Check enclosed Credit card (circle one): Visa / MC **TOTAL \$** _____

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ANNUAL APPEAL 2012-13

John Frumer and Elizabeth Barrett
*In honor of Vilean Taggersell, Robert,
 Renata and Caleb Levine*

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David and Beth Strassler

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Stan and Sherrie Schatz
In memory of Ida Koocher
 Stan and Sherrie Schatz
In memory of Beatrice Schatz
 Stan and Sherrie Schatz
In memory of Ida Robinov

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

The Family of Jerry Slivka
In memory of Jerry Slivka
 Barbara Berkovich
In memory of Sumner Berkovich
 Steve and Peggy Shapiro
In memory of Pauline Forman
 Steve and Peggy Shapiro
In memory of Philip Forman
 Charlie Young *In memory of Beatrice Carlin*
 Elizabeth Spector *In memory of Jerry Slivka*
 Benjamin and Jeri Brem
Speedy recovery Robert Braun

EDUCATION DISCRETIONARY FUND

Stephen Simons
In honor of Karen Lerman's birthday

EDWARD WEISBERG FUND

Anne Spiegel *In honor of Richard &
 Adele Mack's 70th wedding anniversary*
 Ernest and Diana Sturman
In honor of Pearl Levine's 100th birthday
 Ernest and Diana Sturman
In honor of Karen Lerman's birthday
 Ernest and Diana Sturman
*In honor of Richard & Adele Mack's 70th
 wedding anniversary*
 Rita Weisberg
In honor of Karen Lerman's birthday
 Fred and Ruth Miller
In memory of Alice Teitelbaum
 Fred and Ruth Miller
In memory of Nathan Tapper
 Eddie Richman
In memory of Dianne Schwey Richman
 Mark Richman
In memory of Dianne Schwey Richman
 Jeff Richman & Bill Bennett
In memory of Dianne Schwey Richman
 Rita Weisberg & Family
In memory of Sarah Schwey
 Rita Weisberg
Speedy recovery Murray Rosen

GENERAL FUND

Nicholas and Sara Drago
 Ron and Gaye Blumenthal
In honor of Karen Lerman's birthday
 Abe and Tama Fineberg
In honor of Pearl Levine's 100th birthday
 Abe and Tama Fineberg
*In honor of Dick & Adele Mack's 70th
 anniversary*
 Joyce Freedlander *In honor of Dick
 & Adele Mack's 70th anniversary*
 Richard and Adele Mack
In honor of Pearl Levine's 100th birthday
 Charlie and Ellie Miller
In honor of Dana Robbins earning her MFA
 Murray and Shirley Rosen
*In honor of Dick & Adele Mack's 70th
 anniversary*
 Murray and Shirley Rosen
In honor of Justin Alford's birthday
 Murray and Shirley Rosen
In honor of Pearl Levine's 100th birthday
 Murray and Shirley Rosen
In honor of Dana Robbins earning her MFA
 Matthew Gromet and Phyllis Schultz
*In honor of Charlotte Farber's special
 birthday*
 Paul and Susan Trusiani
In honor of Pearl Levine's 100th birthday
 Anne-Marie Tupper
*In honor of Cantor Messerschmidt's birthday
 and book release*
 The Family of Jerry Slivka
In memory of Jerry Slivka
 Linda Abromson
In memory of Frances Elowitch
 Linda Abromson
In memory of I. Joel Abromson
 Dick and Adele Aronson
In memory of Dora Aronson
 Dauna Binder
In memory of Ardyth Rand Webb
 James and Martha Burns
In memory of Mitchell E. Burns
 James and Martha Burns
In memory of Rose Burns
 Maurice and Phyllis Cohen
In memory of Harry Herman
 Janine Collins
In memory of Anna Imondi
 G. David and Margaret Fenderson
In memory of Stephen Klein
 Oscar Gottschalk
In memory of Arthur Gottschalk
 Helen Isenman and Susan Isenman
In memory of Benjamin Levin
 Larry and Wendy Kane
In memory of Gertrude Kane
 Ted and Perla Kimball
In memory of grandfather, Soloman Holzman
 Ted and Perla Kimball
In memory of grandmother, Pearl Holzman

Jim and Bonnie Klein
In memory of Phyllis Slater Klein
 Phil and Elizabeth Levinsky
In memory of Irving Zaitlin
 Phil and Elizabeth Levinsky
In memory of Anna Chozick Weinstein
 Phil and Elizabeth Levinsky
In memory of Sandra Hersh Sime
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In memory of Rachel Weisberg Palais
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In memory of Harry Marcus
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In memory of Frances Marcus
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In memory of Zeke Rich
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In memory of William Schultz
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In memory of Anne Schultz
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In memory of David Isaac Shaw
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In memory of Edward Ginsburg
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In memory of Doris Shaw
 Peter and Barbara Shaw
In memory of David Shaw
 Nick Hasty and Kathy Stairs
In memory of Micah Hasty
 Neal and Lorry Stillman
In memory of Anna Stillman
 Paul and Susan Sugarman
In memory of Lil & Ben Brilliant
 David and Barbara Turitz
In memory of Bella Turitz
 David and Barbara Turitz
In memory of Dora Turitz
 Stanley Weiner
In memory of Michael Weiner
 Morton and Miriam Brown
In memory of Jerry Slivka
 David and Carole Decter
In memory of Jerry Slivka
 Rubin and Bela Kirzner
In memory of Jerry Slivka
 Alan and Betsy Levenson
In memory of Jerry Slivka
 Phil and Elizabeth Levinsky
In memory of Jerry Slivka
 Myron and Natalie Petrovsky
In memory of Jerry Slivka

Harold Millman and Miriam Remar-Millman
In memory of Jerry Slivka
 Murray and Shirley Rosen
In memory of Jerry Slivka
 Paul and Susan Trusiani
In memory of Jerry Slivka
 Abe and Tama Fineberg
Speedy recovery Fay Brown
 Mel Fineberg
Speedy recovery Murray Rosen
 Phil and Elizabeth Levinsky
Speedy recovery Murray Rosen
 Richard and Adele Mack
Speedy recovery Murray Rosen
 Harold Millman and Miriam Remar-Millman
Speedy recovery Murray Rosen
 Paul and Susan Trusiani
Speedy recovery Murray Rosen

KADIMA BETH EL RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Debbie Kanter
In honor of Cantor Messerschmidt's birthday
 Debbie Kanter
In honor of Marjorie Chandler's special birthday
 Debbie Kanter
In honor of Karen Lerman's special birthday
 Debbie Kanter
In memory of Zavil Levine
 Pat Reef
In memory of Dr. Sumner Berkovich

KULANU

Jerry Gillis
In memory of Barbara Gillis
 Jerry Gillis
In memory of Harry Gillis
 Robert Levine and Vilean Taggersell
In memory of Arthur B. Levine
 Steve and Chichi Levine
In memory of Maurice Levine
 Steve and Chichi Levine
In memory of Esther Wiener

LEWIS PRAYER BOOK FUND

Jeffrey and Susie Saffer
In memory of Annette & Milton Kestenbaum

TEMPLE BETH EL MEMORIAL PARK

Alvin Jolovitz
In memory of Lester Jolovitz
 Rubin and Sally Laskoff
In memory of Israel Rothblatt
 Rubin and Sally Laskoff
In memory of Steven Laskoff
 Rubin and Sally Laskoff
In memory of Sylvia Rothblatt
 Pearl Levine
In memory of Maurice Levine

MUSIC FUND

Paul and Judy Bouchard
In honor of Karen Lerman's birthday

PHYLLIS AND JONAS B KLEIN FUND

David Weil
In memory of Jonas & Phyllis Klein

SPECIAL MAINTENANCE PROJECTS

Irwin Gratz and Bonny Rodden
 Ernie and Toby Wallach
Donation for a new sump pump
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TEMPLE BETH EL

Community Seder

on the second night of Passover

Tuesday, March 26, 2013

starting at 6:00 pm

TBE Social Hall - 400 Deering Avenue, Portland

All are welcome!



Come celebrate with old friends and make some new ones! This family-friendly gathering will feature a delicious, traditional Pesach meal, scrumptious desserts, Afikoman prizes, engaging songs and more.

Vegetarian option available.

- Adults - \$28
- Children age 11 and older - \$12
- Children age 10 and under - free
- Family of four or more - \$72

RSVP by Friday, March 15

by submitting the form below, or by contacting the TBE office at 774-2649 or office@tbemaine.org.

Cost should not be a barrier. Please call the TBE office if you need free or discounted tickets.

First and Last Name(s): _____

Adults @\$28:___ Kids 11+ @\$12:___ Kids <10 (free):___ Families @\$72:___ # Veg. meals:___

I would like to be a Passover seder sponsor: \$18 \$36 \$72 other \$ _____

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I'd like to volunteer to help with Seder prep, set up and serving. Please contact me!

CONDOLENCES

To the family of Sumner Berkovich, who passed away on Sunday, January 6, 2013 at his home in Cumberland, Maine at the age of 85. Sumner is survived by his three daughters and his beloved wife, Barbara, to whom he was married to for 61 years.

To the family of Jerry Slivka, who passed away on Thursday, January 10, 2013 in Florida. Jerry and his late wife Rochelle were the generous sponsors of the beautiful Holocaust Memorial at Temple Beth El. Jerry is survived by daughters Harriet Hillson (Sam) of Metairie, LA and Miriam Fargian (Albert) of Karmiel, Israel. He is also survived by six grandchildren and three great grandchildren: Dafna Ratzon (Nir), Rebecca Vandiver (Brian), Shai Fargian (Sharon), Benjamin Hillson (Emma), Bar Fargian, Naama Fagian, Guy Ratzon, Raquel Vandiver, and Roi Ratzon. He is also survived by his brother and sister-in-law, Rubin and Bela Kirzner and numerous nieces and nephews.

To the Fleischer Lefebvre family; Ann, Albert, Drew and Martha, on the passing of Ann's father, Erick Fleischer. Erick passed away on Saturday, January 26, 2013 in Maryland at age 92. Erick is survived by his loving wife, Doris. He was predeceased by his beloved first wife, Bernice Fleischer.

To the Arens family: Adam, Lisa, Andrew and Perri, on the passing of Adam's great aunt, Rudy Melman. Rudy passed away on Sunday, February 3, 2013 in New York.

To the Foye & Gatchell families; Colin, Kate, Connor, Samuel and Joshua and to Judy, Dan and Ben on the passing of Kate's mother-in-law, Constance I. "Connie" Foye, who passed away on Monday, February 11.

To the Krinsky Kemmerer family; Joy, David, Samuel and Tova, on the passing of Joy's father, William Krinsky. William passed away on Monday, February 11 in California at age 83. He was predeceased by his wife, Estelle.

TODAH RABAH

To Adele & Dick Aronson and Elaine & David Lewis, for sponsoring the Oneg on Friday, December 21st, in memory of Betty Silverman.

To our volunteers who prepared the Community Shabbat Dinner on Friday, January 4: Laura Keller, Tim Keller, Amy Brier, and Joan Levy.

To our volunteers who helped with the New Members Brunch on Sunday, January 13: Karen Lerman, Amy Brier, Kate Foye, Jodi Veysey and Josh Bach.

To Karen Lerman for bringing in healthy and not-so-healthy treats for the TBE staff.

To Ross Goldberg and Rorie Lee for tending to the TBE Sanctuary plants.

To Dana Robbins and Steve Gleit, for sponsoring the Kiddush on Saturday, January 26, in memory of Seymour Robbins.

To Ernie & Toby Wallach for donating the sump pump for the TBE boiler room.

To the volunteers who helped with the Shabbat Dinner on Friday, February 1st: Joan Levy, Tommy and Sarah Darhower, Sarah Legendre, and Talia Timmins.

To our members who helped lead Shabbat services on the weekend of February 1-2 :

- Rabbi David Freidenreich for reading Torah
- Sara Kahn-Troster for reading Haftarah
- Gabe Smestad, who helped lead the Torah services in preparation for his upcoming Bar Mitzvah.

MAZEL TOV

To Dana Robbins on her graduation from USM/Stonecoast with a Masters of Fine Arts (MFA) in creative writing, concentrating in poetry.

To TBE Administrative Director Jodi Veysey, on the birth of her first grandchild, Ava Jolie Fisher, born to her daughter Rebecca Goldsmith and Troy Fisher in Deerfield Beach, Florida on February 7.

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Mark your calendars! Clean out your closets!

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SUNDAY, APRIL 21st

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We are also looking for donations of new items, hand crafted goods or gift certificates to local stores or restaurants.

CALL for VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers needed to price items, set up and help staff the Yard Sale.

Please contact the TBE office at 774-2649 to discuss donations and volunteering.

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Wednesday, May 29, 2013 - 6:30 pm

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Temple Beth El is proud to present the Israeli Scouts Friendship Caravan - a delegation of ten teenage Israeli scouts touring the United States and Canada, bringing Israeli culture, music and dance, as well as a message of peace.

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Tickets may be picked up at TBE by 12:00 noon on Wed. 5/29, or they will be held at the ticket table for pickup at the event.

For tickets or more info, contact the TBE office at 774-2649 or office@tbemaine.org.
Cost should not be a barrier. Call the TBE office if you need discounted or free tickets.

DELICIOUS ISRAELI BUFFET DINNER

preceding the concert at 5:30 pm in the TBE Social Hall

Dinner tickets - \$5 / person

Ta'anit Bechorot - Fast of the Firstborn

SPECIAL MORNING MINYAN & SIYYUM BREAKFAST WITH RABBI BRAUN

Monday, March 25, 2013

6:50 am - TBE Small Chapel

All are welcome.

Please join us for a special morning minyan service for *Ta'anit Bechorot* - the Fast of the Firstborn, followed by a *Siyyum* study session with Rabbi Braun and a build-a-bagel takeout breakfast.

MAH NISHTANA by Rabbi Braun

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searching for meaning. Pesach is a time of opposites coming together, where we celebrate our freedom while working like slaves; where we recline and sip wine while running to make sure the soup is not boiling over; where we eat large and complicated meal while remembering what it must have been like to be a slave; we recite an ancient story and live a modern one. But it is through this observance of a holiday that we, our children, and our children's children can come to discover our identity.

I can't help but think that if we could eat together and share ideas more often, the world would be in a better place. Maybe on Shabbat... ■

PASSOVER HOLIDAY SCHEDULE


Monday, March 25	Erev Pesach, First Seder
6:50 am	Morning Minyan & <i>Ta'anit Bechorot</i>
	Siyyum Bagel Breakfast
5:42 pm	Holiday candle lighting time
Tuesday, March 26	Pesach, Second Seder - TBE office closed
9:30 am	Shabbat candle lighting time
6:00 pm	TBE Community Passover Seder
6:51 pm	Holiday candle lighting time
Weds., March 27	Pesach - TBE office closed
9:30 am	Holiday services
6:52 pm	Havdalah time
Friday, March 29	Chol Hamoed Pesach
5:30 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat services
5:47 pm	Shabbat candle lighting time
Saturday, March 30	Chol Hamoed Pesach
9:30 am	Shabbat services
6:56 pm	Havdalah time
Sunday, March 31	Chol Hamoed Pesach
9:00 am	Morning Minyan, Schmooze & Shmear
	Kadima Beth El Religious School
5:49 pm	Holiday candle lighting time
Monday, April 1	Pesach - TBE office closed
9:30 am	Holiday services
6:58 pm	Holiday candle lighting time
Tuesday, April 2	Pesach - TBE office closed
9:30 am	Holiday services, <i>Yizkor</i> approx. 11:15 am
6:59 pm	Havdalah time

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Friday, March 1

5:12 pm Shabbat candle lighting time
5:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat services & Gabe Smestad Bar Mitzvah

Saturday, March 2

9:30 am Shabbat services & Gabe Smestad Bar Mitzvah
6:22 pm Havdalah time

Sunday, March 3

9:00 am Morning Minyan, Schmooze & Shmear
Kadima Beth El Religious School
9:45 am Prayerbook Hebrew with Rabbi Braun
11:00 am Brunch Honoring Our 90 Year Old Members

Friday, March 8

5:21 pm Shabbat Candle lighting time
5:30 pm Family Kabbalat Shabbat services
6:15 pm Community Shabbat Dinner

Saturday, March 9

9:30 am Shabbat services
6:30 pm Havdalah time

Sunday, March 10

9:00 am **Daylight Savings Time begins**
Morning Minyan, Schmooze & Shmear
Kadima Beth El Religious School
9:45 am Prayerbook Hebrew with Rabbi Braun
11:00 am Kadima Beth El *B'Yachad* Activity

Tuesday, March 12

5:30 pm Executive Committee Meeting

Friday, March 15

5:30 pm Shabbat candle lighting time
5:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat services & Connor Foye Bar Mitzvah

Saturday, March 16

9:30 am Shabbat services & Connor Foye Bar Mitzvah
6:39 pm Havdalah time

Sunday, March 17

9:00 am Morning Minyan, Schmooze & Shmear
Kadima Beth El Religious School
9:45 am Prayerbook Hebrew with Rabbi Braun

Tuesday, March 19

5:30 pm TBE Board Meeting

Friday, March 22

5:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat services
5:38 pm Shabbat candle lighting time

Saturday, March 23

9:30 am **Shabbat Hagadol**
Shabbat services
11:45 am Lunch & Learn - Rabbi David Freidenreich
6:48 pm Havdalah time

Sunday, March 24

9:00 am Morning Minyan, Schmooze & Shmear
Kadima Beth El Religious School

Monday, March 25

6:50 am **Ta'anit Bechorot, Erev Pesach, First Seder**
Morning Minyan & Siyyum Bagel Breakfast
5:42 pm Holiday candle lighting time

Tuesday, March 26

9:30 am **Pesach, Second Seder - TBE office closed**
Shabbat candle lighting time
6:00 pm TBE Community Passover Seder
6:51 pm Holiday candle lighting time

Weds., March 27

9:30 am **Pesach - TBE office closed**
Holiday services
6:52 pm Havdalah time

Friday, March 29

5:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat services
5:47 pm Shabbat candle lighting time

Saturday, March 30

9:30 am **Chol Hamoed Pesach**
Shabbat services
6:56 pm Havdalah time

Sunday, March 31

9:00 am **Chol Hamoed Pesach**
Morning Minyan, Schmooze & Shmear
Kadima Beth El Religious School
5:49 pm Holiday candle lighting time

Monday, April 1

9:30 am **Pesach - TBE office closed**
Holiday services
6:58 pm Holiday candle lighting time

Tuesday, April 2

9:30 am **Pesach - TBE office closed**
Holiday services, **Yizkor** at approx. 11:15 am
6:59 pm Havdalah time

Friday, April 5

5:30 pm Family Kabbalat Shabbat services
5:55 pm Shabbat Candle lighting time
6:15 pm Community Shabbat Dinner

Saturday, April 6

9:30 am Shabbat services
7:04 pm Havdalah time

Sunday, April 7

9:00 am **Yom Hashoah - Holocaust Remembrance Day**
Morning Minyan, Schmooze & Shmear
Kadima Beth El Religious School
Kadima Beth El *B'Yachad* Activity

Tuesday, April 9

5:30 pm Executive Committee Meeting

Friday, April 12

5:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat services with speaker
Robert Trestan, ADL Director, New England
7:03 pm Shabbat candle lighting time

Saturday, April 13

9:30 am Shabbat services
8:13 pm Havdalah time

Sunday, April 14

9:00 am NO KADIMA BETH EL (Spring break)
Morning Minyan
11:00 am *Religion & the Israel/Palestine Conflict*
with Rabbi David Freidenreich

Tuesday, April 16

6:50 am **Yom Ha'atzmaut - Israel Independence Day**
5:30 pm Morning Minyan
TBE Board Meeting

Friday, April 19

5:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat services & Ellis Craig Bar Mitzvah
7:12 pm Shabbat candle lighting time

Saturday, April 20

9:30 am Shabbat services & Ellis Craig Bar Mitzvah
8:21 pm Havdalah time

Sunday, April 21

8:00 am NO KADIMA BETH EL (Spring break)
9:00 am TBE Yard Sale
Morning Minyan

Friday, April 26

5:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat services & Daniel Baker Bar Mitzvah
7:20 pm Shabbat candle lighting time

Saturday, April 27

9:30 am Shabbat services & Daniel Baker Bar Mitzvah
8:29 pm Havdalah time



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