

# TEMPLE BETH EL

## NEWSLETTER

### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

**Shabbat Eve Service June 5 8:15 P.M.**

Rabbi Harry Z. Sky will preach  
Cantor Curt Messerschmidt will officiate with the  
Adult Choir.  
Mr. Russell C. Gray at the Marie L. Berman Memorial Organ.

**Shabbat Morning Service June 6 11:00 A.M.**

SHELAH LEKA

Weekly Portion: Pent. Num. 13:1-15:41  
Pr. Josh. 2:1-24

B'NOT MITZVAH

Deborah Lane Bornstein Martha Faye Jacobson  
Judith Greenberg Rhona Ann Laskoff  
Ann Palley Greenstein Elissa Ann Smith  
Cantor Kurt Messerschmidt will officiate with the  
Youth Choir.

**Shabbat Evening Service June 12 8:15 P.M.**

**Shabbat Morning Service June 13 11:00 A.M.**

KORAH

Weekly Portion: Pent. Num. 16:1-18:32  
Pr. Sam. 1, 11:14-12:22



Candle Lighting Time

Fri., June 5 7:57 P.M.

Fri., June 12 8:01 P.M.



### SUMMER SERVICE SCHEDULE

Please note again this year, as in previous years, our Services will continue throughout the summer on Friday evening at 8:15 P.M., Saturday morning at 11:00 A.M., Sunday morning at 8:30 A.M., and daily at 7:15 A.M. During the summer months Yahrzeits will be commemorated on Friday evening, as we do throughout the normal year. During the Rabbi's visit to Israel, there will be rabbinical coverage. In case of emergency, please call Mr. Boris Blumenthal at the Temple office.

The Awards Assembly will take place on Sunday, June 7th. All children will assemble at the Temple at 10:00 A.M. in the Sanctuary. Dismissal will take place at noon that day.

At this assembly the annual awards for excellence in studies, faithful attendance in Religious School classes and Junior Congregation will be distributed.

### THANK YOU

I would like to express my deep appreciation to those who contributed their time and efforts to the Temple Bulletin during the past year. A special "thank you" goes to Rae Annan, whose extensive work on the "AROUND THE WORLD" page helped make the Bulletin a success.

Barbara Epstein, Editor

Congratulations are extended to the following members of Temple Beth El who were elected to the Board of Directors at our Annual Meeting, for a term of three years:

Joel Abromson Mrs. Philip Merdek  
Percy Albling William Perlin  
Aaron Blumenthal Max Serlick  
Lester Glen Jack Vinick  
Lawrence Laben

and to the following who were re-elected for a three year term:

Maurice Gleckman Harry Sher  
Harry Marcus Louis Weisberg  
Dr. Maurice Ross



### DAILY MINYAN

Weekdays 7:15 A.M.  
Sundays 8:30 A.M.

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Sumner Bernstein, President  
Brewster Branz, Chairman of the Board  
Mrs. Philip Mertzak, President of Sisterhood  
Mr. Joseph Cohen, Brotherhood President  
Mrs. Burton Epstein, Editor

**SISTERHOOD SPEAKS**

Once again we are approaching the close of another Sisterhood year. In retrospect, it has been a good season — our meetings were well planned and well attended — our fund raising projects were well supported — our cook book was published and is selling very well. This year, for the first time, we established a Hebrew School Tuition Fund, allocating \$250.00 as full tuition for two pupils, who otherwise might not have been able to attend our Religious School.

As we mentioned several times, we are exceedingly proud of our beautiful Gift Shop Case, and all year we have been enjoying the new drapes and stage curtains in the social hall. There is no need to mention Sisterhood's numerous regular projects. Many of them were touched upon in our columns throughout the year, and we feel that this is the time to mention the fact that all of them were successful only because our officers and board of directors were conscientious and hard-working. This applies also to various committee members, who gave of their time and knowledge to assure the success of one project or another. To all of you — please accept Sisterhood's heartfelt thanks for your devotion and interest. We are grateful.

To every Temple and Sisterhood member, we would like to extend every good wish for a healthy and happy summer.

**MY PRIVATE CORNER**

With this issue we take leave of each other for the summer. My family and I will spend seven weeks in Israel. We will leave Portland June 22nd, and return, God Willing, August 18th. On our return, my wife and I hope to share our impressions with you and bring you greetings from the land of our forefathers. During the few weeks we will spend there, we will not only seek to enrich our own personal spirit but perhaps, in a vicarious fashion, bring something back to you. Materially speaking, I hope to purchase as many replicas of archeological finds as possible. They will be displayed in the Temple upon our return. These finds we hope to use as educational aids and I am sure these materials will prove of general interest to all of us who seek to relate ourselves with the roots of our faith.

Mrs. Sky and I would like to bid all of you farewell for the summer. We hope to be able to say this to you personally, between now and June 22nd. Please feel free to drop into the office, so that we can say goodbye to each other. May all of you have a healthy and restful summer.

You will note in another corner of the Newsletter the schedule of summer services. I hope you will continue to faithfully attend them. May I extend my sincere thanks to the many fine men and women who contributed to our Temple of their time and resources this past year.

Rabbi Harry Z. Sky

**WITHIN THE TEMPLE FAMILY**

Temple Beth El extends congratulations to Mrs. Maurice Mersky on the birth of a granddaughter, Marci Lynne; to Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Carp on the birth of a son; and to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Carp on the birth of a grandson. Also, congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Mark Krantman on the birth of a granddaughter.

Mr. Robert Mack wishes to express thanks to all for the many good wishes extended to him during his illness. (Due to an oversight this item was omitted from an earlier Bulletin, although it was requested by Mr. Mack).

There will be a mid-summer Temple Newsletter during the first week of August and our regular Bi-Weekly Newsletter will be issued on August 27th.

**GRADUATES, PLEASE?**

Quite a number of our young men and women will be receiving academic degrees this June. The Congregation is desirous of communicating with these young people on this significant occasion. Parents are urged to submit their names to the Temple office. A phone call will suffice.

**PLEASE NOTE**

No article will appear in the next Bulletin unless the deadline date of August 17th is met!!!

**B'NOT MITZVAH**  
Saturday Morning, June 6  
11:00 A.M.



**Deborah Lane Bornstein**  
Daughter of  
Mr. and Mrs. L. Russell Bornstein  
56 Clinton Street



**Judith Greenberg**  
Daughter of  
Mr. and Mrs. Morris Greenberg  
130 Pitt Street



**Ann Palley Greenstein**  
Daughter of  
Mr. and Mrs. Julius Greenstein  
28 Sheffield Street



**Martha Faye Jacobson**  
Daughter of  
Mr. Hyman Jacobson  
57 Colonial Road



**Rhona Ann Laskoff**  
Daughter of  
Mr. and Mrs. Rubin Laskoff  
84 Mayer Road



**Elissa Ann Smith**  
Daughter of  
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Smith  
119 Grant Street

The parents of the B'Not Mitzvah extend an invitation to the entire congregation to be present at services.

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**FROM THE TEMPLE OFFICE**

Now is the time to make your payment on all Temple and Religious School obligations. You can help us and yourself today by sending your check to the Temple. Thank you for this courtesy and

cooperation. Remember the fiscal year ends June 30, 1964.

If your address has changed or is different from that showing on this copy of the Temple Newsletter, please advise this office in order that our records may be brought up-to-date.

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## YAHREZEITS

We honor our departed by recalling their memory and the Anniversary of their death. A Memorial will be recited for the following on Friday evening, June 5th:

June 6 - June 12

Samuel Elowitch	Bessie Rolnick
Hyman Silverman	Doris Lane Pluznick
Esther Rubin	Philip Reuben
Hattie Skolnick	Samuel Livingston
Dora Dannngman Brill	

A Memorial will be recited for the following on Friday evening, June 12th:

June 13 - June 19

Philip Bornstein	Israel Davis
Abraham Bernstein	Louis Perlin
Peter Sacknoff	Moses Weinman
Sadie Diamond Baker	Morris Matluck
Joseph Glen	Celia Berenson
Nathaniel Kelsey	Warren Mersky
Judith Shless	Alexander Erlick
Louis Liebeskind	Morris Caplan
Solomon Rabinovitz	

## HAPPY DAY FUND

**Speedy Recovery to Mrs. Melvin Jacobson**

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Blumenthal

**Speedy Recovery to Mr. Samuel Reef**

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Davidson

**Speedy Recovery to Mrs. Louis Lipofsky (Mother of Mrs. Herman Hirsch)**

Mr. and Mrs. Yudy Elowitch

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Nelson

**Speedy Recovery to Mr. Carl Zolov**

Mr. and Mrs. David Davidson

Judge and Mrs. Louis Bernstein

## MEMORIAL FUND

**In Memory of Mrs. Beatrice Katz**

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Lerner

**In Memory of Mr. Joseph Granitz**

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Turitz

**In Memory of Mr. Samuel Mack**

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Gleckman

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Chase

Mrs. Isadore Tarr

**In Memory of Mr. Lewis Kriger**

Mr. and Mrs. Simon Glazer

**In Memory of Mrs. Flora Mendelssohn**

Mr. and Mrs. Simon Glazer

**In Memory of Mrs. Ethel Shur**

Mr. and Mrs. Simon Glazer

**In Memory of Mr. Charles D. White**

Mr. and Mrs. David Nectow



We gratefully acknowledge the gift of a Religious School Scholarship from Mr. S. Richard Mack in memory of his late father, Louis Mack.

We gratefully acknowledge the gift of a Torah Breast Plate from Mr. and Mrs. Herman Albert and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mack in memory of Bertha and Harry Mack.

## HOW WE EAT

Kashrut cannot be understood by itself; it is a part of something larger. Kashrut alone, therefore, is not enough. It is not only **WHAT** we eat but just as much **HOW** we eat. And we cannot deal with one without the other.

The Talmud says that the table upon which we eat is like the altar of the Temple. The whole process of eating is thus changed into a richly beautiful ceremony. We are bidden to wash our hands before breaking bread, not simply to cleanse them, (for even if they are already quite clean, water must be poured upon them in the prescribed manner) but because the priests washed their hands before they offered a sacrifice. Salt is sprinkled over the bread with which we begin our meal, because salt was put upon the ancient sacrifice. And between the blessing over the washing of the hands and the blessing over the bread, no word is spoken. Then the prayer, "Blessed art Thou, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who bringest forth bread from the earth," is recited, reminding us from whose goodness and loving kindness our food comes. After the meal, Grace is said, thanking God for having given us our meal and blessing the members of the household. While Grace is recited, the knife is covered, because no knife was allowed to come upon the ancient altar, for the knife was a sign of war and the altar a sign of peace. During the meal we are told to speak words of Torah so that our children and ourselves should be nourished, not only by God's food, but by His word as well. Someone has remarked, and wisely too, that a child is as much educated by what he hears at his table as what he hears in his school room. R. Simeon said: "If three have eaten at a table and have spoken there no word of Torah, it is as if they had eaten of sacrifices to dead idols . . . But if three have eaten at a table and have spoken there words of Torah, it is as if they had eaten at the table of the Lord." From "The Jewish Dietary Laws"



## TORAH FUND

**For a speedy recovery to Mr. Carl Zolov**  
from Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bernstein (Kenwood  
Street)

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### U. S. Y.

We raise our Kipot (skull caps - yarmulkes) to the Co-chairmen of the READ drive: Harris Gleckman and Adele Schwartz, and to Barry Chandler, President of U. S. Y. But we don't want to stop there: Richard Baker is to be congratulated for enlisting the aid of so many Mu Sigma brothers. Participating in this drive were:

Ruth Allen, Richard Baker, Gail Barlow, Marie Barnett, Brenda Barron, Bruce Bekritsky, Joseph Bornstein, Carolyn Brooks, Richard Cohen, James Cook, Larry Coolbroth, Mark Crasnick, Michael Crasnick, Robert Ebenstein, Mary Edwards, Lynn Freeman, Steven Glosky, Myles Goodman, Pamela Green, Meredith Harmon, Sandra Hawkes, Michael Herman, Karen Hirshon, Karen Kornetsky, Ellen Lerman, Clifford Levine, Susan Maier, Patricia Marshall, Buddy Marsten, Peter Milstein, Judy Nelson, Duane Polisner, Howard Reef, Penny Rich, Carol Serota, Susan Sheriff, Judy Siegal, Barbara Skoolicas, Mariene Smith, Mertina Stevens, Jane Stewart, Norma Telfian, Gary Towle, Stanley Turesky, Deborah Tweedie, Carl Venner, Mark Willis, Carol Woodbury, John Wolfson, and Karen Woolf.



### WORTHY OF EMULATION

A widespread Jewish institution in America is the Cousins Club. In this age of mobility and the consequent disintegration of the family feeling, these clubs try

### A TORAH FUND THANK YOU

May I extend our appreciation to you for your past support to Torah Fund. Affiliation to the National Womens' League means everyone pledges to the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in order that we, as a people, perpetuate Judaism in our families and our communities. It is from this source that we are able to produce Rabbis, Cantors and Schoolteachers. You have, in this past year, demonstrated your loyal support to Torah Fund, a Sisterhood function, in behalf of this worthy cause. May I say thank you again. And may the coming season bless you with good health and much joy.

Eve Sacknoff, Chairman

to maintain the warmth and the closeness that comes from frequent get-togethers. Usually, these clubs have yearly gala affairs to celebrate together. This celebration takes many forms: a dinner, a theater party, a bowling party, etc. One such club thought that perhaps a good way to celebrate was to come to the Temple and thank the good Lord for his blessings. We think that all Cousins Clubs should follow their example. It is a most appropriate way to celebrate and to cement family relations . . . Rabbi Isaac Klein, Buffalo, N. Y.