

SHOFAR

JULY-AUGUST 2012 TAMMUZ-ELUL 5772

SUMMER WEEDING

Rabbi Carolyn Braun

Whenever the weather has been nice, I have found myself outside, weeding. It's funny how plants that did not get much of my attention moments earlier become the absolute focus of my eye. Embraced by the warmth of the sun and the sweet smell of the soil, I pull out the long strands or the deep roots of my weeds and notice a feeling of calmness and accomplishment. It's so relaxing to me to be out there yanking and digging and giving my lawn or my flowers or my tomatoes space to grow.

In a discussion in the Talmud (*Shabbat* 73b), the rabbis explore "work" that is prohibited on Shabbat. The discussion leads to the statement that pruning, planting and sowing are all one action; they are all forms of planting. Obviously, when we prune we are redirecting the plant's energy and causing new shoots or new leaves to grow. Pruning off the dead growth allows the plant to – literally – blossom at a later date.

So why, aside from the horticultural aspects, am I talking about this now? As I have been weeding, I have been thinking about the peace I feel from it. I wondered if I could find a spiritual application to this process. As I live my own Jewish life, as I listen to other people's challenges to their Judaism or religion of their youth, I feel that much of our thought needs some summer weeding. It has run wild for too long. Our theology, our practice, our beliefs have been strangled by old weeds that have sapped our energy and might best be pulled. And when they are pulled, our religious life will be planted anew, and our souls will have the chance to blossom both sooner...and later.

May you have those peaceful moments this summer. Please join us, as we daven in the courtyard or in the chapel on those beautiful warm evenings; as we pull the weeds from around our souls and as we take time to allow our spiritual life to blossom. ■



Above: Jake Goldberg plants seedlings in the TBE Garden for his Bar Mitzvah project.



Top and bottom: Vegetables in the TBE Garden.



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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Ernie & Toby Wallach
David and Lynne Unger

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.



TEMPLE BETH EL

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

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Jodi Veysey

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THE RABBINICAL
ASSEMBLY

FAREWELL FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Judy Gatchell, Immediate Past President
TBE Board



Judy Gatchell and her
daughter Kate Foye

The past three years serving as president of TBE have presented me the privilege of giving to a community about which I care deeply. As with all such opportunities I have learned and grown and worked to move TBE forward. This has been possible because of the vibrant community that has

been built by so many before me.

My favorite time at TBE is when I experience the presence of members and guests filling our building – often it is the sound of children’s voices – including my own three grandsons – filled with excitement and knowing that they feel so much at home at TBE. I do not even mind telling them for the 7th time not to slide down the banister in the foyer. I love having the opportunity to greet members and guests – and I confess to still not knowing everyone’s name! The Chanukah parties and Purim celebrations have been a delight – with smiles and fellowship captured by our many amateur photographers: the beauty of our High Holiday services, the wonderful Shabbat and Passover meals that we have shared, as well as the smiles and greetings I always get from our office staff – who do so much more than most of us realize.

I have been privileged to work with a leadership team that is committed to our community. I have learned so much from my partnership with Rabbi Braun. I have built a wonderful working relationship and friendship with our very dedicated Administrative Director, Jodi Veysey.

The past several years have also brought some challenges to our vibrant Jewish community. We, along with other non-profit organizations, are implementing new ideas intended to sustain, and even improve the quality of our offerings while our revenues are not growing at the same rate as our needs and desires. While change is inevitable, it can

be difficult even while it is exciting. Why? Perhaps because while we can trace the path that has brought us to this point, it is difficult to visualize a future that can provide for our needs as the past and present have done. Over these years, I have learned that our strength, as we go forward, is in our willingness and ability to embrace, and help others to embrace change.

Among the changes our congregation is initiating, is implementation of a new leadership structure. We are experiencing a time when our members tell me that it is challenging to commit the kind of time and energy that is necessary to head an organization properly. In order to respond to our changing needs, for several months our Executive Committee has been working with our TBE member, Steve Blattner, who advises organizations on cultivating successful leadership structures. We have been exploring a new leadership model that is responsive to our lifestyles and will allow our future leaders to share the roles and tasks traditionally assigned to the president. We are excited to complete our plan which will move us forward by making leadership opportunities available to many of our members.

Under the guidance of Avis Smith, and now under the direction of Dov Goldberg, our Hebrew School has worked to meet the needs of our families for many years. Our program has always endeavored to provide an exceptional Jewish education, not only to many of us, but to our children too! Over the past several months, our Hebrew School committee, and Director of Congregational Learning, Dov Goldberg, with the help of our members Greg Kandel and Steve Blattner, have solicited feedback from families and teachers as part of a process to “re-imagine” our religious school program. They also researched numerous other congregational programs to design a program that would address the growing and changing needs of our 21st century families. You will find the detailed description of our innovative ‘Kadima Beth El’ program in Dov’s article in this Shofar. Dov and the Hebrew School Committee will continue to solicit feedback from families and staff

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KADIMA BETH EL –

It's not your Zaydie's Hebrew School

Dov Goldberg, Director of Congregational Learning

THE TIMES THEY ARE A-CHANGIN'

The world has changed a lot in recent years and the change seems to take place increasingly quickly. These rapid and pervasive changes affect virtually every aspect of the world, and both education and the Jewish community are certainly heavily impacted as well. Recognizing the significance of many new realities in our own community the Hebrew School Committee felt time was of the essence to begin a process to investigate whether there might be innovative ways to address contemporary families' needs more effectively with a re-imagined Hebrew School model.

The process contained several elements:

- 1) The committee, including recent former members, clarified its goals, values, and mission.
- 2) Several professionally-facilitated focus groups were held involving the teachers, parents, and the Hebrew School committee.
- 3) Alternative approaches recently implemented elsewhere were explored.
- 4) The committee examined everything it had learned over the course of the year to make some significant decisions about the future direction of the Hebrew School.

The committee learned some important things:

- With the complex lives of today's committed families, a responsive Hebrew School model could facilitate opportunities for greater participation and engagement.
- Studies have confirmed that less is indeed just less. They consistently show that more Jewish involvement (e.g. Jewish schooling, camping, youth groups, home activities) leads to greater future Jewish identity and participation. The one counter-intuitive finding is that kids with only one day a week of Jewish education may have lower levels of Jewish involvement as adults than those who receive no formal Jewish education.
- There are indeed ways to create more flexible opportunities for participation and enrichment while maintaining our fundamental goals of helping children and their families:
 - Become lifelong active participants in Jewish living, growth, learning, and community.
 - Attain the foundation to live meaningful lives informed by Jewish tradition and values.



SO, WHAT'S INNOVATIVE? A LOT!

“Kadima Beth El” is our new name. (We’ll also be known as KBE!) *Kadima* means forward, and reflects our striving to help today’s families bring the vibrancy and relevance of the Jewish tradition forward into their lives. We’re also sending the message that our school is moving forward in how we’re supporting Jewish youth and family education.

We also have numerous new curricular and programmatic initiatives for every age group. More detailed information is available on our website: www.tbemaine.org.

PRIMARY GRADES (PRE-K - 2ND)

Chaverim (Friends) Program

(Bi-weekly on Sundays for Grades Pre-K & Kindergarten)
Pre-K and kindergarten students experience the joy of being Jewish through song, dance, stories, games, activities and movement in an immersive environment enhanced by natural, everyday Hebrew. The core class meets twice monthly on Sunday 9:00-11:00am. An additional enrichment option focusing on *Tikkun Olam* (social action) and *Tzedakah* (charitable acts) meets 11:00 am - 12:00 noon.

Bereshit (Beginnings) Program

(on Sundays for Grades 1 & 2)
Hebrew reading is now taught over two years beginning in 1st grade giving students more time to integrate each letter and vowel they learn. With 2nd graders meeting only on Sunday we provide a gentler transition to twice-a-week Jewish education. Through interactive activities the students also learn about Jewish holidays, customs, values, *Tefillot* (prayers), and other Judaic topics.

ELEMENTARY GRADES (3RD - 6TH)

Sunday Core Curriculum

Hebrew reading and language as well as *Tefillah* (prayer) chanting & concepts are academic focus of Sunday, which also includes weekly *Parshah* (Torah portion), upcoming holidays, and a school-wide *Shacharit* (morning) service.

“CLiC-it” Flex Option (for Sundays)

When students have Sunday conflicts our new “CLiC-it” (Cyber-Learning Center) provides teacher monitored online multimedia resources integrated with the classroom learning, which can also enrich the Jewish knowledge of families.

Sunday Chugim (clubs)

These Sunday morning activity “clubs” meet twice monthly. Students choose from activities such as fine arts, journalism, cooking, drama, chorus and dance

demonstrating how our Jewishness can be a part of everyday activities.

Sunday B'Yachad Group Activities

“B'Yachad” (together) is a series of monthly school-wide *Tikkun Olam*, Judaic or occasionally simply social activities that foster community service, Judaic enrichment, and Jewish social interaction.

Wednesday Project Based Learning

Through engaging, hands-on, and interdisciplinary elective group projects students cover a wide variety of Judaic topics (such as Jewish holidays, customs, lifecycle, *Tikkun Olam*, values, Israel, etc.). Students also receive short, individualized pull-out sessions to reinforce the Hebrew reading and *Tefillah* chanting skills emphasized on Sundays.

“4U @ Home” Family Flex Option (for Wednesdays)

Family-based projects provide an alternative to the hands-on classroom projects for those with ongoing Wednesday conflicts. KBE coordinates personalized mentoring through home visits, Skype tutoring, YouTube videos, and “CLiC-it” online multimedia resources. “CLiC-it” resources or Skype tutoring provide individualized Hebrew and *Tefillah* review.

UPPER GRADES (8th - 12th)

Atid (Futures) Program (on Sundays for grade 7)

Portions of the Ritual Committee’s newly enhanced B’nai Mitzvah Family Curriculum are incorporated. They focus on practical B’nai Mitzvah preparation as well as understanding the Bar/Bat Mitzvah process as only the beginning of continued, mature, Jewish involvement. This class also uses a project based approach for Judaic topics. The study of anti-Semitism and the *Shoah* (Holocaust) will continue to have an expanded piece in the 7th grade curriculum.

No’ar (Teen) Initiative (for grades 8-12)

The No’ar Initiative has several separate, but coordinated components:

- **The Madrichim (Assistant Teacher) Program** is for students interested in working at KBE on Sunday (9:00-11:00 am), Wednesday (3:30-5:30 pm), and/or from home during the week with Skype tutoring. Madrichim choose either to be paid or receive community service hours for their work. Additional opportunities meet monthly on rotating Sunday mornings, now more conveniently, 11:00 am-12:00 noon.
- **Hebrew High classes**, open to all teens, explore a different Judaic topic each month. Madrichim are required to attend at least six sessions as part of their personal commitment to on-going Jewish learning.

- **USY (United Synagogue Youth)** meets for *Tikkun Olam*, Judaic, and/or social activities. Madrichim are required to attend at least three sessions as part of their personal commitment to enhancing Jewish community.

- **Madrichim Professional Development** provides personalized mentoring to help Madrichim become more effective in the classroom.

- **A Youth Philanthropic Fund** is still in development. Teens will learn about the Jewish community, its needs, and many organizations that provide services. After raising *Tzedakah*, they will serve as board members, learning to evaluate and prioritize needs (here and around the world) and allocate funds to institutions.

SPECIAL KBE ENHANCEMENTS

“Shabbat HaLaila (Tonight)!”

A child-sensitive Shabbat Evening Family Service (with student participation) followed by Shabbat Dinner is held the first Friday of each month. Generous underwriters allow KBE families to participate in unlimited monthly Shabbat dinners.

“Shabbat HaYom (Today)!”

A Shabbat Morning Children’s Torah Circle with interactive activities, movement and song is led by the rabbi for 45 minutes during the Torah reading and Haftarah on the third Saturday of each month. Parents are encouraged to join.

Volunteer Opportunities

KBE success relies on active involvement and assistance of parents. There are numerous volunteer opportunities from help with classroom projects and Shabbat dinners to making phone calls and chaperoning group activities.

Family Enrichment

The KBE mission encompasses the whole family, not just children. We offer opportunities for parent learning and family activities throughout the year. Activities may include challah baking, gardening, *Tikkun Olam* projects, Sunday lunches, Wednesday suppers, field trips, adult Hebrew classes, etc.

WHAT NEVER CHANGES!

We believe that emphasizing Jewish living and meaning (and not simply memorizing abstract facts and details) is the best way to engage our tradition. We recognize each child as a unique and special individual whose growth, Jewishly and generally, we want to help parents nurture, encourage and support. We are committed to creating and facilitating opportunities to enhance community and to make Shabbat a special experience. Scholarships are available so that all families can participate in our educational programs regardless of personal finances. ■

MAZEL TOV

מזל טוב

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Steve & Cindy Lerman
- 3 Charles & Lisa Dewey
- 3 Stu & Carol 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
- 13 Alan Cardinal & Sylvia Most
- 18 Tommy Darhower, Jr & Sarah Darhower
- 19 Joseph Herszkopf & Carmela Soto
- 20 Marty & Patricia Finkelstein
- 21 Scott & Yoon Cohen
- 22 Deborah & John Barlock
- 23 Mel & Fran Stone
- 24 Al Lefebvre & Ann Fleischer
- 28 Rabbi David Freidenreich & Sara Kahn Troster
- 29 Sumner & Barbara Berkovich

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Armand Lucier & Rachelle Mack
- 2 Dan & Judy Gatchell
- 2 Tim & Laura Keller
- 7 Arthur & Judi Slotsky
- 11 Jim & Faith Elowitch
- 14 Justin & Rachael Alford
- 15 Paul & Susan Korobkin
- 16 Dick & Adele Aronson
- 16 Fred & Karen Farber
- 16 George & Nancy Marcus
- 16 Richard & Nadine Weinberg
- 17 Kelley & Shari Brinkman Young
- 17 Jon & Susan Young
- 18 Neal & Lorry Stillman
- 19 Douglas & Gail Volk
- 20 Gil & Barbara Dichter
- 20 Jerry & Susan Goldberg
- 22 Joy Krinsky & David Kemmerer
- 23 Sam & Bette Novick
- 23 Elliott Wincele & Olivia Solodar
- 25 Michael & Barbara Peisner
- 27 Mark & Kathy Aranson
- 27 Geoff & Karen Hindall
- 28 Frederick & Jenny Aronson
- 29 Robert Levine & Vilean Taggersell
- 31 Geoffrey & Harriet Rice
- 31 David & Beth Strassler

YAD L'YAD NEWS

Becky DeLois, Yad L'Yad Chairperson



Yad L'Yad

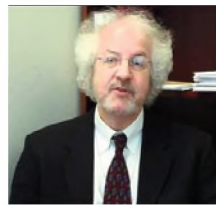
Temple Beth El's Caring Committee

We at Yad L'Yad, Temple Beth El's caring committee, have done some reaching out this past winter and early spring. During January through March we had volunteers drive an elderly person from the Osher Inn to Saturday services. Many cards have been written to those who have lost family members or are ill. We also have made some meals and have lent support to those who have been recovering from surgeries. We would like to be able to reach out to more people but need you, the congregation to call me, Becky DeLois at 899-4068 or the office - 774-2649, to let us know if you have a family member or temple friend who could use a hand with grocery shopping, or rides to doctor appointments or just wanting a friendly visitor. Meanwhile, I wish everyone a happy and healthy spring and summer. ■

Save the date!

TBE WELCOMES SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE RABBI SIMKHA WEINTRAUB

November 2 - 3, 2012



On the weekend of November 2-3, 2012, Temple Beth El's Adult Education Committee will host scholar in residence, Rabbi Simkha Weintraub. Rabbi Weintraub, who is also a psychotherapist, is the Rabbinic Director of the Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services and in that context is the head of the Jewish Healing Center. He lectures widely and leads many support groups and conferences on grief and illness, integrating Judaism with mental health work. Rabbi Weintraub is the editor of *Healing in Body*, *Healing in Soul* and many other publications.

Rabbi Weintraub will lead study sessions on topics including lending a helping hand, visiting the sick, healing, and how shame affects us spiritually. To suggest discussion topics or for more information, please email Joan Belsky Barkin at bskyj@aol.com or Dana Robbins at malkah41@aol.com. ■

HOUSE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Dan Gatchell, House Committee Chair

- ABC Electric came in and installed new electrical outlets in the lower foyer. There is now a four-plug outlet that allows for two plugs to be on one circuit and two plugs to be on another circuit. This is next to the original two-plug outlet.
- A similar outlet was installed in the Social Hall on the back wall near the kitchen door.
- The hot water heater was replaced.
- A water alarm was installed on the new water heater, and is being monitored by Protection One. ■

NEW INITIATIVES AT TBE

Our Innovative Leadership Model and Open High Holiday Seating

A message from new TBE Board President Irwin Gratz and Co-Vice President Adam Arens

It's that time of year when trees are in full bloom, the weather is finally starting to warm, and Temple Beth El staff and volunteers are busy preparing for the High Holidays and planning the year ahead. We'll try to get you back to summer soon, but there are two important changes we'd like to share with you.

First of all, as TBE's Immediate past Board President Judy Gatchell announced at our Annual Meeting, we are moving to a more collective leadership model. We are deeply grateful to Judy Gatchell for providing a full three years of leadership and as our President. Over this period of time, it has become more challenging for any one individual to handle all the duties of a Temple President. While Irwin Gratz will hold the title of President for these next two years, the bulk of those duties will rotate among Irwin and three Vice Presidents: Adam Arens, Jon Brier, and Joan Levy. You are welcome to direct your questions or concerns to Irwin as President, or to the Temple office, and one of the four of us will either answer your question or take action where needed. It is our hope that, by lifting some of the burdens of presidential duties, we will encourage more of you, over time, to step up to leadership. As always, we welcome your involvement in our Temple committees and your interest in joining the Temple's 18 member Board of Directors.

We are also pleased to announce a new High Holiday seating policy. In previous years, Temple Beth El has raised funds by offering special tickets for Sanctuary seating during High Holiday services. Income from these tickets has declined, and we feel it is important to make our High Holiday services welcoming and accessible to all. Therefore, Temple Beth El's Board has voted to retire this fund-raising program. However, those of you who have chosen to support the Temple in this way in the past will have the opportunity to continue doing so, and we will reserve a limited number of Sanctuary seats for you. If you wish to reserve specific seats in the Sanctuary, please contact the TBE office.

We thank everyone for contributing to the maintenance and operation of Temple Beth El. As you visit our building, garden and grounds, attend services, watch the kids attending Hebrew School, or enjoy the variety of programs and classes we offer, you'll be amazed that our community accomplishes so much. ■

Volunteers and revelers at TBE's 2012 Annual Meeting & Open House Celebration



ANNUAL APPEAL 2011-12

Wayne Eklund and Ginny Squires-Eklund
In memory of Irving "Ickey" Emple

BROTHERHOOD

Mark Crasnick
In memory of David Crasnick
 Phil and Elizabeth Levinsky
In memory of Hyman Zaitlin
 Steve and Peggy Shapiro
Speedy recovery Matt Goldfarb

FINKELMAN MUSIC FUND

Ernest and Diana Sturman
In honor of Tama Fineberg's special birthday
 Leah Cohen
In memory of Alexander Kaatz

KOOCHEER/ROBINOV FUND

Paul and Susan Trusiani
In honor of Alex Koocher's graduation
 Steve and Joani Willis *In honor of Ethel Koocher's special birthday*
 Jackie Robinov
In memory of Frank Robinov
 Jackie Robinov
In memory of Rachel Reimer
 Stan and Sherrie Schatz
In memory of David Koocher
 Stan and Sherrie Schatz
In memory of Nathan Koocher
 Paul and Susan Trusiani
Speedy recovery Ellen Ruben
 Paul and Susan Trusiani
Speedy recovery Chichi Levine

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Myron and Ilene Berman
In honor of Rabbi Braun's kindness to the family
 Charlie Young
In memory of Lawrence Young
 Doug Sneed and Becca Waxman Sneed
In memory of Lillian Rapoport Silverman
 Harvey and Kathy Silverman
In memory of Samuel Silverman
 Robert and Linda Brooks
In memory of Estelle Brooks
 Steve Gleit and Dana Robbins
In memory of Selma Gleit and in thanks to Rabbi Braun
 Ben and Judy Bertram
In memory of Melvin Saltzman
 Steve and Peggy Shapiro
In memory of Selma Gleit

EDWARD WEISBERG FUND

Joan and Arthur Cope *In honor of the college graduation of Ian Levinsky*
 Rita Weisberg and Family *In honor of the college graduation of Ian Levinsky*
 Rita Weisberg and Family
In memory of Rose Weisberg Kaplan
 Carl and Recia Richman
In memory of Dorothy Weiss
 Carl and Recia Richman
In memory of Shirley Lodish
 Eddie Richman
In memory of Dorothy Weiss
 Eddie Richman
In memory of Shirley Lodish
 Rita Weisberg
Speedy recovery Bette Novick

GENERAL FUND

Erwin and Audrey Muscat
 Gil and Barbara Dichter
In honor of the birth of Patricia and Marty Finkelstein's twin grandchildren
 Gladys Rose *In thanks for the Aliyah*
 Larry and Wendy Kane
In honor of Alexander Kane's Bar Mitzvah In Summit, NJ on March 31, 2012
 Paul and Susan Trusiani
In honor of Tama Fineberg's birthday
 Paul and Susan Trusiani
In honor of Fran Jacobson's birthday
 Barbara and Robert Goldfarb
In memory of Selma W. Black
 David and Barbara Turitz
In memory of Anna Turitz
 David and Elaine Lewis
In memory of Harry Weisberg
 David and Elaine Lewis
In memory of Paul Lewis
 David and Elaine Lewis
In memory of Bernard Lewis
 David and Elaine Lewis
In memory of George I. Lewis
 David and Elaine Lewis
In memory of Jennie Weisberg
 David and Elaine Lewis
In memory of Blanche Weisberg
 David and Elaine Lewis
In memory of Ida Dion
 Elliott and Ellen Lerman
In memory of Sidney Lerman
 Harold Millman and Miriam Remar-Millman
In memory of Barbara Z. Millman, loving wife of Harold

Harold Millman and Miriam Remar-Millman
In memory of Frieda Millman
 Harriet Bogdonoff
In memory of Samuel Eisenberg
 Janine Collins
In memory of Anthony Imondi
 Janine Collins
In memory of Marion Fusco
 John Riley and Carolyn Turcio-Gilman
In memory of Ida Goldman
 Larry and Joan Levy
In memory of Irving Remar
 Libby Blotner
In memory of Samuel Blotner
 Rena and Michael Becker
In memory of Betty Levy
 Steve and Cindy Lerman
In memory of Richard Lerman
 Steve and Cindy Lerman
In memory of Sam Lerman
 Steve and Cindy Lerman
In memory of Martin Sprince
 Steve and Joani Willis
In memory of Anna Stillman
 Gil and Barbara Dichter
In memory of Irving "Ickey" Emple
 Murray and Shirley Rosen
In memory of Selma Gleit
 Norm and Judy Wilson
In memory of Melvin Saltzman
 Norm and Judy Wilson
In memory of Esther Smith
 Norm and Judy Wilson
In memory of Harold Carlin
 Norm and Judy Wilson
In memory of Gerta Slezak
 Norm and Judy Wilson
In memory of Irving "Ickey" Emple
 Paul and Susan Trusiani
In memory of Rose Brinn
 Paul and Susan Trusiani
In memory of Dorothy Weiss
 Paul and Susan Trusiani
In memory of Shirley Lodish
 Paul and Susan Trusiani
In memory of Selma Gleit
 Rena and Michael Becker
In memory of Melvin Saltzman
 Rena and Michael Becker
In memory of Harold Carlin
 Ross and Patty Weber
In memory of Harold Carlin
 Ross and Patty Weber
In memory of Irving "Ickey" Emple

Ross and Patty Weber
In memory of Melvin Saltzman
 Ross and Patty Weber
In memory of Gerta Slezak
 Charlie and Ellie Miller
Speedy recovery Matt Goldfarb
 Murray and Shirley Rosen
Speedy recovery Chichi Levine
 Paul and Susan Trusiani
Speedy recovery Matt Goldfarb
 Paul and Susan Trusiani
Speedy recovery Rachel Robinov

HEBREW SCHOOL

Debbie Kanter
In memory of Norman Bogg
 David and Nancy Brenerman
In memory of Gerta Slezak
 David and Nancy Brenerman
In memory of Irving "Ickey" Emple
 David and Nancy Brenerman
In memory of Harold Carlin

TBE MEMORIAL PARK

Alvin Jolovitz
In memory of Sylvia Jolovitz
 Pearl Levine
In memory of Lena R. Kaufman

PHYLLIS AND JONAS B. KLEIN FUND

Mark Crasnick
In memory of Rose Crasnick
 Steve and Joani Willis
In memory of Phyllis Klein
 Steve and Joani Willis
In memory of Shirley Kazon
 Norm and Judy Wilson
In memory of Phyllis Klein

TECHNOLOGY FUND

Matt and Lynn Goldfarb
In appreciation of Tom Berman's help
 Nathan Weiss
In honor of Tom & Marjorie Berman's kindness

YAD L'YAD

Joe and Becky DeLois
In memory of Michael Abelon
 Douglas and Gail Volk
In memory of Gerta Slezak
 Douglas and Gail Volk
In memory of Selma Gleit
 Joe and Becky DeLois
In memory of Estelle Brooks

Myron and Ilene Berman
In memory of Shirley Lodish
 Myron and Ilene Berman
In memory of Dorothy "Dolly" Weiss
 Joe and Becky DeLois
Speedy recovery Matt Goldfarb
 John Riley and Carolyn Turcio-Gilman
Speedy recovery Matt Goldfarb
 Steve and Peggy Shapiro
Speedy recovery Bette Novick

YAHREZIT BOARD FUND

Adam and Lisa Arens
In honor of Fran Jacobson's birthday
 Nancy Finberg
In memory of Ezra Finberg
 Jerry and Mary Carp
Speedy recovery Matt Goldfarb
 Nancy Finberg
Speedy recovery Matt Goldfarb
 TBE Brotherhood Minyan

YAHREZIT FUND

Abe and Tama Fineberg
In memory of Rose Bickman
 Amy Rolnick and John Williamson
In memory of Ezra Barak Finberg
 Barbara Berenson
In memory of Harold Beckelman
 Bruce and Ellen Ruben
In memory of Gladys Ruben
 Bruce and Patricia Nelson
In memory of Harold Nelson
 Camilla Polisner
In memory of Joel Polisner
 Charlie and Ellie Miller
In memory of Bernard D. Miller
 Charlotte Farber
In memory of Lillian Lonstein
 Dan and Phyllis Dunitz
In memory of Anna Shuman
 Dan and Phyllis Dunitz
In memory of Samuel A. Shuman
 David and Janis Cohen
In memory of Alexander Cohen
 Deborah Sabarra
In memory of Beverly Kalish
 Don and Ellen Ward
In memory of Sidney Lerman
 Dorothy and David Baker
In memory of George Bress
 Dr. Sara Cope
In memory of Dr. Samuel Cope
 Eddie Richman
In memory of Morris Richman

Eric and Jackie Goldman
In memory of Edward M. Goldman
 Eric Mack
In memory of Blanche Weisberg
 George and Ruthanne Singal
In memory of Malka Singal
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To Gail Volk on the loss of her uncle, Melvin Saltzman, who passed away on Wednesday, March 28, in Massachusetts.

To Tom Berman and his wife Margie, Shelley Chorney and her husband Mark, and Myron Berman and his wife Ilene, on the passing of their cousin, Dorothy Weiss. Dorothy passed away on Wednesday, April 4 in Florida and will be sadly missed by her cousins and her husband Nathan.

To Stephen Gleit and his wife Dana Robbins, on the passing of Steve's mother, Selma Gleit. Selma passed away on Wednesday evening, April 4 in California.

To the family and friends of TBE founding member, Estelle Brooks, who passed away on April 8, 2012 at Gosnell Memorial Hospice in Scarborough. Estelle is predeceased by her parents; two brothers, Jesse and Arthur, and husband Manny. She is survived by two children; daughter Mimi and husband Bob of Limerick, son Robert and wife Linda of Phoenix, Ariz.; and granddaughter Heidi of Phoenix, Ariz.

To TBE members Tom Berman and his wife Margie, Shelley Chorney and her husband Mark and Myron Berman and his wife Ilene, on the passing of their cousin, Shirley Lodish. Shirley passed away on Friday, April 13 in Toronto, Canada and will be sadly missed by her family and friends.

MAZEL TOV

To Abigail Elowitch and her family on the occasion of Abigail's Bat Mitzvah

To Martin & Patricia Finkelstein on the birth of their twin grandchildren on Wednesday, April 25, in Israel, born to Patricia's daughter Evelyn and Evelyn's husband, Adrian Steinherr. New grandson, Gavriel Avraham and granddaughter, Lali Golda, join their older brother Akivah.

To TBE member Benjamin Marcus, who was recently promoted to managing director of Drummond Woodsum.

To Orly and Natan Kahn and their family on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Yoel.

To Isabelle Cohen Johnson and her family on Isabelle's conversion and affirmation.

To Elizabeth and Phil Levinsky on their grandson Ian Levinsky's graduation with honors from Tufts University. Ian is the son of Lisa and Eric Levinsky.

TODAH RABAH – Thank you!

To Terry Veysey and Barbara Dichter, for their help organizing and packing items from the Bidding for Good auction.

To the 2012 Shalach Manot volunteers: Eli Gratz, Irwin Gratz, Elaine Kerachsky, Madeline Segal, Leticia Huttman, Tom Berman, Joan Levy, Barbara Peisner, Laura Piltch, Fred Farber, Karen Farber, Janine Smested, Gregory Smestad, Tova Kemmerer, Elliott Wincele, Ariana Solodar-Wincele, Karen Hindall, Becky Delois, Debbie Kanter, Norm Wilson, Pat Reef, Joy Krinsky, Kate Foye, Katie Small, Steve Craig, & Jodi Freedman, Randy Harding and Cliff Kucine.

Daniela and Olivia would like to thank everyone for helping to make the 10th annual Shalach Manot Project a success! They could not assemble and deliver nearly 400 Shalach Manot baskets without so much help.

To Barbara and Gil Dichter, and Bonnie and Irwin Gratz, for volunteering to host guests at their family's Passover Seder.

To our Ice Cream & Soda Pop Social volunteers: Kate Foye, Pattie Garson, Ariana Solodar, Judy Gatchell, Ben Garson, Gabi Garson, Derek Dewey, Greg Levinsky, Michaela Paratore, Hannah Brier and Sam Freedman, Ali Abramson, and Jana Freedman.

To Irvin & Pearl Schonfeld for sponsoring the Oneg on Friday, April 20th, in memory of Stephen Gleit's mother, Selma Gleit.

To Barbara Dichter, for getting a head start on our landscaping cleanup efforts and weeding and beautifying the plant beds along TBE's driveway.

To Jim and Faith Elowitch for sponsoring the Oneg on Friday, April 27th, in honor of their daughter Abigail's Bat Mitzvah.

To Alan and Geri Hirsch for donating a computer monitor and other computer accessories to TBE.

To our volunteers at the community Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration and Maccabeats Concert - Talia Timmins, Diana G., Clara Purinton, Jon Brier, Amy Brier, and Deena Schoenfeld.

To Benjamin, Jeri & Baxter Brem for sponsoring the Oneg on Friday, May 4, in memory of Benjamin's parents, Paul Brem and Anna Brem.

To Merril Abramson for leading the Talkin' Torah discussion group in May.

To Mark and Kathy Aranson for sponsoring the Kiddush on Saturday, May 5, in honor of the 50th anniversary of Mark's Bar Mitzvah. To our fabulous Spring Clean-Up landscaping volunteers. Special recognition to: Terry & Jodi Veysey, Dan & Judy Gatchell, Geoff Hindall, Irwin Gratz, Eli Gratz, Connie Goldberg, Jacob Goldberg, Gregg Garson, Barbara Dichter and Steve Gleit.

To the TBE Brotherhood Morning Minyan for donating the remaining funds needed to reach our \$14,000 goal to fund a new Yahrzeit Memorial Board!

To Lynn & Matt Goldfarb for sponsoring the Oneg on Friday, May 11th, in honor of Matt Goldfarb's recovery.

To Patty Weber for providing her landscaper to assist in completing the TBE landscaping cleanup.

To Isabelle Cohen Johnson for sponsoring the Oneg on Friday, May 25, in honor of Isabelle's conversion and affirmation, and to Margaret Hathaway and her daughters Beatrice and Sadie Shatz for preparing the food for the Oneg.

To Anna and Nathan Collins for sponsoring the Kiddush on Saturday, May 26, in honor of Isabelle Cohen Johnson's conversion and affirmation.

To members of our TBE community for participating in the graveside flag placement in honor of Jewish War Veterans: Connie Goldberg, Sam Goldberg, Nancy Finberg, Dick Aronson, Mark Aranson, Rick Finberg, Fred Farber, Ed Shultz, Tom Berman, Margie Berman, Robert Levine, Cliff Kucine, and Sherri Quint.

To Isabelle Cohen Johnson and Adam Johnson & Anna and Nathan Collins for co-sponsoring the Oneg on Friday evening, June 1, in appreciation of the TBE Hebrew School teachers.

To Patricia & Marty Finkelstein for sponsoring the Kiddush on Saturday, June 2, in honor of the birth of their twin grandchildren, Gavriel Avraham and Lali Golda.

To the following TBE members who participated in the Interfaith Walk on May 20, benefiting Habitat for Humanity: Tom & Margie Berman, Barbara Peisner, Sarah Muscat and Isabelle Cohen Johnson.

To the participants in our Many Paths to (Many) Sinai(s) program on Leil Shavuot, including presenters Isabelle Cohen-Johnson, Dan Gatchell, Dan Skwire and Tara Turcotte.

MAZEL TOV TO HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE GRADUATES IN OUR TBE FAMILY

Ali Abramson graduated from South Portland High School. Ali will be attending the University of New Hampshire and is the daughter of David and Lynn Abramson.

Max Aronson graduated from Cape Elizabeth High School. Max will be attending Washington University in St. Louis and is the son of Frederick and Jennifer Aronson.

Molly Aronson graduated from Homestead High School in Sunnyvale, CA. Molly will be joining her sister in the fall at California Poly Tech and is the granddaughter of Dick and Adele Aronson.

Jackson Dunitz graduated from Hopkins High School, Hopkins, MN. Jackson will attend the University of Maryland and is the grandson of Phyllis and Dan Dunitz and nephew of Jonathan Dunitz.

Jesse Dunitz graduated from Middletown High School, Middletown, NY. Jesse will attend the State University of NY at Albany and is the grandson of Phyllis and Dan Dunitz and nephew of Jonathan Dunitz.

Evan Eklund graduated from Falmouth High School. Evan will be attending Bowdoin, and is the son of Ginny and Wayne Eklund.

Rebecca Elowitch graduated from Deering High School. Rebecca will be attending Bentley College, and is the daughter of Jim and Faith Elowitch.

Noah Finberg graduated from Deering High School. Noah will be attending Bowdoin, and is the son of Rick Finberg and Amy Rolnick, and grandson of Nancy Finberg.

Sam Goldberg graduated from Deering High School. Sam will be attending Colby College. Sam is the son of Connie and Brian Goldberg.

Arielle Harding graduated from Falmouth High School. Arielle will be attending Manhattanville College in New York and is the daughter of Randy and Pamela Harding.

Sara Jacobson graduated from Falmouth High School. Sara will be attending Simmons College in Boston, and is the daughter of Michael and Linda Jacobson.

Eitan Kahn graduated from Maimonides High School in Brookline, MA. Eitan will be studying in yeshiva in Israel next year, and will then attend the University of Maryland. Eitan is the son of Orly and Natan Kahn.

Ian Levinsky graduated with honors from Tufts University. Ian is the son of Lisa and Eric Levinsky, and grandson of Elizabeth and Phil Levinsky.

Claire Muscat graduated from Cape Elizabeth High School. Claire will attend Colby in the fall of 2013, and is the daughter of Paul and Sarah Muscat.

Emily Muscat graduated from Cape Elizabeth High School. Emily will be attending McAlister College in St. Paul, MN, and is the daughter of Paul and Sarah Muscat.

Alyson Palacci graduated from Portland High School. Alyson will be attending the College of Mount St. Vincent in Riverdale, NY, and is the daughter of Joseph and Joyce Palacci.

Ben Shapiro graduated from Falmouth High School. Ben will be attending Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore and is the son of Ira Shapiro and Barbara Carlin.

Aaron Peisner graduated from Wesleyan College in Connecticut. Aaron is the son of Barbara and Michael Peisner.

Ariana Solodar-Wincele graduated from Deering HS with honors. Ariana will be attending Franklin & Marshall College in Pennsylvania, and is the daughter of Olivia Solodar and Elliott Wincele.

A LETTER FROM THE TBE BOARD IN SUPPORT OF MARRIAGE EQUALITY

Dear TBE Membership,

The Temple Beth El (TBE) Board and Rabbi Carolyn Braun endorse the proposed Maine Citizen Initiative which will be a ballot question on November 6, 2012, “An Act to End Civil Discrimination in Civil Marriage and Affirm Religious Freedom.”

In keeping with the TBE Mission statement of embracing, supporting and honoring the diversity of its members, their spiritual growth and the perpetuation of Jewish values, we welcome gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) individuals, couples and their families into our congregation. TBE values stable, loving, committed relationships among straight and gay couples and honors and celebrates them equally.

In looking to the Conservative Movement, we note that the Rabbinical Assembly in March of 2011 resolved that “GLBT Jews are an integral part of our families, our synagogues and our communities and include GLBT individuals and their families in Jewish lifecycle events.” The Committee on Jewish Law and Standards states, “we stand united in our opposition to discrimination against anyone based on sexual identity and in our commitment to make our synagogues and our community more welcoming and safe places for all.” In 2006, the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism stated “the application of equality as a standard which cannot be eroded.” As a People who have been discriminated against, “we remain determined to fight for genuine equality, accepting neither discrimination per se nor discrimination garbed in the dress of double standards.” Rabbi Braun reminds us that “we are all created in G-d’s image.”

Furthermore, the Conservative Movement has long given a privilege called *Mara d’atra* to rabbis, meaning that individual rabbis have the authority to make religious decisions for their communities. Over the years, Rabbi Braun has supported GLBT individuals, couples and their families and performed same-sex marriages. The TBE Community has already opened our community to the acceptance of LGBT individuals, couples, and families in our congregation.

We believe in equality and religious freedom and that it is time for us to let those outside of our congregation know where we stand on the Maine Citizen’s Initiative, “An Act to End Civil Discrimination in Civil Marriage and Affirm Religious Freedom.” We are in full support of the initiative.

Proposed by the TBE Keshet Committee, approved by the TBE Board Tuesday April 24, 2012.

TBE’s Keshet (Hebrew for rainbow) Committee is a diverse group of gay, lesbian, heterosexual, children, parents and siblings of gay families, and allies who are passionately committed to building a visible, vocal, vibrant and inclusive LGBTQ Jewish community. ■

FAREWELL FROM OUR PRESIDENT

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>> as we build this exciting program. We look forward to transitioning to our model this fall.

Among my many goals, I have been committed to our tradition of a strong TBE community within Portland’s larger, vibrant Jewish community. Over the past three years, the Board has worked conscientiously to examine our membership and dues policies. We have listened to feedback from members, former members, and potential members and continue to work to ensure that TBE is accessible and welcoming to all who share our commitments and values and would like to be a part of our “Kehillah” (community).

I believe that our diversity, love of TBE, and the Portland Jewish community will strengthen us as we move forward. Even as I step down as “President,” I do not intend to stop being an active and passionate congregant. Among the other roles we hope to have here, Dan and I are looking forward to our daughter Kate’s continued enthusiastic participation, and our grandchildren’s b’nai mitzvah on the same *bimah* on which I have sat for three years. Family is very important to us, and I am excited about our continued participation at TBE. Thank you so much for having given me this privilege. ■

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TEMPLE BETH EL CALENDAR

JULY

<u>Wednesday, July 4</u>	Independence Day TBE OFFICE CLOSED Morning Minyan
8:30 am	
<u>Friday, July 6</u>	
5:30 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat services
8:07 pm	Shabbat candle lighting time
<u>Saturday, July 7</u>	
9:30 am	Shabbat services
9:15 pm	Havdalah time
<u>Thursday, July 12</u>	
5:30 pm	Volunteer at Wayside Soup Kitchen
<u>Friday, July 13</u>	
5:30 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat services
8:04 pm	Shabbat candle lighting time
<u>Saturday, July 14</u>	
9:30 am	Shabbat services
9:11 pm	Havdalah time
<u>Tuesday, July 17</u>	
5:30 pm	TBE Board Meeting
<u>Friday, July 20</u>	Rosh Chodesh Av
5:30 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat services
7:58 pm	Shabbat candle lighting time
<u>Saturday, July 21</u>	
9:30 am	Shabbat Services
9:05 pm	Havdalah time
<u>Friday, July 27</u>	
5:30 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat services
7:51 pm	Shabbat candle lighting time
<u>Saturday, July 28</u>	Leil Tisha B'Av
9:30 am	Shabbat Services
8:58 pm	Havdalah time
<u>Sunday, July 29</u>	Tisha B'Av - Fast of the Ninth of Av
9:00 am	Morning Minyan

AUGUST

<u>Friday, August 3</u>		Kabbalat Shabbat services
5:30 pm		Shabbat candle lighting time
7:43 pm		
<u>Saturday, August 4</u>		
9:30 am		Shabbat services
8:50 pm		Havdalah time
<u>Thursday, August 9</u>		
5:30 pm		Volunteer at Wayside Soup Kitchen
<u>Friday, August 10</u>		
5:30 pm		Kabbalat Shabbat services
7:34 pm		Shabbat candle lighting time
<u>Saturday, August 11</u>		
9:30 am		Shabbat services
8:40 pm		Havdalah time
<u>Tuesday, August 14</u>		
7:00 pm		Executive Committee Meeting
<u>Friday, August 17</u>		
5:30 pm		Special Kabbalat Shabbat service and Blessing of Our Graduates
		Shabbat candle lighting time
7:23 pm		
<u>Saturday, August 18</u>		
9:30 am		Rosh Chodesh Elul
8:29 pm		Shabbat Services
		Havdalah time
<u>Tuesday, August 21</u>		
5:30 pm		TBE Board Meeting
<u>Friday, August 24</u>		
5:30 pm		Kabbalat Shabbat services
7:12 pm		Shabbat candle lighting time
<u>Saturday, August 25</u>		
9:30 am		Shabbat Services
8:18 pm		Havdalah time
<u>Friday, August 31</u>		
5:30 pm		Shabbat at the Sea Dogs Service & Dinner
		Kabbalat Shabbat services at TBE
5:30 pm		Shabbat candle lighting time
7:00 pm		
<u>Saturday, Sept. 1</u>		
9:30 am		Shabbat Services
8:06 pm		Havdalah time



Join TBE for **SHABBAT AT THE SEA DOGS!**

Friday evening, August 31, 2012*

5:15 pm - Meet at Hadlock Field - 271 Park Avenue, Portland.
See detailed schedule below.

Order tickets by Tuesday, August 28 through the TBE office
at office@tbemaine.org or tel. 774-2649.

** Please note: Regular Shabbat services will also be held as usual at Temple Beth El on Friday evening, Aug. 31 at 5:30 pm.*

Join us for a special Shabbat service and dairy dinner in a skybox at Hadlock Field. See Rabbi Braun throw out the first pitch and then enjoy the game as the Portland Sea Dogs take on the Reading Phillies (Double-A affiliate of the Philadelphia Phillies)! Limited Skybox seats available!

General admission seats will be purchased as a group and include Shabbat dinner, so please RSVP and order your tickets through the TBE office.

SCHEDULE

- 5:10 pm - Meet at the Slugger statue at Hadlock Field to get your ticket
- 5:30 pm - Shabbat Services in the Skybox
- 6:15 pm - Shabbat Dinner (includes dinner, drinks, snacks and dessert)
- 7:00 pm - Rabbi Braun throws out the first pitch (!) and the game begins

SEATING & PRICING OPTIONS

- Skybox seat with dinner - \$30 per person (child OR adult price)
- Adult general admission with dinner - \$18 per person
- Child/Senior general admission with dinner - \$5 per person (Children 16 or under, seniors 62+)

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