

Temple Beth El^{Electronic} News

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Welcome Back to Beth El

This past week, current temple members should have received a letter in the mail containing a welcome-back letter from Rabbi Stephanie and Sheila Rudin, the schedule of the upcoming High Holy Days services, and your membership dues statement. For those of you not yet members, see the next page in this newsletter for more information on becoming a member of Temple Beth El.

First Shabbat Service of the Year

Our first service, led by Rabbi Stephanie, will take place on Friday, August 28, 2009, at **7:30 pm**. Please note the time change.

Family Picnic

Come celebrate the start of a new temple year!!

Where: Barrington Lakes Pavilion

When: August 30, 2009, at 11:30 AM

Bring meat to grill, a dish to share, and your own dishes & silverware. Charcoal, BBQ tools, and beverages will be provided. Feel free to bring swimsuit/towel, floats, raft, tennis racket and balls, etc.

Hope to see EVERYONE there!

Many Thanks

To the Alexanders for again hosting a spectacular end-of-year Adult Social!

To the following families for contributing to the "Apples for Students" school-supplies program. Alexander, Blum, Goldberg-Scheinman, Golder, Goldstein-Chapman, Horwitz-Harris, Kirk, Landau, Reinstein, Rotman, Rudin, and Sirk.

Mitzvah Minutes

Jaclyn and Steve Aidenbaum welcomed their first baby, Emily Dina Aidenbaum, on June 30, 2009. Visit our temple website at <http://be.urj.net> for photos of the baby shower and adorable star, Emily.

Mazel Tov to the Horwitz-Harris family on the high school graduation of their son, Ed, who will be attending the University of Iowa this fall.

In Memoriam

Over the summer, our extended temple family has lost loved ones:

Greg Clark, son-in-law of Rea Kirk.

Mendel Riba, who was a member of the congregation during the early 1970's.

Shirley Steinger, mother of Lane Steinger.

Mary Zelkovitz, grandmother of Jaclyn Aidenbaum.

We are saddened by these losses and know that these family members were dearly loved and will be dearly missed.

Membership/Dues Information

Temple Beth El's financial reporting is on a fiscal year, July 1 to June 30. Dues statements are always sent along with the High Holiday schedule.

For a number of years, we have been able to meet our financial obligations without raising the dues. Our treasurer, Ellie Landau, happily reports that the dues structure will stay the same for this coming year.

Family Membership	\$800
Single Membership	\$400
Religious School	\$50 per child
Associate Membership*	\$200
College students	donations appreciated

*An associate membership is only for someone who wants to stay in touch with the congregation, but lives too far away to attend functions in Dubuque.

Dues are appreciated upon receipt of the statement. Other arrangements can be made by speaking with the treasurer.

Please send your dues directly to:

Ellie Landau
Temple Beth El Treasurer
PO Box 267
Shullsburg, WI 53586

If you are not yet a member and wish to join our temple family, contact Ellie at landau@mhtc.net.

NOTE: Kate Scheinman is in the process of putting together the updated temple membership roster. If you haven't done so already, please email Kate any changes: kscheinman@aol.com.

HIGH HOLY DAY SCHEDULE 5770

Rosh Hashanah

Friday, September 18: Erev Rosh Hashanah Services, 7:30 pm

Saturday, September 19: Rosh Hashanah Morning Services, 10:00 am

Saturday, September 19: Tashlich Service immediately following luncheon

***NOTE NEW TIME & DATE:** Sunday, September 20 –
Linwood Cemetery Memorial Service, 8:30 am

Yom Kippur

Sunday, September 27: Kol Nidrei Services, 7:30 pm

Monday, September 28: Yom Kippur Morning Services, 10:00 am
Yizkor, 12:00 pm
Afternoon Service, 4:00 pm
Concluding Service, 5:30 pm

Break-the-Fast Meal immediately following Concluding Services

Schedule of Services for 5770

August 28-30 (Temple Picnic)

Rosh Hashanah – Sept. 18-20

Yom Kippur – Sept. 27-29

October 16-18

November 13-15 (Outreach Service)

December 18-20 (**Hanukkah**)

January 15-17

February 12-14 (**Purim**)

March 12-14 (**Visitors' Service**)

April 9-11 (**Passover**)

NYC Trip – April 23-26

May 14-16

June 4-6 (Adult Social)

Messages from the URJ

Small Congregation Biennial Grants Available

The Small Congregations Resource Fund (SCRF) has a limited number of grant subsidies available for small congregations (those with 250 households or fewer) who would like to send delegates to the URJ North American Biennial in Toronto, Ontario, November 4-8, 2009. A maximum of two grants, up to \$250 each, will be awarded to a congregation. The application and FAQ sheet can be downloaded at <http://urj.org/cong/small/> Grants will be awarded on a first come-first served basis. For information about the Biennial visit <http://urj.org/biennial>. For additional information, please contact scrf@urj.org or call: 212-452-6742.



Dear Friends,

As congregational leaders, you make many decisions throughout the year. We understand the difficult choices your congregation and community have had to make this past year. You also know how valuable a vibrant Jewish community is and what it means to continually improve synagogue life. In the year and a half since Reform Jews from across North America joined together at our last Biennial, a new President was elected in the United States, a new Prime Minister was elected in Israel, and Canada has survived a constitutional crisis! Our Movement also deepened its understanding of Shabbat, continues to engage in efforts to reform the U.S. health care system, and the URJ reinvented its own organizational structure.

And now we're ready for the next chapter: [REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN for the 2009 70th URJ Biennial](#), which will be held in Toronto from November 4th through November 8th. Because of your commitment to support building a Reform Jewish life, you owe it to yourself to experience the power of the largest gathering of Jews in North America at least once. We want to invite you to be among the first to register for the 2009 Biennial. Just go to [biennial \[urj.org/registration\]\(http://biennial.urj.org/registration\)](http://biennial.urj.org/registration) .

Those who have attended past Biennials know that every Biennial is a truly memorable experience - an unparalleled opportunity to learn, to be inspired, to hear great speakers and wonderful musicians and to be part of the *kehillah kedoshah* (holy community) that is created when we gather together. Choosing the Biennial experience means investing in the future of your congregation, as you will return home energized and equipped to help invigorate your community! In Toronto, we will do all this and more.

Coming together for an exciting autumn in Toronto, one of North America's premier cities, we will share:

Plenary sessions with former British Prime Minister Tony Blair, international human rights champion Irwin Cotler, author Anita Diamant (*The Red Tent*), and Eboo Patel of the Interfaith Youth Core;

Study opportunities with Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion scholars Rabbi Norman Cohen, Dr. Sharon Gillerman, Rabbi Michael Marmor and Rabbi Michael Meyer;

Concerts by Josh Nelson, Dan Nichols, Michelle Citrin and a dozen other fantastic Jewish musicians;

More than 100 learning sessions created to show you and your congregation the best our Movement has to offer;

Opportunities to share ideas and resources with members of similarly sized congregations or topically based affinity groups; and of course...

The magic of Shabbat at Biennial, sharing the special power of celebrating with thousands of Reform Jews from across North America.

We look forward to welcoming you to Toronto and the [Union for Reform Judaism's 70th Biennial Convention!](#)

L'Shalom,

Rabbi Eric Yoffie, President
Union for Reform Judaism

Peter Weidhorn, Chair
Union Board of Trustees