

Temple Beth El^{Electronic} News

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February-March 2008

Thank You!!

To Rebecca Gottlieb for coordinating our recent lay service, to Karin Pritikin for preparing the Torah portion and d'var Torah, and to Alan Garfield for recording and playing Karin's contribution since Karin was unable to come due to the nasty weather. What a great group effort!

Congratulations to Rabbis Stephanie Alexander and Aaron Sherman on the birth of their son, Eli Alexander Sherman, on February 5, 2008. We can't wait to meet this new addition to the Jewish community of Iowa!!!
Mazel Tov from all of us!!

Visitors' Night Service

Our annual Visitors' Night is on February 29. We are honored to have Rabbi Lane Steinger, Regional Director of the Midwest Council of the URJ, leading that service. (Visitor's lecture begins at 6:30pm; our service begins at 7:30pm.) Let's

have a great showing from our members as we open our doors to the community.

We will need everyone's help with the oneg—please bring your cookies or other “finger-friendly” treats cut up and on trays, ready to eat without silverware. Remember to allow extra time for parking so that our service can start on time. Locust Street will probably be crowded with our visitors' vehicles.

Alexander Levi Heritage Project

Karin Pritikin and Barb Alexander recently announced the news that their grant application to develop a portable museum exhibit celebrating 175 years of Jewish presence in Dubuque (from 1833 to today) was fully funded (\$5000) by the City of Dubuque's Grant Award Program, as part of Dubuque's 175th anniversary celebration!! Karin will continue to keep the Congregation posted on these developments, and both she and Barb actively encourage member involvement!

CONGRATULATIONS to Karin and Barb for an amazing job!! For more on this project, visit the blog:

<http://levicelebration.blogspot.com/>

Upcoming Events

On **Saturday, March 1** at 11:30 AM, the congregation is invited to join with Rabbi Steinger and the Beth El Board for a working lunch at the Temple. Come with questions for Rabbi Steinger. There will be an Adult Study led by Rabbi Steinger at the Rudin home at 7:00 PM that same evening.

On **Friday, March 21**, we will celebrate Purim with the Megillah reading and Dinner. Hosts are Karin Pritikin and Faye Wrubel. The reading begins at 6:00 PM; dinner follows.

The next service led by Rabbi Stephanie will be **Saturday, April 26**. There will be morning Sabbath worship at 10:00 AM followed by a potluck salad luncheon and a social justice Seder. There will be no evening Adult study.

Temple Beth El Service and Mitzvah Schedule for 5768

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NOTES:

- Rabbi Stephanie has brought a new dimension to our temple by offering a slew of activities on the weekends she is here. The schedule below does NOT include those specific activities (such as conversational Hebrew class, book discussion). Refer to each newsletter for the specifics of an upcoming weekend.
- Shabbat Services start at 7:00 PM, unless otherwise indicated.

Friday, February 29... Visitor's Night Service with Rabbi Lane Steinger Group oneg
Lecture starts at 6:30pm; service starts at 7:30pm

Saturday, March 1...11:30am Working Luncheon with Rabbi Steinger, the Board, and the Congregation.
Saturday, March 1...7:00pm adult study (with Rabbi Steinger) at the Rudin's

Sunday, March 16 : We are serving a meal at the Dubuque Rescue Mission in cooperation with the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. Details to follow closer to the date.

Friday, March 21...6:00pm Purim Service (dinner hosted by Faye Wrubel and Karin Pritikin to follow)

April 11 SPECIAL MUSICAL SHABBAT IN CEDAR RAPIDS with visiting artist Dan Nichols

April 13 Spring Congregational Meeting, 10:00 AM at the Temple

Saturday, April 26... There will be morning Shabbat service at 10:00 AM, followed by a potluck salad luncheon and a social justice Seder. There will be no evening Adult study.

Friday, May 16...7:00pm Shabbat service

dinner: Dyrke, oneg: Silverberg

Saturday, May 17...7:00pm adult study

dinner: Garfield, study: TBD

Friday, June 6...7:00pm Shabbat service

dinner: Alexander, oneg: Alexander

Saturday, June 7...7:00pm

End-of-Year Adult Social hosted by the Alexanders