

# Temple Beth El<sup>Electronic</sup> News

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## Thank You

- ✧ To Randy Sirk for his Hanukkah latkes and matzo ball soup, and to everyone who participated in our festive Hanukkah celebration.
- ✧ To the Garfields for hosting Rabbi Ann in December, including picking her up from the airport and providing a car.
- ✧ To Rabbi Ann for a very inspiring Jewish Journeys session.
- ✧ To everyone who volunteered at Reflections in the Park (see more, below)
- ✧ To everyone who attended and participated in the lay service in January, with a special thank you to Rebecca for organizing the service and to Cindy for organizing the dinner. The whole evening was a good example of the joys of belonging to a small congregation.
- ✧ To Lynn Werner for singing V"Shamru and celebrating her birthday with the Beth El Community.

## This Coming Weekend, Friday to Sunday, February 10 to 12

*(This is a busy temple weekend. Activities are explained later in this bulletin.)*

- ✧ Friday Shabbat Service, 7:00 PM; oneg hosted by Pearce and Abramsky-Cobin.
- ✧ Saturday Family School, 10:00 AM at the temple.
- ✧ Saturday, 3-4:30 PM – Jewish Journeys-- *Tu B'Shevat Seder*
- ✧ Saturday, 5-6:30 PM - *Seudah Shlishit* – The Third Meal of Shabbat
- ✧ Saturday, 7-8:30 PM – Saturday Night at the Movies
- ✧ Sunday at 1pm: Baby shower for Aaron Kruse at the Pearces

## News from Our Community

Mazel Tov once again to the Kruse Family on the birth of Aaron Henry, on January 6, 2012. Welcome to our youngest temple member!

From the Kruses: The Temple Beth El community is invited to join us for the naming ceremony of Aaron Henry Kruse on Saturday, March 3 at 11:30 a.m. at the Temple. Because lunch will be provided afterwards, please RSVP to Emily at [kruseea@hotmail.com](mailto:kruseea@hotmail.com) or 563-557-3084 if you will be attending. We look forward to sharing this joyful event with all of you!  
Emily, Terry, Scott and Aaron Kruse

On Sunday, February 12, Karin Pritikin will be singing the national anthem at Northwestern University for a game between the Northwestern Wildcat women's basketball team and Penn State. Tip off is at noon and will be broadcast on the Big 10 Network.

Faye Wrubel will be giving a lecture on painting conservation at 2 PM on Sunday, March 4 at the Mississippi River Museum. The lecture is open to the public and Faye would love to see Beth El members there.

Welcome to the Abramsky-Cobin family. We have enjoyed meeting all of you and look forward to seeing more of you!

### Explanation of some of the weekend activities:

#### 3-4:30 PM – Jewish Journeys

The *Tu B'Shevat* Seder celebrating The New Year for the Trees, AKA “Jewish Earth Day.”

#### 5- 6:30 PM - *Seudah Shlishit* – The Third Meal of Shabbat

Join us in enjoying a traditional light meal served near the end of Shabbat with salads from the Olive Garden. *Havdalah*, the ceremony marking the end of Shabbat, and dessert, will follow dinner. Please RSVP to Cindy ([mikelcinkc@aol.com](mailto:mikelcinkc@aol.com)) if you plan to come for dinner, which will be provided by the temple. Please bring a dessert to share with the congregation.

#### 7 -8:30 PM – Saturday Night at the Movies—Our Jewish Journey Continues

We will watch an Israeli film called *Lemon Tree*, a 2008 award winning film by the Israeli director, Eran Riklis. The film is a drama with comical and romantic themes that illustrates in an allegorical way the tensions and challenges of conflicting Israeli/Palestinian claims on the land.



#### 1 PM on Sunday—Baby Shower

There will be a baby shower for Aaron Kruse at the Pearces on February 12 at 1 PM. Rabbi Ann will be joining us. Everyone is invited to come! Men, women and children!! Cindy will serve soups, and everyone should bring a side dish or a dessert to share. Call or email Cindy if you need directions to her home.

## Update on Reflections in the Park

Many thanks to Fern & Jesse Reinstein (as well as Platteville friends Karen & Dick Heer, and Jeff Rolwes), Larry & Ben Goldberg, Lisa & Terry Prindle, and Peter Dyrke and his fiancée Dona Novkovic for working at Reflections in the Park on Dec. 24th. Thanks also to Jacquie Dyrke and Fern for their recruiting efforts, and to Phyllis and Alan Garfield for agreeing to be on call as back-up workers. Thanks, especially, to Rebecca Gottlieb for her phenomenal leadership in organizing our temple's participation in this community mitzvah.

The fantastic news is that we raised over \$6,000 (six thousand, not a typo) for Hillcrest Family Services!! This total is a record for us and one of the best nights ever for Hillcrest. Mark your calendars for next year, because they're definitely going to ask us to work again.

Our condolences go to Rebecca and her family on the passing of Theresa Herbst Weisberg (Becca's Grandma Theresa) on January 24, 2012. This extraordinary centenarian was born in Philadelphia, and lived during her earliest years in the Clarion Colony in Utah as part of the Jewish "back to the soil" movement, of which her father, Isaac Herbst, was a founder. She spent most of her life in Chicago, where her first job was dancing on the Yiddish stage at Glickman's Palace. May God comfort Rebecca and her family among all who mourn in Zion and Jerusalem.

## Yartzeits

*Starting several months ago, we began to list the Yahrzeit names for the upcoming service. If you have names of loved ones you would like to be put on the Temple Beth El Yartzeit list, please email them to Rina Sirk ([rinadbq@aol.com](mailto:rinadbq@aol.com)).*

Because there was no bulletin sent out in December, included herewith are two lists. The first includes the names read out during our January lay service. The second list includes the names to be read during our upcoming February service.

### LIST 1

Eleanor Shuman	12/12/**	Grace Burstein	12/25/**
Louis Belsky	12/13/36	Rochelle Farber	12/25/92
Meyer Marmis	12/13/82	Mary Rosenthal	12/25/**
David Parson	12/13/01	Sidney Scheinman	12/29/83
Sally Janis Jacobson	12/14/70	Jack Solomon	12/29/81
Neil Pritikin	12/14/2009	Meyer Zuckerman	12/29/58
Annie Lois	12/15/**	Sol Urbach	12/30/**
Isaac Miller	12/15/34	Max Patinkin	12/31/51
Samuel Rosenbloom	12/16/**	Walter Urbach	12/31/49
Helen Birndorf	12/17/68	Sam Bialisky	1/1/**
Baby Gable	12/17/**	Benjamin Bodzin	1/1/47
Mina Gershon	12/17/91	Beatrice Brecker	1/1/**
Zanvil Rotman	12/17/43	Abe Kellis	1/1/54
Julius Weinstein	12/17/70	Anna Kellis	1/1/39
Henry Render	12/19/**	Harry Kellis	1/1/46
George Tabak	12/19/66	Abraham Rotman	1/1/58
Sarah Belsky	12/20/40	Sol Tabak	1/2/02
Ben Glazer	12/21/94	Amelia Friedlander	1/4/1903
Goldie Feldstein	12/24/**	Matita Lazar	1/4/75
Baby Greenberg	12/24/**	Stanley Golder	1/6/00
William Olansky	12/24/49	Ida Greenberg	1/6/97
Eva Platt	12/24/04	Bella Berk	1/8/34

**LIST 2**

Mrs. Nathan Hart	1/9/**	Ruthy Kassler	2/1/20
Nathan Hask	1/9/**	G. Manhoff	2/1/05
Frank Jacobs	1/11/96	Louis Rotman	2/1/58
Baby Flaxman	1/12/**	Doris Rubin	2/1/**
Paulene Landau	1/12/01	Dorothy Shapiro	2/1/04
Morris Parson	1/15/58	Ada Slivken	2/2/**
Rebecca Barvin	1/16/64	Merle Farber	2/3/90
Sam Kopple	1/17/40	Baby Levi	2/4/**
Baby Girl Blum	1/18/**	Al Paul	2/4/52
Goldie Olansky	1/19/66	Harry Rudin	2/4/87
Abraham Oller	1/19/36	Baby Hirshburg	2/5/**
Merlyn Polse	1/19/89	Isadore Nemerowsky	2/5/**
Ann Solomon	1/19/19	Baby Waunbersky	2/5/**
Baby Joseph Zorinka	1/20/**	Joseph Carlin	2/6/52
Jacob Blumenthal	1/22/14	Miriam Metzger	2/6/96
Mathilda Kassler	1/22/36	Sarah Jacobs	2/7/02
Harry Kopple	1/22/87	Julius Lippman	2/7/**
Edward Lazar	1/22/92	Yenta Urbach	2/7/**
Harold Spiro	1/23/81	Louis Farber	2/8/**
Jacob Lewis Urbach	1/23/18	Benjamin Goldwasser	2/8/06
Max Berk	1/28/49	Meyer Goodman	2/10/36
Lester Goldberg	1/28/00	Charles Jaffe	2/1/076
David Solomon	1/28/91	Eugene Levi	2/11/**
Louis Goodman	1/31/25	Baby Birndorf	2/12/**
Jeanetta Liepe Herman	2/1/09	John E. Liberg	2/13/**
		Freda Rotman	2/13/38

January 27, 2012, marked the 67th anniversary of the liberation of the former Nazi death camp of Auschwitz-Birkenau. Many remembrances were held at various sites in Europe. The first 18 of 47 photos, many of them extremely poignant, depict some of the remembrances and can be viewed at:

<http://www.seattlepi.com/national/article/News-of-the-world-in-photos-Never-again-as-2753038.php>

**Community and Social Action**

The Dubuque Food Pantry needs our ongoing support. Please bring donations to services. While any non-perishable foods are accepted, we have a special assignment to collect peanut butter and jelly, among the most requested items. The demand continues to go up, and the price of peanut butter has also increased recently.

If you prefer to donate money (usually used for perishable items such as milk), please send a check to:

The Dubuque Food Pantry  
1598 Jackson Street  
Dubuque, IA, 52001

For many items, cash/check donations allow Sr. Lynne to purchase food at just pennies on the dollar, much better value than we could purchase individually.

Alan Garfield is co-presenter for a series of interfaith conversations called "Children of Abraham." This series is presented by Dr. John Eby of Loras College, Alan Garfield of University of Dubuque

and Temple Beth El, and Dr. Adib Kassas of the Tri-State Islamic Prayer Center. Each session will offer a discussion of one topic from the viewpoints of Christianity, Islam, and Judaism. The schedule for the remaining sessions is as follows. All are free and open to the public.

February 23, 2010: "Joseph/Yusuf," University of Dubuque Technology Building, Hadley Auditorium, 8:00 PM

March 22: "Scripture," Temple Beth El, 8:00 PM

April 19: "Peace," Loras College, ACC Ballroom, 8:00 PM

Feel free to contact Alan with any questions at [agarfield@dbq.edu](mailto:agarfield@dbq.edu)

### **Purim Dinner Host Needed**

We will celebrate Purim on Friday, March 2. We need someone to host the dinner! Please contact Cindy Pearce ([mikelcinkc@aol.com](mailto:mikelcinkc@aol.com)) with any questions or to volunteer!

### **From the Worship Committee**

Rebecca Gottlieb will be coordinating the honors for Shabbat services. If you have a special occasion to mark (or expect a visit from college-age offspring), please contact Becca ([gottlieb@uwplatt.edu](mailto:gottlieb@uwplatt.edu)) to request an honor.

### **Hosting Opportunities!**

The schedule at the end of this newsletter has been updated to show who has volunteered so far to host Rabbi Ann for the weekend, to host her for a dinner, to host an oneg following a service, and to host an adult study. There are still hosting opportunities available, so if you have not yet signed up, please do so!

- ✧ To host the rabbi for a weekend, contact Cindy Pearce ([mikelcinkc@aol.com](mailto:mikelcinkc@aol.com))
- ✧ To host the rabbi for a dinner, contact Randy Sirk ([randysir@aol.com](mailto:randysir@aol.com))
- ✧ To host an oneg, contact Fern Reinstein ([threeamstamper@yahoo.com](mailto:threeamstamper@yahoo.com))
- ✧ To host an adult study, contact Lynn Werner ([lynn.o.werner@att.net](mailto:lynn.o.werner@att.net))

### **Winter Weather**

In case of bad weather, the outgoing message on the Temple's answering machine will reflect any cancellation of a service. If you have a question about services taking place please call the Temple. Even if Rabbi Ann is unable to fly in, it is possible that the Worship Committee will hold a Lay Service.

**From Rabbi Ann**

## **Tu B'Shevat Seder**

On Shabbat afternoon, February 11 at 3PM, at the temple, we will continue our Jewish Journeys class with an environmentally oriented Tu B'Shevat Seder. A little background on this tradition from the Jewish Outreach Institute website.

<http://joi.org/celebrate/tubshevat/index.shtml>

*In the 1600s, the kabbalists (mystics) of Safed in Israel initiated a Tu B'Shevat seder (special meal like on Passover). The kabbalists began the tradition of using four cups of wine (white wine, white mixed with a little red, red mixed with a little white, and all red wine) to reflect the changes of the seasons.*

We will have on our own Tu B'Shevat Seder at the temple. Everyone is invited. (Each Jewish Journeys class is a stand-alone class. You can come to one class or all of them.)

If you'd like to contribute a fruit for the seder please e-mail me (ann.landowne@gmail.com) so that I can coordinate the fruits so we don't end up with only bananas. In choosing a fruit, consider bringing a fruit that represents you in some way and come with a thought or two about why you chose this particular fruit. This will tie into the way the mystics of Safed categorize the fruits according to their spiritual system.

Ingredients for the Seder: Red and white wine or grape juice. Fruits (apples, oranges, grapefruit, bananas, pomegranate, grapes, blueberries, raisins, coconut, kiwi, figs, strawberries, cherries, plums, prunes, carob, wheat products, barley products, dates, walnuts, almonds, hazelnuts, pistachios, olives, or something different of your choosing)

## **Jewish Journeys**

Way back in December 2011 (it feels like so long ago) we began an Introduction to Judaism class at the temple. Even before the class began I realized that I had chosen the wrong name. I wasn't aiming for an introduction to Judaism but rather an exploration of our Jewish journeys. We are all at different points along our journey and I thought it would be interesting to explore how to incorporate more Jewish traditions, teachings and values into our daily lives. Some of us are traveling along with a spouse or significant other in our Jewish journey, or helping a child along the way and that leads to other areas of exploration. My hope for this class is to develop a safe place of learning where we can share our own questions and struggles with each other and apply Jewish perspectives to our journeys.

The next three meetings of our Jewish Journeys class will be held on February 11, March 3, and March 24th. (Time and place TBD)

The topics for our class will follow along with the Jewish calendar. In February we celebrate the holiday of *Tu B'Shevat*, the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month of *Shevat*. This holiday is The New Year for the Trees and is an opportunity to study and reflect on our relationship to the natural world. There is a beautiful tradition, started by the the Jewish mystics of Safed, to serve a festive meal in the form of a seder. This seder, like the Passover Seder, has four cups of wine or grape juice, beginning with the white wine of winter and

ending with the full red wine of the fall harvest. We will enjoy a *Tu B'Shevat*, seder with a wide variety of fruits and also learn about the mystical and ecological concepts associated with this holiday. Anyone interested in helping to prepare for this seder please contact me at [ann.landowne@gmail.com](mailto:ann.landowne@gmail.com) or leave a phone message on my cell 914-645-1276 .

In the beginning of March we will study Purim from the perspective of masks, disguises, and what they say about identity. Purim is a holiday that commemorates an event that occurred outside of the Land of Israel. It is the story of Jews living as a minority and trying to survive as Jews despite the pressures to become part of the dominant culture. Does this sound at all familiar? Purim isn't only a holiday for kids. We can learn about ourselves as well and how we manage to be part of the larger culture and still maintain our Jewish identity.

In the end of March we will be studying Passover. We will learn about the structure and history of the *Haggadah*, the book we use at the Seder, and we will also talk about practical questions such as how to prepare our homes for Passover. In addition we can discuss spiritual preparation for the holiday.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on February 10<sup>th</sup>. We will be celebrating the Hebrew naming of Bradley Aidenbaum at the Friday night service.

Kol Tuv (All the Best),

Rabbi Ann



## Service and Mitzvah Schedule for 5772

(Family School and some other events are not included on this schedule.  
Refer to each newsletter for times/dates.)

**NOTE: THIS SCHEDULE HAS BEEN ALMOST COMPLETELY  
REVISED. PUT THE NEW DATES ON YOUR CALENDARS**

Friday, February 10...7:00pm Shabbat service

dinner: Goldstein; oneg: Pearce &  
Abramsky-Cobin

Saturday, February 11

weekend host: Pearce

Refer to earlier in the bulletin for schedule.

Friday, March 2 to Saturday, March 3

This is our Purim celebration. Times and events need to be finalized. Dinner host for 3/3 is Pearce. Adult Study host TBD. Randy Sirk will host the rabbi for the weekend.

Friday, March 23...7:00pm Shabbat service

dinner: Goldberg-Scheinman; oneg: TBD

Saturday, May 19...7:00pm adult study

dinner: TBD; study: Goldberg-Scheinman

weekend host: Goldberg-Scheinman

Friday, April 13 (Passover)—Congregational Seder --No Rabbi

Friday, April 20...7:00pm Visitors' service

Group oneg; Dinner: Gottlieb

Saturday, April 21...7:00pm adult study

dinner: Pritikin/Wrubel;

study: Pritikin/Wrubel

weekend host: Pritikin/Wrubel

Friday, May 18...7:00pm Shabbat service

dinner: Alexander; oneg: Kruse

Saturday, May 19...7:00pm adult study

dinner: Dyrke; study: TBD

weekend host: Alexander

Friday, June 8...7:00pm Shabbat service

dinner: Werner; oneg: Reinstein

Saturday, June 9...Time TBD

End-of-Year Adult Social (host needed)

weekend host: Werner