

Temple Beth El_{electronic} News

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November-December 2010

Thank You

- ✧ To Cindy Mikel and Brett Pearce for hosting the rabbi and the adult study in November.
- ✧ To Rebecca Gottlieb for taking the rabbi to dinner in November.
- ✧ A special "so glad you could join us" to Lynn Verger's dad who came to our recent Friday night service!
- ✧ In advance, to Emily Kruse and the Beth El Sisterhood for organizing the lay Hanukkah Service and to Randy Sirk for hosting the Hanukkah dinner.

This Upcoming Weekend—December 3-4 2010

- ✧ Friday evening Sisterhood-led Hanukkah Celebration, 6pm at temple (NOTE time change for the service). Bring your menorahs.
- ✧ Saturday morning Andrew Yaunches bar mitzvah, 10am (Have you RSVP's yet? tyaunches@gmail.com)

Hanukkah Celebration at Beth El

Come join us for a Sisterhood-led, very child-friendly and fun Hanukkah Service at 6pm on Friday, December 3rd.

The service will be followed by our delectable Hanukkah dinner hosted by Randy Sirk. This is a pot luck dairy dinner. Randy will make latkes and matzo ball soup, and he requests that everyone else brings either a vegetable side dish, a salad, or a dessert to share. If you have any questions, contact Randy at randysir@aol.com.

During the Hanukkah dinner, we will have our traditional group Menorah lighting, so bring your Menorahs and candles. (NOTE that Emily Kruse bought some extra Hanukkah candles when she went to Chicago, and she can sell them for \$3 per box.) Feel free to contact Emily at kruseea@hotmail.com.

We have Hanukkah and other Jewish items for sale in our gift shop, located downstairs in the temple social hall.

Mitzvah Opportunity—Save the Date

Once again, Temple Beth El is going to volunteer at "Reflections in the Park" on December 24. This mitzvah brings us great community recognition and helps Hillcrest Family Services. Without our help, they would probably have to close the light show on one of the top money-raising evenings of the year. Rebecca Gottlieb is our temple organizer for this event. Contact Rebecca (gottlieb@uwplatt.edu) for more information or to volunteer. Rebecca will bring a sign-up sheet to services on Friday, December 17. It's a fun opportunity, so please sign up!

Travel News

Bon voyage and safe travels to Kate Scheinman, who is going to Israel to visit her son, Ben, who is studying at Tel Aviv University for his junior year abroad.

Dubuque Food Pantry

The Dubuque Food Pantry needs our support. Although most non-perishable items are useful, we have a standing request for peanut butter and jelly. These are among the most requested items because of the large number of families with children who rely on the Food Pantry. If you prefer to donate money (usually used for perishable items such as milk), please send it directly to the Food Pantry rather than bringing it to services.)

Hosts Needed

Please refer to the temple schedule at the end of this newsletter. There are MANY opportunities available to volunteer, and Temple Beth El needs you. To host the rabbi for the weekend or to host an Adult Study, contact Cindy Mikel (mikcinkc@aol.com); to host Rabbi Jennifer for dinner, contact Randy Sirk (randysir@aol.com). All the oneg hosts have signed up, and Fern Reinstein (threeamstamper@yahoo.com) is the oneg organizer. Please take a moment to sign up—you can email Cindy or Randy to let them know which dates you would like.

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 Jennifer is unable to get to town, it is possible that the Worship Committee will hold a Lay Service.

Shalom Y'all

In October, there was a sort of ex-pat Beth El Sisterhood gathering in North Carolina. Laurie Alterman (who several years ago moved from Dubuque to Durham, with her husband, Lon, and son, Russell) came to pick up current temple member (and newsletter editor) Kate Scheinman, who was visiting her Mom in Fearington, and they drove to the new home of Sheila and Barry Rudin in Carey. Laurie, Sheila, and Kate spent a great evening together, which the photo below tries to capture. (Kate's camera malfunctioned, and thanks to Alan Garfield for salvaging the image.)



Then a few weeks later, Sheila Rudin wrote:

The last weekend in October Barry and I had the honor and pleasure of attending Stephanie Alexander's installation weekend in Charleston, SC. Friday evening there was a dinner in Rabbi Stephanie's honor followed by services which Stephanie led. During Saturday morning's service, Rabbi Stephanie's mentor from Boston, Rabbi Howard Jaffe, gave a touching installation speech. One moving moment occurred when the torah was passed from the congregation's longest serving Rabbi's descendants to the former Rabbi ending with Rabbi Stephanie. It was a very emotional lifecycle moment for the temple. After the Kiddush luncheon, Rabbi Jaffe led an interactive discussion on outreach – much like our Saturday evening study groups. Stephanie, Aaron and Eli love their new city and temple: Kahel Kadosh Beth Elohim (KKBE) was founded in 1749. It is the oldest synagogue in continuous use in the United States. They are very proud of their temple's heritage and history. Needless to say, Rabbi Stephanie's congregants are thrilled to have her. Stephanie mentioned that the congregation reminded her of our Temple Beth El family – warm and friendly. Stephanie, Aaron and Eli send their well wishes to all of you back in Dubuque – as do Barry and I...





Service and Mitzvah Schedule for 5771

Friday, December 3...6:00pm Hanukkah lay service	(dinner with menorah lighting to follow)
Saturday, December 4...10am Andrew Yaunches Bar Mitzvah	
Friday, December 17...7:00pm Shabbat service	oneg: Landau
Saturday, December 18...7:00pm adult study	dinner: Kirk; study: Kirk
	weekend host: Kirk
Friday, December 24 REFLECTIONS IN THE PARK	
Friday, January 21, 2011...7:00pm Shabbat service	oneg: Sandler
Saturday, January 22...7:00pm adult study	dinner: TBD; study: TBD
	weekend host:
Saturday, February 5...4:30pm Sisterhood Havdalah Service at Mt. Carmel	
Friday, February 18...7:00pm Shabbat service	oneg: Aidenbaum
Saturday, February 19...7:00pm adult study	dinner: TBD; study: TBD
	weekend host: Kruse
Friday, March 18...6:00pm Purim service	(with congregational dinner to follow; we
	need a Purim Dinner host)
Saturday, March 19...7:00pm adult study	dinner: TBD; study: TBD
	weekend host: Yaunches
Friday, April 9...7:00pm Visitors' service	Group oneg
Tuesday, April 19 (Passover)—Congregational Seder	
Friday, May 13...7:00pm Shabbat service	oneg: Glenn
Saturday, May 14...7:00pm adult study	dinner: TBD; study: TBD
	weekend host: Goldstein
Friday, June 3...7:00pm Shabbat service	oneg: Mikel-Pearce
Saturday, June 4... Time TBD	End-of-Year Adult Social (host needed)
	weekend host: Dyrke