

Temple Beth El^{ectronic} News

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Thank You

- ✧ To Rabbi Ann for the beautiful and inspiring time we spent together over the High Holidays. Toda rabba (thanks very much)!
- ✧ To Karin for all the work and preparation and spectacular singing for the high holidays. Well done!
- ✧ To David Farber, Ted and Naomi Harrison (Rebecca Gottlieb's mother and step-father), and Randy Sirk for their contributions over the High Holidays. Your generosity is very much appreciated.
- ✧ To Rebecca for all her work in setting up the honors for the high holidays, and for playing the cello during Kol Nidre.
- ✧ To Louie Landau, David Landau, and Emily Kruse, for blowing the shofar. (Loved the pregnant woman in heels blowing the shofar!)
- ✧ To Kate for chanting the Kol Nidre.
- ✧ To everyone else who participated in the High Holiday services.
- ✧ To Phyllis, Fern, and Rebecca for all their work in setting up, serving, and cleaning up the High Holiday meals.
- ✧ To everyone who made the High Holiday Food Drive a success. (See more, below.)
- ✧ To Donny Wood and Rebecca Gottlieb for serving on the panel on religion for the Midwest Multicultural Inclusive Conference, and to Phyllis Garfield for being willing to be the back-up person for the panel.
- ✧ To Lynn Werner who recently hosted Shabbat at her home, in conjunction with World Hunger Week. She had a speaker who is originally from Kenya and a wonderful turnout (3 temple members and a total of about 25 people). Lynn organized a delicious potluck dinner and a very interesting presentation. Thanks so much to Lynn for her commitment to social action and her wonderful efforts! She plans to do other Shabbat get-togethers around a topic of interest. (See more below.)
- ✧ To Larissa for the good job that she is doing conducting some of the Family School sessions.
- ✧ To everyone who has promptly paid their dues! (Hint, hint...)

This Coming Weekend, November 18-19, 2011

- ✧ Friday evening Shabbat Service, 7:00 pm; oneg hosted by Rebecca.
- ✧ Saturday morning Family School, 10:00 am at the temple.
- ✧ Adult Study at 7:00 pm at Cindy and Brett's home; the topic will be Forgiveness, and we will do Havdallah.

We wish a speedy recovery to Jacquie Dyrke following her surgery.

Community and Social Action

Food Drive and the Dubuque Food Pantry

Once again, thanks to everyone who made the High Holiday Food Drive a big success! We collected about 30 bags of groceries. Special thanks to Cindy and Phyllis for transporting the food to the Dubuque Food Pantry.

The temple received a letter from the Food Pantry. They plan to give away 500 Food Baskets to the needy, and they are asking for donations of 3-5 lb. hams, cranberries, stuffing mix, evaporated milk, sweet potatoes, and cake mixes. Please bring items to temple (not sure about the ham?), and we will deliver to the Food Pantry. They request to have the food by December 5.

The Dubuque Food Pantry will also need 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 it directly to the Dubuque Food Pantry, rather than bringing to services.

Crop Walk

Thanks to Alan and Phyllis Garfield for representing Temple Beth El in the Crop Walk. Thanks also to Rea Kirk, Fern & Jesse Reinstein, and the Garfields for their donations. We raised about \$150 to fight hunger locally and globally. Lastly, thanks to Rebecca for organizing our participation—and for everything that she does!

Interfaith Opportunities

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.

November 17: "Abraham/Ibrahim," Tri-State Islamic Center (805 Century Dr. Suite 101), 8:00 PM

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

You may contact Alan with any questions at agarfield@dbq.edu

Dubuque Area Congregations United (DACU) Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service will be Wednesday, November 23, at 7:00 PM at Resurrection Catholic Church on Asbury (next to Sam's Club). The speaker will be the new pastor of St. Luke Methodist Church, Rev. Jon Gaul. The theme is "Go, Make a Difference." There will be a collection for PIN (People in Need), and canned goods for the Dubuque Food Pantry will also be accepted. Take an hour to come and worship with your Dubuque neighbors!

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.

From Lynn Werner

"Tikkun olam" is a Hebrew phrase from the commentaries which means "repair the world." In the High Holy Days we are continually asked as Jews to do just that in the coming year.

None of us can ignore the faces of human suffering. Technology shows them to us and we have to turn away, they are so troubling. The struggles of the poor are growing as world economies seem to collapse, as the struggle for food grows, as climate change creates threats to the pristine balance of our beautiful planet.

I have thought about continuing our adult study group as a lay group gathering at homes for shabbat and discussion. It was my notion to have shabbats at my home in Galena where we would consider issues of social justice. When I got an e-mail from the American Jewish World Service announcing a campaign to combat global hunger by hosting a Global Hunger Shabbat at one's home or synagogue on November 4, I volunteered.

I got a speaker, Dr. Maurice Ogutu, formerly of Kenya, now with the University of Illinois Extension as a speaker. Sending out e-mails to Temple Beth El and random groups in this area of people I thought I might be interested, I was pleased to get more and more people letting me know they would find my house in the country and be here.

I would suggest that people research Global Hunger on the AJWS website and participate in their campaign. I would also like to know if you are interested in further Shabbats around issues of social justice.

I have to say, that lighting the candles, sharing the challah (baked by a non-Jewish woman in such an act of love) and saying the blessing over the wine, in the context of social justice, made me feel very, very good about being Jewish. That is what being Jewish was, my parents told me. Hit or miss as my Jewish upbringing was, that imperative has stayed with me.

Please join me for future shabbats as we consider "Tikkun olam" - repairing the world. As Jews, we are called to nothing less.

Yartzeits

Starting with this bulletin, we are going to list the Yahrzeit names for the upcoming service. The list is especially long this time because we did not have regular Yahrzeit during the High Holidays. 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).

Raymond Alterman	9/1/81	Richard Waxenberg	10/10/58
Abraham Wolberg	9/2/12	Dora Berk	10/15/23
Joseph Weil	9/4/46	Wolf Berk	10/16/60
Albert R. Kadesky	9/5/38	Rebecca Cohen	10/16/98
Lillian Parson	9/5/61	Harry Kouvant	10/16/**
Morris I. Farber	9/8/65	Baby Eisman	10/17/**
Dorothy Goldberg	9/8/00	Ida L. Eisman	10/17/**
Mrs. Tobias Wiley	9/8/**	Jacquos Eisman	10/17/**
Matthew Olansky	9/10/95	Stella R. Zuckerman	10/17/72
Bertha Lela Sachs	9/10/25	Sylvia Farber	10/18/91
Victims of 9/11	9/11/2001	Anschel Jankelwitz	10/18/38
Pearl Barrash Lossman	9/12/60	David Klein	10/23/**
Sarah Dobson Barrash	9/13/57	Rachel Schwartz	10/23/**
James Levi	9/13/1914	Saul Brooks	10/24/84
Milton Surkin	9/14/01	Goldye Kopple	10/25/88
Esther Hertzman	9/16/1918	Leo Magdal	10/25/73
Susan Rotman	9/16/04	Max Bachrach	10/26/43
Florence Spiro	9/17/98	Ida Heller	10/26/91
Harold Barrash	9/19/59	Lillian Glazer	10/30/91
Isaac H. Jacobson	9/19/34	Mrs. Henry Render	10/**/**
Frances D. Marks	9/21/74	Mildred Slevken	10/**/**
Sarah Bilsky	9/22/**	Sarah Robinson	11/2/**
Ida Manhoff	9/22/34	Judy Landau Domagalla	11/2/2010
Jacob Rosenthal	9/22/36	Sylvia Blum	11/2/2010
Sam Polsky	9/24/45	Rose Wiener	11/3/81
A. I. Brin	9/25/05	Sol Burstein	11/4/**
Bertha Zack	9/25/**	Florence L. Moses	11/10/**
Samuel Magdal	9/26/47	Joseph Levenson	11/11/**
Jennie Urbach	9/27/**	Jean Liberg	11/11/**
Lin Silverberg Jeffery	9/28/03	Rose Silverberg	11/11/86
H. Schuman	9/28/14	Esther Diener	11/12/**
Herman Z. Semenov	9/28/87	Israel Pochter	11/12/**
Peter Wester	9/28/53	Tony Harris	11/13/**
Max Reimer	9/29/75	Mabel Magdal	11/**/**
Martin Andrew Uze	9/30/70	Meyer Barrash	11/15/2005
Harold Rubin	10/1/**	Joe Feldstein	11/15/**
Isaac Gordon	10/2/39	Rebecca Goldstein	11/16/1898
Joseph Jacobson	10/2/98	Eliza Levi	11/16/**
Herschel Magdal	10/3/17	Morris Polse	11/18/36
Nellie Sabilowitz	10/3/**	Delia Blumenthal	11/19/1902
Sam Patten	10/8/**	Louis Lippman	11/19/**
Abraham Urbach	10/8/**		

Mazel Tov to Jaclyn and Steve Aidenbaum on the birth of baby Bradley,
born on September 21, 2011.

Also Mazel Tov to Emily Goldberg, who will be featured in the upcoming "Hillels of Illinois,"
discussing her recent "teaming up" with Rabbi Daniel Bogard to lead a service at Bradley
University's Hillel. Once the piece is published, we will share the link.

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) to request an honor.

On the Web

You might want to wander on over to our website to see what we've been up to... Rosh Hashanah, Tashlich, and a new rabbi: <http://www.templebe.org>

"Jewish Links"

From time to time, some of you have asked to share weblinks with the Beth El community. Here are two recent requests:

From Esther Lieberman

<http://www.irenasandler.com/facts.asp>

From Ruthie Silverberg

[Click here: Jewpardy! High Holidays | Babaganewz](#)

Schedule Change

From Temple President, Cindy Pearce: Due to a conflict that the rabbi has, the December visit will be Saturday, December 10 and Sunday, December 11. The rabbi will fly in on Saturday morning, arriving at 9:45, and then we will have Family School. (I don't yet know the exact schedule for everything.) But we will have an early service and then we will have our Hanukkah dinner party on Saturday night. We can decide a little later if we will try to do an Adult study at some point over those two days.

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 (mikalcink@aol.com)
- ✧ To host the rabbi for a dinner, contact Randy Sirk (randysir@aol.com)
- ✧ To host an oneg, contact Fern Reinstein (threeamstamper@yahoo.com)
- ✧ To host an adult study, contact Lynn Werner (lynn.o.werner@att.net)



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.)

Friday, November 18...7:00pm Shabbat service dinner: Goldstein/Chapman; oneg: Gottlieb
Saturday, November 19...7:00pm adult study dinner: Kruse; study: Pearce
weekend host: Kruse

Saturday, December 10 to Sunday, December 11
This is the weekend where events and times still need to be finalized. There will be family school on Saturday morning and a Hanukkah Service and dinner (with candle lighting) later that day. The Garfields will be hosting Rabbi Ann for the weekend.

Saturday, December 24 REFLECTIONS IN THE PARK

Friday, January 6, 2012...7:00pm Shabbat service dinner: Shebroe; oneg: Garfield
Saturday, January 7...7:00pm adult study dinner: Garfield; study: TBD
weekend host: TBD

Friday, February 3...7:00pm Shabbat service dinner: Goldberg/Scheinman; oneg: TBD
Saturday, February 4...7:00pm adult study dinner: Landau; study: Goldberg/Scheinman
weekend host: Goldberg/Scheinman

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. The Landaus will host the rabbi for the weekend.

Saturday, April 17 (Passover)—Congregational Seder--No Rabbi

Friday, April 13...7:00pm Visitors' service Group oneg; Dinner: Gottlieb
Saturday, April 14...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: TBD
Saturday, June 9...Time TBD End-of-Year Adult Social (host needed)
weekend host: Werner