

Temple Beth El^{Electronic} News

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Welcome Back to Beth El

This coming week, you should receive 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, your membership dues statement, and a temple roster. If your mailing or email addresses have recently changed, please email Kate Scheinman (kscheinman@aol.com) right away with your updated contact information.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING—Sunday, September 14, 1:00 pm at Temple

Mark your calendar for next Sunday's Congregational Meeting. This is an IMPORTANT meeting where we will discuss the recent temple flooding and what—if anything—can/should be done to avoid this problem in the future. We will also be looking for committee chairs. Bring your comments and concerns. PLEASE come!

ALEXANDER LEVI CELEBRATION AND DUBUQUE JEWISH FAMILY REUNION WEEKEND A HUGE SUCCESS!

A million thanks to Karin Pritikin for her masterful organization of the Alexander Levi (pronounced "Leevee" by his descendants) exhibit currently on display at the National Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium. This exhibit runs until the end of 2008, and if you have not already seen it (or even if you have), I urge you to visit the exhibit and bring your families. Thanks also to Barb Alexander for coming up with the original idea for this marvelous celebration and for her work on the press releases.

Concurrent with the exhibit, the extended Beth El community celebrated a "Dubuque Jewish Family Reunion." Far-flung former members of our congregation (such as the Alterman family) celebrated with us over a long weekend. Our Shabbat Morning Service was led by three rabbis and a cantor!! Our own Rabbi Stephanie Alexander was joined by her husband--our former student Rabbi Aaron Sherman; and our former spiritual leader, Cantor Gail Karp, was joined by her husband—Rabbi Henry Karp. It was quite a service, and we were honored by everyone's participation.

Throughout the weekend, we were joined by members of the Levi family—the direct descendants of Alexander and Minette Levi. Their presence powerfully contributed to our celebration of the Jewish past and present in Dubuque. We hope to see them again!

Thank you to everyone who helped organize this fantastic weekend, including, but NOT limited to Alan and Phyllis Garfield, Susan Farber, Frank Farber, and our temple president, Sheila Rudin.

T-shirts commemorating the weekend are still available for \$10. Remaining sizes are L, XL, and XXL. Contact Ellie Landau (landau@mhtc.net) if you would like to purchase a shirt.

Visit our temple website (<http://www.templebe.org> or <http://be.urj.net>) to view photos from the Dubuque Jewish Family Reunion weekend. Our webmaster, Alan Garfield, will also post Shabbat and High Holy Day schedules as details are decided. Thanks Alan!

From Jacquie Dyrk

OVER THE HILL BAT MITZVAH

On Saturday, November 1st, at one o'clock at Temple Beth El, I am attempting something that I was denied as a youth – my Bat Mitzvah. Way back in 50's, girls could only have a Confirmation ceremony. I didn't even have that as my mother quoted her father, "It isn't important for girls to have a religious education – only boys." Times have changed and fifty-eight years late, I am trying to rectify my mother's error – girls are important too!

You are all invited to the service and the reception to be held at the synagogue. Please mark November 1st on your calendar!

Many Thanks

Thanks so much to everyone who helped with the temple clean up during and after the recent flooding: Alan and Phyllis Garfield, Emily and Larry Goldberg, Dan Harris, Barry and Sheila Rudin, Kate Scheinman, and Randy Sirk. Also a special thank you to KANND0, who really came through for Beth El. Thank you!!

Thanks to the people who kept our temple open during the recent Tour of Historic Places of Worship: Alan and Phyllis Garfield, Rebecca Gottlieb, Sheila Rudin, and Bei Ruetten.

Thanks to the following families for contributing to the "Apples for Students" program. Alexander, Blum, Garfield, Goldberg-Scheinman, Golder, Goldstein, Kirk, Landau, Reinstein, Rotman, Rudin, Silverberg, and Sirk. We were able to supply 28 students with school supplies!!

Yahrzeit Memorial Board

The new Yahrzeit Memorial Board has finally arrived and will soon be hung. Special thanks to Barb and Dick Alexander, Ann Barrash, Darlene and Sidney Blum, Suzanne and Alvin Blum, Sylvia Blum, Frank Farber, Susan Farber, Linda and Carl Rotman, and Barry and Sheila Rudin for donating this new memorial board.

NEW Column: Mitzvah Minutes

We are a small congregation, like an extended family. We would like to start a new column in this newsletter highlighting special occasions, big family moments, milestones, and so on. If you would like to include an announcement in an upcoming newsletter, email your news to Kate Scheinman.

To start this column, Kate and Larry are thrilled (and sad and a bit poorer) to announce that their son, Benjamin Goldberg, is starting his first year at the University of Iowa. Mazel Tov, Ben. We love you!!

Proposed Schedule of Services for 5769 –

Sunday September 14: Fall Congregational Meeting, 1:00 PM at the Temple

* Rosh Hashanah: Monday, Sept. 29
Tuesday, Sept. 30

* Yom Kippur: Wednesday, Oct. 8
Thursday, Oct. 9

October 31- November 1 (including Jacquie Dyrke's Bat Mitzvah)

November 14: Lay Service

December 5-6

December 19-20 (Hanukkah service – two nights before actual beginning of Hanukkah)

January 30 Lay Service

January 9-10

February 13-14

March 6-7 (Purim)

April 3-4 (Visitor Service + Passover)

April 24 Lay Service and Spring Congregational Meeting

May 8-9

June 5-6