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See page 15 for more event details!

RELIGIOUS SERVICE SCHEDULE DECEMBER 2013

December 6	Erev Shabbat Candle lighting	5:45 pm 4:21 pm
December 7	Saturday morning Parshat Vayiggash <i>Maftir: Ed Fineberg</i> Shabbat Mincha	9:30 am 4:30 pm
December 13	Erev Shabbat Candle lighting	5:45 pm 4:22 pm
December 14	Saturday morning Parshat Vayhi <i>Maftir: Naomi Ivker</i> Shabbat Mincha	9:30 am 4:30 pm
December 20	Erev Shabbat Candle lighting	5:45 pm 4:24 pm
December 21	Saturday morning Parshat Shemot <i>Maftir: Michael Goldstein</i> Shabbat Mincha	9:30 am 4:30 pm
December 27	Erev Shabbat Candle lighting	5:45 pm 4:28 pm
December 28	Saturday morning Parshat Va'era <i>Maftir: Ayala Abrams</i> Shabbat Mincha	9:30 am 4:30 pm

Weekday Service Schedule



Daily Morning Minyan	7:00 am
Sundays & Secular Holidays	8:00 am
Daily Afternoon Minyan	5:30 pm
Saturday Afternoon Minyan	4:30pm

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Message From Rabbi Konigsburg



Like a Prayer

In the Movie “Gravity” (no spoiler alert, just one thought while watching the movie) Sandra Bullock asks someone to pray for her. She claims she does not know how to pray, that no one ever taught her. There are many good lines in the movie but, when you are a Rabbi that is the one line of dialogue that jumps out at you.

We get that kind of a question/statement all the time. How can I pray if I don’t know how? How can I pray when I am not feeling prayerful? How can I pray if nobody ever showed me how to pray? Can I pray when I am not in synagogue? Can I pray if I have not been in synagogue for many years?

I have to thank my colleague, the famous Rabbi Harold Kushner for first showing me how to properly answer questions like these. Until his lecture, I honestly didn’t know how to answer the questions. I know how to pray. I have studied prayer in school for almost ten years. I have been praying since I was a small child. I was taught to pray. I was trained by my teachers to pray and I have a very active prayer life. I had almost no conception about what it would be like to live a life without prayer.

Rabbi Kushner understood the question behind the question. He taught that asking how to pray is like asking how do I eat? Or how do I learn? Or how do I breathe? Everyone prays. It is a natural part of living.

Like everything else in life we assume that there are others who must be better at prayer than we are. Others who are more practiced, who are more religious, who are more spiritual, who can do prayer better than we can. But nobody can pray the prayers that are in our own hearts and only we have the needs that drive us to pray.

There is a story of a man who is preparing to serve as Shaliach Tzibor, as the prayer leader for Yom Kippur. This is the day when the prayers are so intricate and complicated that one must prepare carefully in order not to confuse yourself or the congregation. The man prepared meticulously, learning not only the words of the liturgy but the mystical meanings behind each prayer. Just before the service of Yom Kippur started, the Rabbi found the man in tears behind the synagogue.

“What is wrong?” asked the Rabbi. “Are you sick? Are you hurt?” “No” said the man, “I prepared so hard for this service, and I can’t remember a thing about the prayers or the mystical meanings behind them. I even wrote them down on a piece of paper, so I would not forget and I lost the paper!”

The rabbi replied, “Where there is a fire in a house, the firefighters need to have the keys to the house in order to open all the doors, so they can rescue those inside and put out the flames. But there is one key that opens all doors, it is the ax. With an ax, they can open every door without waiting for the key. So it is with prayer. The mystical meanings are the keys that unlock the secrets of each prayer. But tears are the ax that can open every door. Your tears will assure this community of forgiveness and of the acceptance of our prayers.”

When our prayers are spoken with sincerity, humility and need, we can expect the pain in our heart to break through any door that would block our prayers from Heaven and it bring it right to the place where God can be found. What it will bring is hope, courage and faith to help us find our way out of the darkness into the light.

Don’t say that you need someone else to pray for you. It is your own needs that make you an instant Baal Tephilla – a Master of Prayer.

Message From President, Arlene Fisher



The High Holydays and Chanukah are in our rearview mirror; 2014 is close at hand! These past few months have been filled with many good things, not the least of which is all the positive comments I have heard about OUR Rabbi and Michelle! They both have made an immediate impact on our kehilla as well as the Jewish and general community. I am so happy that they are here!

Our 2nd Clergy Search Committee has begun its initial work. Serving as chair of the committee is Jacob Halpern; Naomi Kipp is his co-chair. Committee members are: Lisa Bor, Tracy Diamond, Todd Doobrow, Ed Fineberg, Shari Friedman, Michelle Konigsburg, Jimmy Krell, Rebecca Rothman, Karen Weinrib, and Danielle Weintraub. Rabbi Konigsburg, Maurine Halpern and I are serving as ex-officio members. The application has been completed and submitted to the proper organization. To give you insight into the qualifications we are seeking, here is part of what was included in our application: Rabbinical or cantorial training is preferred, with a degree in education and/or experience running a religious school. Individuals from a variety of backgrounds are encouraged to apply, particularly candidates with a musical background. Preferred candidates will have a proven rapport with children, teens and young-adults, proficiency in leading prayer and reading Torah, a warm and charismatic personality, and a passion for Jewish life. We are optimistic that we will receive many applicants, and then the interview process will actually begin.

Our by-laws are being reviewed by the recently constituted By-Laws Committee – Franklin Tessler, Chair, Julian Brook, Steven Corenblum, Gary Schiff, and Dan Weinrib; Loraine Reznik is serving as an ex-officio member. If you would like to suggest a by-laws modification, please contact Franklin Tessler.

As you are aware, there is a proposed development of the Highland Diagnostic property. A Task Force Property Committee has been formed – Julian Brook, Alan Engel, Eric Goldis, Eddie Griffith, Jack Schaeffer, Dan Weinrib, the Rabbi, Bob Greenberg, Teresa Mason, and I have been meeting to discuss the issues arising from this proposed project. Two main concerns exist as far as TBE is concerned: safety of our children attending Religious School and adults both during the construction phase and afterwards and the possibility of parking encroachment onto our two small lots by tenants of the apartments. We have been attending City Planning and Review meetings. Jack Schaeffer initiated a meeting with Harbert (they are the developers, along with a group from Atlanta) representatives to share these concerns, plus discuss when our High Holydays are with regard to the construction activity. Obviously, if this project goes forth, we will be losing the back parking lot that we use for our When Pigs Fly Bar-B-Q (alternate plans are already in the works) and for overflow parking during Rosh Hashanah/Yom Kippur, etc. We are looking into other parking options.

Our fun evening is just around the corner – Comedienne, Monica Piper, Saturday night, December 14, 7:30 PM - and I hope you are planning to be there for a fun evening. Bruce Downs, Debby Thomas, Teresa Mason, Cathy Fingerma, and Karen Halpern are committee members who have been working on the many aspects of this event. Steven Corenblum, Howard Bearman, Todd Doobrow, and Susan Greene headed up the Sponsorship Committee, bringing in lots of dollars which will insure the success of this fundraiser! Bring your friends and family and get ready to laugh! I look forward to sharing the evening with you!

Message from Foundation President, Barbara Bonfield



Robin Gandler Gotlieb

After a careful search, the Temple Beth-El Foundation has selected Robin Gandler Gotlieb to serve as its next Executive Director. Robin previously lived in Birmingham and worked as Executive Director for Temple Emanu-El from 1990 to 1996. She has lived in Mobile from 1996 until the present where she has had a Massage Therapy business with an extensive clientele in the Mobile area. Robin has vast volunteer experience in the Jewish community, both in Mobile and in Birmingham. She also participated in varied volunteer leadership roles with her children's school and other non-profit organizations, most of which involved key fundraising responsibilities.

Robin was motivated to initiate a return to Birmingham because her son, JJ, has accepted a job here upon graduation from Tulane Law School in the Spring of 2014. Robin's daughter, Carlie, lives in Dallas, and works at Children's Medical Center in administration.

In addition to her work in massage therapy and volunteer activities, Robin enjoys her Labrador Retriever, Lance, along with gardening, and Do-It-Yourself projects.

Robin will join us in January. If you are a donor, this means that you can look forward to receiving more and better attention from the Foundation. We want you to meet and welcome Robin. Watch for news of a special event for that purpose.

From our always generous congregants, we received the following donations in November:

- Dalia and Keith Abrams established the **Dalia and Keith Abrams Dues Assistance Fund**.
- Victoria and Matt Baldwin gave a generous donation the **Rabbi Culpeper and Irby Cohen Performing Arts Fund** in memory of Irby Cohen on his Yahrzeit.
- Mayer Cohen gave a donation to the **Rabbi Culpeper and Irby Cohen Performing Arts Fund** in memory of Irby Cohen, on his Yahrzeit.
- Wendy Pollets gave a generous donation to the **Jill Radwin Confirmation Trip Fund** in memory of Adam Fisher.
- Lana and Stephen Royal gave a donation to the **Ceitlin Family Kiddush Luncheon Fund**, in memory of Leonard Schwartz.
- Robbie Rosenbaum gave a donation to the **Margy and Albert Rosenbaum Fund**, in appreciation for Lanny Kline's help.
- The Family of Jenny Cohen gave a donation to the **Lapidus Fund**, in honor of Billy Lapidus, "In appreciation for your care and great kindness during the recent illness of Jenny Cohen."
- Beth and Keith Jackson gave a generous donation to the **Rabbi Culpeper and Irby Cohen Performing Arts Fund** in memory of Irby Cohen on his Yahrzeit.
- Sheri and Jimmy Krell gave a very generous donation to the **Arnold and Florie Krell Childcare Fund**.
- An anonymous donor gave a very generous donation to the **General Fund**.

*If you are thinking of making a contribution to the Foundation by December 31, remember that through the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 Congress renewed the ability to make tax-free distributions from a Traditional or Roth Individual Retirement Account (IRA) to a charitable organization. Check with your financial advisor for details.

TEMPLE BETH-EL
Religious School

**Temple Beth-El's
Religious School wishes
you and your family a
Happy, **SILLY**, Chanukah!**



Traveling Shabbat Dinner on December 6

Our third Traveling Shabbat dinner is set for December 6. Thank you to all of the Religious School families that have made this program a success. It has been a lot of fun celebrating Shabbat in our friend's homes and getting to know each other better. Our Shabbat bags have been a huge hit!

Camp-style Family Shabbat Ruach and Dinner on December 20

If you missed the last Family Shabbat Ruach, you really missed out! Rabbi Konigsburg led an uplifting, musical Shabbat that pleased both the young and the young at heart. Rabbi K created a new service with a new seating arrangement and everyone seemed to love it. Sam Rosenbaum, guest musician, will be joining Rabbi K on December 20th and you don't want to miss it! We had around 120 people attend the October Family Shabbat Ruach and over 80 of them stayed for dinner.

Winter Break

Winter break is December 21-January 3. There will be no Junior Congregation or Religious School during this time. Classes will resume on Sunday, January 5.

Youth Group

For more information about Youth Groups, please contact Taryn Fink at tefink@gmail.com

Upcoming Religious School January Events

January 5: Students Return to School

January 10: Traveling Shabbat Dinner*

January 12: Tu B'shvat Activities at TBE*

January 15: Tu B'shvat Community Seder at NEMJDS (3rd-6th)*

January 18-19: No Jr. Congregation/Religious School—MLK Day

January 31: Family Shabbat Ruach and Dinner*

*Students in grades PreK-10 that are registered for "activities only" are also invited to attend these activities

ADULT EDUCATION WITH RABBI KONIGSBURG

The God Monologues: Finding Hidden Meaning in The Bible

It is so easy to start reading the Bible and getting frustrated by the many difficulties that can be found in the text. But hidden underneath all the confusion is an epic story of meaning, hope and courage: A story that you can relate to your own life. Join us as we examine the many layers of Bible study, including both modern and ancient commentaries. You will never look at the Bible the same way ever again.

*Tuesdays: December 3, 10, 17
12:00-1:30pm
Bring a dairy sack lunch*

Jewish Sages Unchained: Rabbinic Secrets of Life and Living

The Rabbis of the Talmud were famous for splitting hairs and arguing the details for Jewish Law. But when they finished the day, they had a lot of practical advice on how to live, work and play. These ethical teachings are not designed to chastise or lecture, they are a way of looking at life that is both practical and wise. See Judaism through the eyes of the Sages who created it.

*Tuesdays: December 3, 10, 17
6:00-7:30pm
Dinner will be provided for \$10 per person or \$15 per couple.
RSVP to egregory@templebeth-el.net*

Tradition vs. Modernity: What Happens When Ancient Jewish Law Meets the Real World

How can one learn about using an iPad on Shabbat if the Bible doesn't know about iPads? Why does Judaism say that watching a football game is work and thus forbidden on Shabbat? How can Judaism accept Homosexuality when the Torah expressly forbids it? If it is forbidden to cook a calf in its mothers milk then why is chicken considered meat? Who decides these things, and why don't I get to vote on it? We all wonder about how Jewish Law makes its decisions, this monthly series will examine some of the decisions made by Conservative Rabbis, how and why they decided, and see if you agree. Each month we will tackle a new topic and discuss it right after lunch; right after Saturday services. We invite you to pull up a chair and join the discussion.

Saturday, December 7 following the Kiddush Nosh

MEN'S CLUB NEWS

After a busy fall the Men's Club is getting ready for Chanukah. Our upcoming events are as follows:

- Blood Drive—Sunday, November 24th from 9am-12pm before the Sisterhood Chanukah Luncheon, in the Social Hall
- Chanukah Happy Hour—Tuesday, December 3rd at 5:45pm at Red Zone Bar in Southside
- The Men's Club has purchased 6 season tickets to Samford University Men's Basketball and will have first come first serve seating to all home games for Men's Club members. Look for an e-mail kicking off this program.
- Be on the lookout for a special winter event to be announced in the next month.

Join the Men's Club today. **Dues are \$36/year.** Call me with any questions, suggestions, or concerns at 205-365-1285.

-Eric Goldis

GETTING TO KNOW RABBI KONIGSBURG

I was born in Sharon, PA, so close to the Ohio border. I moved to Florida, however when I was six years old. My father explained that we moved to Florida because it was a bad winter and we had a long driveway. We moved to Hollywood, Florida and then to Pompano Beach, just north of Ft. Lauderdale.

I was able to walk (or ride a bike) to Temple Sholom of Pompano where I attended religious school and USY. I was vice president of my chapter and vice president of the Arvot sub-region. I attended four International Conventions.

I attended Pompano Beach Senior High School where I graduated in the top 10% of my class and earned a Faculty Scholars scholarship at Florida Atlantic University that allowed me to enter college as a junior, skipping my freshman and sophomore years. I was an assistant editor of the campus newspaper. I graduated with a BA in Social Psychology. I missed my Graduation ceremony, however, because of a wedding; graduation was scheduled for the same day that I married Michelle.

THIS MONTH IN JEWISH HISTORY

28 KISLEV – 28 TEVET

- 1 Tevet – A public synagogue was dedicated in Madrid Spain. It was the first synagogue in Madrid since the Inquisition and expulsion from Spain in 1492. A synagogue had been opened in Spain in 1917. This was Spain's second synagogue – 1949
- 6 Tevet – A seminary for the training of traditional rabbis and teachers was founded by Dr. Saabato Morais in New York. This school would eventually become the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. One of the students who started there was Joseph H. Hertz, who would become the Chief Rabbi of the British Empire and editor of the Hertz Humash.—1887
- 18 Tevet – Yahrzeit of Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, Theologian, author, Civil Rights activist and professor at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America
- 27 Tevet – Yahrzeit of Rabbi Robert Gordis, author of many books about the nature and philosophy of Conservative Judaism.

CHESED UPDATE



We are so excited about the recent launching of our new outreach program to serve our synagogue community of senior adults who are unable to visit with us at Temple Beth-El. A new group of dedicated volunteers has begun calling these senior members on the phone on a regular basis to check in with them and let them know that our community cares about them and is thinking of them.

This program is in addition to our ongoing holiday programs and visits, one of which we just had on November 22 to celebrate Chanukah.

If you would like to volunteer for our new telephoning program or would like to pay holiday visits to those in our community who are unable to visit with us at the synagogue, please email us or call the temple office.

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Cindy May
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"Camp Style" Family Shabbat Ruach & Dinner

Friday, December 20th Rabbi Konigsburg will be partnering with visiting musician Sam Rosenbaum to add song and ruach to our services.

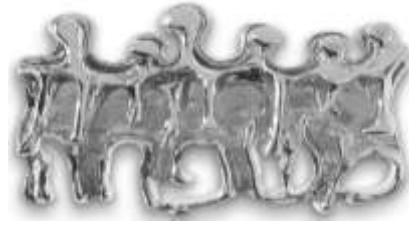
Join us at 5:45pm for **Family Shabbat Ruach** which will be conducted in the Social Hall, as Sam brings his experience leading an energized musical Shabbat service. Sam has traveled the country as a song-leader and musician. He has worked for many years as a leader at Camp Ramah and developed the on-line "School of Jewish Rock" to help spread an appreciation of Jewish music. This service will be perfect for all ages.

Following Family Shabbat Ruach, join us for a Shabbat Dinner.
Cost for chicken dinner is \$12 per adult, \$5 children 5-18.

To reserve your spot at the dinner, please visit www.templebeth-el.net or call the TBE Office at 933-2740 by Thursday, December 19th at noon.



Sisterhood



TORAH FUND 2014

DID YOU KNOW THAT.....

- 1) Tuition at the Jewish Theological Seminary ranges from \$18,460 to \$33,520 depending on the program in which the student is enrolled.
- 2) Living costs range from \$22,900 to \$24,400 depending upon whether the student lives on or off campus, is married and/or has children.
- 3) Joint/Double Degree Programs add between \$27,740 and \$34,510 more in tuition for students enrolled in the Joint/double Degree programs with Columbia and Barnard.
- 4) While it may cost an individual student \$66,934 or more per year for his/her education, it costs JTS much more than the amount it receives in tuition to educate its students.

YOUR Torah Fund gift helps offset the difference. Participation in the Torah Fund Campaign is our way of keeping Jewish education within reach of our future rabbis, cantors, educators, scholars, and lay leaders.

We would be delighted to deliver to you a gift packet containing the beautiful pin—Mishpacha—and a couple of donation cards. Levels of investment are:

Patron - \$1200
Associate Patron - \$600
Guardian - \$300
Benefactor - \$180

Options: monthly installments; payable with all major credit cards.

JOIN US!

Hannah Helman, 967-9659
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BETH-EL BABY BASKETS

Every time there is a Baby born to a Temple Beth-El Member, the new child is welcomed by Sisterhood with a beautiful basket filled with Judaica, warm handmade gifts, and a few surprises.

Ilse Nathan has knit beautiful Baby Blankets for a number of years and she has been so generous of her time and skills – Todah, Ilse!

Sisterhood is looking for some knitters to follow in Ilse's footsteps (actually fine finger/hand movements)! We provide the yarn and quick instructions. Boy, Girl and "neutral" small blankets are needed for our newest members. We can never have enough on hand – we need to be ready to wrap each one in a Beth-El hug.

Kim Mirelman adds the hand-knit blankets to the baskets she creates with items purchased through Esther Levy, the buyer of Sisterhood's beautiful Gift Shop. Kim hand delivers the basket to the family. Todah to you, too, Kim!

There is always a selection of Judaica for babies and children of all ages. Please visit our Gift Shop first when buying a gift for babies here at home or anywhere in the country! If you have some ideas of what you want and don't see it, or if you need a suggestion, please contact Esther Levy at elevyart@me.com.

WELCOME NEW SISTERHOOD MEMBER!

Rebecca Rothman

NOVEMBER 2ND AUTHOR VISIT A SUCCESS!

Sisterhood



Sisterhood hosted an evening and dessert reception with internationally bestselling author Naomi Ragen, on November 2nd, following an evening event hosted in conjunction with that weekend's 38th Annual Conference of the Southern Jewish Historical Society. The group was in Birmingham commemorating the Civil Rights Movement. Naomi Ragen is the Rosa Parks of Israel,

demonstrating, fighting for, and winning the right of women to sit anywhere they wanted on Israeli buses.



The diverse audience followed Naomi's journey to find the voice in her best-selling acclaimed novels: *Sotah*, *Jephte's Daughter*, *The Sacrifice of Tamar*, *The Ghost of Hannah Mendes*, *Chains Around the Grass*, *The Covenant*, *The Saturday Wife*, *The Tenth Song*, and the latest, *The Sisters Weiss*. Her books are



set in a many-faceted Orthodox community of the 20th and 21st centuries. Naomi is Orthodox by choice, and her presentation followed her religious journey through the unfolding of the women's stories in her novels. Ragen signed copies of this recently published book. Little Professor provided the books purchased and gave 20% of the proceeds to our Sisterhood.

We thank the following for providing this wonderful event: Sharon Kahn for putting it all together; Ginger Brook for invitations; Hannah Helman, Arlene Fisher, and Shirley Froehlich for the reception; Linda Jaffe for selling the books; Natalie and Albert Sikora for manning the welcome desk; Joe Preston of B & B Printing for the posters, and Rabbi and Michelle Konigsburg and Debby Thomas for all you do. Todah to all!



BLINTZ BAKING THANK YOU!

Something very unique and exciting occurred this year with our Blintz Sale. Firstly, we made all the blintzes in ONE DAY (a record) and secondly, we were sold out on the very same day! Certainly, history has been made in our Temple kitchen.

Of course, this could never have been done without our loyal and wonderful helpers. I am so grateful to the following ladies who made this all possible. They are:

Shirley Froehlich
Eva Wilensky

Joy Fleisher
Arlene Fisher

Sandy Stern
Susan Goldstein

Pat Miller
Susan Padove

These ladies are truly one of a kind and I thank each and every one of them for their loyalty and expertise. They were such a pleasure to work with.

Lastly, I want to thank all of you who supported our sale. Your contribution certainly helps Sisterhood honor all our commitments to Temple. Yasher Koach to you all!!!

-Hannah Helman

Sisterhood

SISTERHOOD SHABBAT—SATURDAY, JANUARY 11TH, 2014



Please join us for Shabbat Services on January 11th,
as the women of Temple Beth-El Sisterhood lead
the services from beginning to end!

Women in Conservative synagogues throughout the world will
commemorate Shabbat Beshallah at the same time.

If you are a Sisterhood Member and are interested in participating in the
service, contact Caryn Corenblum (caryn40@aol.com or 967-6250)
or Cindy May (cndmay@bellsouth.net or 967-5512).

A Kiddush Luncheon sponsored by Sisterhood will follow the service.

DONATIONS TO SISTERHOOD

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Brian Grodner**
A Chai donation wishing Mazal Tov to **Sandy & Morton**
Stern on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter Maddie
Stern

A Chai donation wishing Mazal Tov to **Pat & Neal Miller**
on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson

A Chai donation wishing Mazal Tov to **Carol Tuck** on the
birth of her great-granddaughter Violet Love Foran

A Chai donation in loving memory of the mother of Mike
Wolfson

Mazal Tov to **Ellen Bruck** on the birth of her grandson
William Melvin Krawitz

From: *Hannah & Colin Helman*

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A Chai donation wishing speedy recovery to **Pam**
Ruttenberg

From: *Shirley & Ron Froehlich*

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Stern on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter Maddie
Stern

From: *Pam Ruttenberg & Arnold Shiland*

Wishing speedy recovery to **Pam Ruttenberg**

From: *Lynette & J.B. Mazer*

Wishing speedy recovery to **Pam Ruttenberg**

From: *Ruth Siegler*

Sisterhood Flower Fund

Mazal Tov to **Hannah & Colin Helman** on the Bar Mitzvah
of their grandson Jake Lichtman

Wishing a speedy recovery to **Pam Ruttenberg**

From: *Pat & Neal Miller*

LEAGRAMS

Paul Grodner & family: In loving memory of your son
Brian Grodner

Eileen Curtis: In loving memory of your grandson
Jonathan Silverman

From: *Esther & Jerry Brown*

Sheila Friedman & family: In loving memory of your
husband, Richard Friedman

Cecile & Max Herzel: Mazal Tov on your 58th anniversary

Jay Cohen (Atlanta): Mazal Tov on your special birthday

Lynn Bloomston: In loving memory of Frank Harris on his
Yahrzeit

Lynn Bloomston: In loving memory of Bobby Spielberger
on his Yahrzeit

From: *Ralph Sokol*

Carol Tuck: Mazal Tov on the birth of your great-
granddaughter Violet

Leah & Henry Lapidus: Mazal Tov on the wedding of
your granddaughter Erin

Faye & Sidney Bernstein: Mazal Tov on the wedding of
your grandson Scott Joe

Jan & Kenny Jaffe: In loving memory of your uncle Perry
Lee Jaffe

Paul Grodner & family: In loving memory of your son
Brian Grodner

Faye & Norris Friedman: In loving memory of your son-
in-law Brian Grodner

From: *Gloria Weintraub*

Want to send a Leagram? Contact Leagrams Chair
Melba Epsman... melbaepsman@att.net, 879-4042.
Each Leagram is only \$3, and Melba is ready to fulfill your
requests. They are a wonderful way to share a simcha or
offer sympathy or wish someone a speedy recovery.

SPEEDY RECOVERY

Best wishes for a speedy recovery and continued good health to:

**Lynn Bloomston, Jenny Cohen, Vic Feigelson,
Toby Klein, Dede Lurie, Pam Ruttenberg**

CONDOLENCES

With sympathy, we wish the following families peace and love during their time of sorrow:

Ronald Jay Barnes

Husband of Edith Davis Barnes; Brother of Jeffrey Barnes and Bruce Barnes;
Father of Robbie Caponetto and Mitch Caponetto

Joseph G. Bronstein

Father of Janet Bronstein and Judy Bronstein

Sidney Konigsburg

Father of Robin Warren and Alan Konigsburg; Uncle of Rabbi Randall Konigsburg

May the families be comforted among the other mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS

Mazal Tov to the following on their Special Birthdays for the month of December:

**Terry Bernstein, Bert Bloomston, Mark Crayne,
James Cullinan, Mark Entman, Zinaida Golubova,
Karen Halpern, Joe Levy, Bari Sokol**

*Special Birthdays are published in the bulletin beginning with
age 50 and every 5 years thereafter.



DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Jodi & David Benck (19)

Miriam & Steven Bleich (4)

Barbara & Scott Brande (25)

Katherine & Steven Bromberg (3)

Cathy & Irwin Fingerman (33)

Susan & Gary Goldstein (44)

Hannah & Colin Helman (44)

Riv & Herb Husid (60)

Meg & Mark Krawitz (10)

Pat & Neal Miller (47)

Andi & Joe Preston (47)

Micky & Stanley Rubenstein (60)

Lora & Leonard Schwartz (49)

Susan & Ronald Shiland (41)

Lynette & Alvin Slaughter (58)

Linda & Howard Wiener (14)

Masha & Boris Yampolsky (26)



LET'S WRAP FOR FAMILY PROMISE! (FORMERLY BIRMINGHAM HOSPITALITY NETWORK)

The holiday season is fast approaching. So many of you volunteered over the last few years and felt the joy of helping families get back to independence. The work you do in Family Promise matters and the love you showed influenced one of the recipients to dedicate herself to Family Promise once she is back on her feet. Your volunteerism means so much and you are needed again.

Monday, December 23 and Tuesday, December 24, 2013 are the dates for Temple Beth-El and Temple Emanu-El to staff the Family Promise Gift Wrap Booth at Colonial Brookwood Village.

This is an annual holiday event and one of Family Promise's biggest fundraisers. Shoppers drop off their gifts and for a small donation we beautifully wrap them and everyone is happy! Shoppers love this service because there is no other gift wrap service in the Mall (that I am aware of). Family Promise supplies all the paper, ribbon and supplies, we just need you!

Don't think you have a talent for gift wrapping? Don't worry, we need folks to work the front desk and take money, too.



Shifts run two hours and the booth is open during Mall hours. We need at least four people (minimum age 16) to work each shift. **The booth is located in a store front near Macy's this year.** We have so much fun and we help raise a lot of money for Family Promise, which keeps our homeless families sheltered, fed and well cared for each and every week.

Select the shift(s) you prefer or indicate when you are available and **call 205.967.2229 or email to bsiegel@realtysouth.com or tbs2229@aol.com.** We will confirm your shift early December.

If you haven't volunteered for Family Promise before, this is a really fun way to become acquainted with the good work they do!

With Much Gratitude!
Toby & Bert Siegel
Volunteer Coordinators

Monday, December 23, 2013

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 24, 2013

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

TODAH RABAH

Temple Beth-El extends thanks to **Rabbi Ira Flax** for conducting a funeral when Rabbi Konigsburg was away at a conference.

Thank you to **Eric Asman** of Threads for the embroidery of our new large Tallisim that are now available in the Chapel for use during worship.

L'CHAIM WITH RABBI K FOR TBE YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

Wednesday, December 4th
6:00-8:00pm
Good People Brewery



Come and welcome Rabbi Konigsburg to TBE while enjoying "L'Chaim's" and nosh at Good People Brewery! We hope to see you there.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Miriam Bleich at miriambleich@gmail.com.

**This program is an initiative of TBE's Young Adult Outreach and is open to current and prospective members between the ages of 21-35.*

FIND THE FUNNY!

EVENT
DETAILS

On Saturday, December 14th, Temple Beth-El will welcome you for an evening of comedy, good food and beverages, and socializing. Here are some additional details to help make it a special night for all:

- **Food and Beverages:** Complimentary Champagne, Wine, Beer, Chocolates and Desserts; Cash Bar for Mixed Drinks Available
- **After Party w/Live Auction:** Led by special guest auctioneer, Dr. Jack Schaeffer
- **Childcare at the LJCC:** The LJCC is offering a Parents Night Out, 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm on Saturday, December 14th. For more information contact Abby Durham, 879-0144, ext. 253.
- **Financial Support:** Through the support of the Men's Club and Sisterhood, a limited number of discounted tickets are available. Contact Bob Greenberg (933-2740) or Sue Lischkoff (956-1353) if you would like more information.
- **Need a Ride:** If you or a family member prefer not to drive at night, call the office and we'll help find a ride.

DIRECTORY CHANGES

Betty & Bob Anfanger

2350 Montevallo Road #1504
Birmingham, AL 35223

Marissa Shelsky

3436 Summit Drive
Birmingham, AL 3543

Leah & Jerome Safer

Home: (205) 983-7982

Welcome New Members! *(as of November 18th)*

Danielle Bogart

716 Saulter Lane
Birmingham, AL 35209
daniellebogart@gmail.com
Cell: (205) 937-1062

Cantor Michael Horwitz

902 Oaks Drive
Birmingham, AL 35209
cantormichaelhorwitz@gmail.com
Cell: (814) 414-5673



MAZAL TOV

Mazal Tov to Shawna Block of Marietta, GA who recently completed the 26.2 mile Marine Marathon in Washington D.C. Shawna is the daughter of **Linda and Len Block**.

Mazal Tov to **Meg & Marc Krawitz** on the birth of their son William Melvin Krawitz. Mazal Tov to older brother and sister Robby and Dorothy, and grandmothers Ellen Bruck and Corrine Krawitz of Orange, CA.

Mazal Tov to **Kerry & Dan Gorelick** on the birth of their son Zachary Lee Gorelick. Mazal Tov to older sister and brother Hannah & Simon, and grandparents Naomi Feldman & David Gorelick of Baltimore, MD and Renee & Marshall Lee of Boyds, MD.

Got Perfect \$en\$e? She Does...Do You?

Grocery Store Gift Cards Available!

Make your grocery shopping easy and help TBE at the same time!

Purchase grocery store gift cards from TBE (\$ for \$) and the Temple makes money from your purchase.

Order your Perfect \$en\$e grocery store gift cards
(Publix and Western)

by calling the office at 933-2740

or order online at <https://www.templebeth-el.net/perfectsense/>



Guess who I am!

*Last month's picture was
Bert Siegel*

More store options are here!

We listened to what YOU wanted and YOU got it!

TBE now offers the following gift cards:

Publix
Target

Western
Belk

Whole Foods
Macy's

Wal*Mart
Winn-Dixie

KOL RUCHANI **L'N**ASHIM A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY FOR WOMEN

A women's monthly prayer group has formed bringing together the beautiful energy of Jewish women on personal spiritual journeys. The group is for women drawn to explore their own spiritual calling and seeking to delve deeper into the meanings of the prayers collected in our siddur. It is for each woman desiring to strengthen her kavannah in prayer and explore her personal connection with God. We come together to learn from one another, to celebrate our unique strengths and spirit, and to grow together in prayer and kedusha (holiness).

We will meet in the Cultural Center from 9:15–10:30am on the following Sunday mornings:

December 8, 2013

January 5, 2014

February 2, 2014

March 2, 2014

April 6, 2014

For further information contact Michelle Konigsburg at 983-7601 or mkonigsburg@gmail.com.

CEMETERY MAINTENANCE FUND

The following families or individuals have made contributions to the
Temple Beth-El Cemetery Maintenance Fund

July 1, 2013 – November 18, 2013

Estate of Irby Cohen	Basya Bolshinskaya	Joy & Robert Fleisher	Sharon Peetluk
Sybil & Adolph Abrams	& Leonid Bolshinskiy	Karl Friedman	Hazel & Murray Pizette
Louise & James Abrams	Barbara Bonfield	Shirley & Ron Froehlich	Thelma Plokta
Phyllis & Jack Allmont	Adrienne & Julian Brook	Patsy & Alan Geldzahler	Sherry & David Romanoff
Carole & Charles Altman	Janet Bronstein	Edward Goldberg	Margy Rosenbaum
Betty & Bob Anfanger	Esther & Jerry Brown	Janet & Morton Goldfarb	Harriet & Gilbert Routman
Marsha & Harry Asman	Sherry & Jerry Cherner	Penny Gordon	Rhoda Rubenstein
Llenece & Larry Baker	Jenny Cohen	Sylvia Gouse	Shirley & Paul Schlaff
Victoria & Matt Baldwin	Lynne & Mark Cohen	Cherie & Bob Greenberg	Marlene Shapiro
Suzanne & Howard Bearman	Michael Cohen	Paul Grodner	Debbie & Martin Sher
Jean Bearman	Ronald Cohen	Deborah & Phillip Gross	Natalie & Albert Sikora
Joan & Jack Becker	Samuel Cohen	Cecille & Max Herzel	Renee & Steven Singer
Olga Belotserkovskaya	Wallace Cohen	Felice Hirsch	Diane & Howard Slaughter
& Al Belotserkovskiy	Peggy Cohn	Ralph Holzman	Ellen & Jerry Sokol
Phyllis & Norman Berk	Arnold Cooper	Riv & Herb Husid	Sarah Staff
Susan Berk	Charlotte Corenblum	Barbara Jaffe	Joyce & Gaston Stein
Marilyn & Dick Berkowitz	Jan & Charles Denaburg	Jan & Kenny Jaffe	Nan & Phillip Teninbaum
Barbara & Keith Bernstein	Vicki & Eddie Denaburg	Sue Jaffe	Debbie & Louis Tuck
Faye & Sidney Bernstein	Melba Epsman	Sol Kimerling	Nan & Doug Unkenholz
Ellen & Terry Bernstein	Mervyn Epsman	Sandy Koplon	Gloria Weintraub
Lynn & Bert Bloomston	Carol & Jimmy Filler	Sue & Bill Lischkoff	
Rosalyn Bloomston	Russ Fine	Letty & Bob Marcus	
Delores & Edward Bloomston	Arlene Fisher	Lynette & J.B. Mazer	

DONATIONS

Good Fortune Fund

A Double Chai donation wishing congratulations to the **TBE Softball Team** for winning the championship of the Rusty Radwin Softball Tournament
From: *Marian & Myron Radwin*

A Double Chai donation in honor of the birth of our new granddaughter, **Brianna Rachel Parris**
From: *Tobie & Bernard Axel*

A Chai donation wishing Mazal Tov to **Sandy & Morton Stern** on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter Maddie
From: *Eva Wilensky*

A Generous donation in appreciation of **Greg Odrezin, Matt Levey, & Melvin Zivitz** for leading Minyan & allowing me to say Kaddish for my father
A Chai donation in honor of the 80th birthday of **Riva Hirsch**
From: *Lisa & Alan Engel*

Mazal Tov to **Debbie Shevin** on the marriage of her son Jacob to Sara Mullins
From: *Susan & Stuart Padove*

Mazal Tov to **Chita & Howard Weintrob** on the engagement of their son Michael
Mazal Tov to **Sharon Kahn & Richard Lehr** on the upcoming marriage of your son David
From: *Arlene Fisher*

Mazal Tov to **Dede & Leroy Lurie** on the marriage of their granddaughter Erin
Mazal Tov to **Sheri & Charles Lurie** on the marriage of their daughter Erin
From: *Sandra & Doug Gilbert*

Temple Beth-El General Fund Wishing a speedy recovery and continued good health to:

A Double Chai donation wishing speedy recovery to **Pam Ruttenberg**
From: *Hannah & Colin Helman*

A Chai donation wishing speedy recovery to **Pam Ruttenberg**
From: *Eva Wilensky*

A Chai donation wishing speedy recovery & continued good health to **Lynn Bloomston**
Wishing continued good health to **Sherri Epstein**
From: *Mickie & Victor Cohen*

Wishing speedy recovery to **Dede Lurie**
From: *Marian & Myron Radwin*

Wishing a speedy recovery to **Chris Jones**
From: *Susan & Michael Stein*

Wishing a speedy recovery to **Pam Ruttenberg**
From: *Arlene Fisher*

Continued good health to **Pam Ruttenberg**

Continued good health to **Ron Froehlich**
From: *Sue & Albert Tuck*

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In loving memory of **Arnold Royal**, beloved father on his Yahrzeit
In loving memory of **Lewis Budnick**, beloved father on his Yahrzeit
From: *Barbara & Stuart Royal*

In loving memory of **Leonard Schwartz**
From: *Lauren & Bryan Kaplan*

In loving memory of **Mimita Lipman**
From: *Sharon Kahn & Richard Lehr*

In gratitude to **Rabbi & Michelle Konigsburg** for making TBE their home
From: *Ilene & Martin Klinger*

In loving memory of **Joe Stern**, beloved father on his Yahrzeit
In appreciation of **Rabbi Konigsburg's** visit to Carolyn in the hospital
From: *Carolyn & Bernard Stern*

In memory of **Mark Heiman**
From: *Sherry & Jerry Cherner*

Edie Wilensky Memorial Fund

Mazal Tov to **Jamie & Stephen Stern** the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Madison
Mazal Tov to **Sandy & Morton Stern** on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter Madison
In loving memory of **Jonathan Silverman**
From: *Eileen & Len Levin*

In loving memory of **Philip Wilensky**, beloved father on his Yahrzeit
In loving memory of **Leonard Schwartz**
Wishing speedy recovery to **Pam Ruttenberg**
From: *Ilene & Allan Wilensky*

Robert Spielberger Memorial Fund

In loving memory of **Molly Isenberg**, beloved mother-in-law on her Yahrzeit
In loving memory of **Brian Grodner**
From: *Lynn & Bert Bloomston*

In loving memory of **Murray Rotenberg**, beloved former husband on his Yahrzeit
From: *Joan Langer*

Keith Altman Ramah Scholarship Fund

A Chai donation wishing Mazal Tov to **Carol Tuck** on the birth of her great-granddaughter Violet Love Foran
From: *Joan Barbara Lupuloff*

In loving memory of **Keith Altman**, beloved son on his Yahrzeit
In loving memory of **Leonard Schwartz**
From: *Carole & Chuck Altman*

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Jonathan Silverman**
Mazal Tov to **Carol Tuck** on the birth of her great-granddaughter Violet Love Foran
From: *Marian & Myron Radwin*

Rosemore/Goldstein Food for the Needy Fund

In loving memory of **Ron Berebitsky**
From: *Sheila & Larry Gordon*

Joe Koplun Fund

In loving memory of **Pearl Brawer**, beloved mother on her Yahrzeit
From: *Sandy Koplun*

In loving memory of **Rebecca Green**, beloved grandmother on her Yahrzeit
From: *Ann Goldman*

Bill Bernstein Memorial Fund

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Scott Blue**, beloved son on his Yahrzeit
From: *Thelma Bernstein*

Religious School Fund

A Very Generous donation in appreciation of **Rabbi Ira Flax** officiating at Joseph Bronstein's funeral
From: *Janet Bronstein*

DONATIONS

Chesed Committee Fund

A Very Generous donation in appreciation of the support of the **TBE Community** upon the death of my father
From: Janet Bronstein

Elmwood Cemetery Fund

A Very Generous Donation in loving memory of **Rella S. Kline**, beloved mother on her Yahrzeit
From: Maxine Sklute

In loving memory of **Brian Grodner**
From: Edith & Irwin Feinberg

Chico Bomchel Memorial Social Action Fund

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Frank Brook**, beloved father on his Yahrzeit

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Bert Biel**, beloved mother on her Yahrzeit
From: Adrienne & Julian Brook

A Chai donation in appreciation for the leadership of **Barry Dreayer & Micky Rubenstein** in bringing Dr. Perry Brickman to TBE
From: Bob Greenberg

In loving memory of **Hyman Tishler**, beloved grandfather on his Yahrzeit
From: Karen & Dan Weinrib

Memorial Fund In Loving Memory Of

A Most Generous donation in loving memory of **Herbert Besser**, beloved father on his Yahrzeit
From: Beth Schaeffer

A Very Generous donation in loving memory of **Leonard Schwartz**
From; Andrew M. Toffel, P.C.

A Very Generous donation in loving memory of **Leonard Schwartz**
From: Dan Goldberg

A Double Chai donation in loving memory of **Gideon Long**
From: Sheri & Jimmy Krell

A Double Chai donation in loving memory of **Brian Grodner**
From: Ed Kryz & family

A Double Chai donation in loving memory of **Leonard Schwartz**
From: Robert Miller

A Double Chai donation in loving memory of **Leonard Schwartz**
From: Arlene Fisher

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Leonard Schwartz**
From: Bettie Jaffe

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Leonard Schwartz**
From: Hannah & Colin Helman

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Leonard Schwartz**
From: Shirley & Ron Froehlich

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Leonard Schwartz**
From: Mickie & Victor Cohen

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Carol Bor**
From: Jon Lewis

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Carol Bor**
From: Sheri & Jimmy Krell

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Arline & Allan Lerner**
From: Tobie & Bernard Axel

Leonard Schwartz
From: Sharon & Edward Bromberg
Anne E. Cohn
Rhoda & Wayne Fleisig
Arlene & Milton Goldstein
Ilse Nathan
Natalie & Albert Sikora
Gloria Solomon

Richard Friedman
From: Gloria Solomon

Jonathan Silverman
From: Joy & Robert Fleisher
Joan Langer
Margy Rosenbaum
Gloria Solomon

Perry Lee Jaffe
From: Paul Grodner
Susan & Stuart Padove

Ethel Laufman
From: Margy Rosenbaum

Brian Grodner
From: Donna & Gary Schiff
Susan & Michael Stein

Miriam Goldstein Cohn
From: Gertrude Goldstein

On Their Yahrzeits In loving memory of

A Very Generous donation in loving memory of **Abraham Stein**, beloved brother on his Yahrzeit
From: Gaston Stein

A Very Generous donation in loving memory of **Gerald & Barbara Hallerman**, beloved parents on their Yahrzeit
From: Sherri Hallerman Gould

A Very Generous donation in loving memory of **Fannie Kulpe**, beloved mother-in-law on her Yahrzeit
From: Irvin Lande

A Generous donation in loving memory of **Joy Studin**, beloved mother on her Yahrzeit
From: Robert & Jessica Studin,
& Amy Glade

A Generous donation in loving memory of **Morris Feigelson**, beloved father on his Yahrzeit
From: Vic Feigelson

A Generous donation in loving memory of **Bert Damsky**, beloved father on his Yahrzeit
From: Terry Damsky

A Generous donation in loving memory of **Philip Block**, beloved grandfather on his Yahrzeit
From: Libby Brateman

A Generous donation in loving memory of **Frederic Rosemore**, beloved husband on his Yahrzeit
From: Marion Rosemore

A Double Chai donation in loving memory of **Jean Ginsburg**, beloved mother & grandmother on her Yahrzeit
From: Nan, Doug, Jesse, & Joey Unkenholz

A Double Chai donation in loving memory of **B.J. Goldstein**, beloved mother on her Yahrzeit
From: Michael Goldstein

A Double Chai donation in loving memory of **Martin Schreiner**, beloved brother on his Yahrzeit
From: Natalie Levine

DONATIONS

A Double Chai donation in loving memory of **Harold Ruttenberg**, beloved husband & father on his Yahrzeit

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Bertha Shapiro**, beloved mother-in-law on her Yahrzeit

From: Pam Ruttenberg & family

A Double Chai donation in loving memory of **Florie Krell**, beloved mother on her Yahrzeit

From: Jimmy Krell

A Double Chai donation in loving memory of **Tobi Gerson**, beloved mother on her Yahrzeit

From: Esther & Jack Levy

A Double Chai donation in loving memory of **Naomi Hodes**, beloved mother on her Yahrzeit

From: Rhonda & Eric Siegel

A Double Chai donation in loving memory of **Martha Michaelson**, beloved mother on her Yahrzeit

From: Judi Michaelson

A Double Chai donation in loving memory of **Arnold Royal**, beloved father on his Yahrzeit

From: Joyce Serwitz

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Diana Nathan Goldstein**, beloved daughter on her Yahrzeit

From: Ilse Nathan

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Buzya Vaysbroyt**, beloved wife on her Yahrzeit

From: Yos Vaysbroyt

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Joseph Blotner**, beloved father on his Yahrzeit

From: Shirley Hasson

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Joseph Blotner**, beloved father on his Yahrzeit

From: Lynette & Alvin Slaughter

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Eddie Ceitlin**, beloved father on his Yahrzeit

From: Margaret & Steve Biller

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Selma Damsky**, beloved mother on her Yahrzeit

From: Deena & William Dell

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Sherlee Solomon**, beloved mother on her Yahrzeit

From: Barbara & Eric Solomon

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Ethelyn Slaughter**, beloved mother on her Yahrzeit

From: Blooma Slaughter

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Meyer Binstock**, beloved father on his Yahrzeit

From: Diane Smith

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Beatrice Feinberg Levy**, beloved mother on her Yahrzeit

From: Peggy Levy Cohn

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Nesche Schattner**, beloved aunt on her Yahrzeit

From: Rita Glanz

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Allen Dube**, beloved father on his Yahrzeit

From: Susan Dube

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Sigmund Rosen**, beloved father & grandfather on his Yahrzeit

From: Lisa & Alan Engel & family

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Barney Grodner**, beloved uncle on his Yahrzeit

From: Ken Grodner

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Roslyn Wientrob**, beloved mother on her Yahrzeit

From: Marty & Alex Kontos

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Murray Fisher**, beloved husband on his Yahrzeit

From: Arlene Fisher

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Shirley Singer**, beloved mother on her Yahrzeit

From: Fern Singer

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Isadore Rotenstreich**, beloved father on his Yahrzeit

From: Joy Fleisher

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Marcia Cohen**, beloved mother & grandmother on her Yahrzeit

From: Donna, Gary, Caren, Julie, & David Schiff

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Jacob Euchvitz**, beloved father on his Yahrzeit

From: Anne E. Cohn

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Alik Zinger**, beloved son on his Yahrzeit

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Boris Guberman**, beloved grandfather on his Yahrzeit

From: Dina & Boris Zinger

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Harold Colb**, beloved father on his Yahrzeit

From: Nancijoy & Norman Weissman

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Joel Brown**, beloved father on his Yahrzeit

From: Esther & Jerry Brown

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Joseph Singer**, beloved father on his Yahrzeit

From: Fern Singer

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Fega Golda Schuster**, beloved mother on her Yahrzeit

From: Riva & Aisic Hirsch

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Abel Ruttenberg**, beloved father on his Yahrzeit

From: Sonia Stockley

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Mike Gettinger**, beloved father on his Yahrzeit

From: David Gettinger

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Rabbi Abraham J. Mesch**, beloved father on his Yahrzeit

From: Nissah Mattenson & family

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Paul Froehlich**, beloved father on his Yahrzeit

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Goldie Daitz**, beloved mother on her Yahrzeit

In loving memory of **Bernard Daitz**, beloved brother on his Yahrzeit

From: Shirley & Ron Froehlich

DONATIONS

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Morton "Jerry" Marks**, beloved father on his Yahrzeit

From: *Julie Marks*

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Leonard Hackman**, beloved great-uncle on his Yahrzeit

From: *Michelle Pake*

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Duby Shapiro**, beloved mother on her Yahrzeit

From: *Sara & Kerry Shapiro*

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Jack Rubin**, beloved grandfather on his Yahrzeit

From: *Richard Toronto*

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Richard Jaffe**, beloved husband on his Yahrzeit

From: *Sue Jaffe & family*

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Shirlee Levine**, beloved mother on her Yahrzeit

From: *Felice Hirsch*

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Max Weintrob**, beloved father on his Yahrzeit

From: *Chita & Howard Weintrob & family*

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Fannie Mihalovits**, beloved mother on her Yahrzeit

From: *Barbara Randman*

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Sylvia Schwartz**, beloved mother on her Yahrzeit

From: *Kerrie Schwartz*

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Rosalie Zimmerman**, beloved aunt on her Yahrzeit

From: *Charlotte Corenblum*

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Nathan Stein**, beloved father on his Yahrzeit

From: *Abe Stein*

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Ilia Bartman**, beloved father & grandfather on his Yahrzeit

From: *Dina Zinger & family*

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Arnold Royal**, beloved friend on his Yahrzeit

From: *Anne E. Cohn*

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Speedy Feinstein**, beloved father on his Yahrzeit

From: *Sheree Kanter*

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Edith Klein**, beloved mother on her Yahrzeit

From: *Kathy Goldman*

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Albert Rosenbaum**, beloved husband on his Yahrzeit

From: *Margery Rosenbaum*

Gertrude Grodner, mother

From: *Paul Grodner*

Tillie Greenberg, mother

From: *Dorothy Marks*

Maryam Pischik, mother

Noson Pischik, father

From: *Irina Sapozhnikov*

Ben Levy, grandfather

From: *Julie Marks*

Joseph Goldberg, father & grandfather

From: *Betty Anfanger & family*

Itzhak Halpern, father

From: *Reuben Halpern*

Buzya Vaysbroyt, sister

From: *Tatyana Shitsel*

Sidney Mazer, brother

David Mazer, father

From: *Rhodes Mazer*

Mikhaylov Treyger, father

From: *Yefim Treyger*

Akiva Ostrovsky, father

From: *Raphael Ostrovsky*

Vicki Mead, aunt

From: *Natalie & Albert Sikora*

Cantor Akiva Ostrovsky, father

From: *Judy Morris*

Jacob Padawer, father

Fanne Cook, sister

From: *The Padawer Family*

Yetta Sohn, sister

From: *Shirley & Paul Schlaff*

Morris Slaughter, father

From: *Lynette & Alvin Slaughter*

Irvin Wolf, husband

From: *Helene Wolf*

Estelle Koplou, mother

From: *Sherry Koffman*

Henrietta Michalove, mother

From: *Sybil & Larry Michalove*

Lottie Gordon, aunt

From: *Jeffrey Jacobs*

Mary & Louis Gingold, parents

Mollie Eskind, grandmother

From: *Sheryl Bear*

Anne Shiland, friend

From: *Shirley Hasson*

Ben Feldser, uncle

From: *Sharon & Steve DeShazo*

Joseph Weintraub, father

From: *Bari Page*

Esther Libowsky, mother-in-law

From: *Arlene Fisher*

M.H. Greenberg, grandfather

From: *Bruce Greenberg*

Gladys Friedman, mother

Max & Sid Friedman

Gertrude & Aaron Cohen

Elaine & Arnold Royal

Clara Mazor

Ida Mae & Joe Seligman

Cy Steiner

David Louis Schwartz

From: *Tracy & Gary Stein*

Vera Iacubovich, mother

Grigori Golubov, uncle

From: *Zinaida & Lazar Golubov*

Morton Kravitz, brother

From: *Rhoda & Robert Feirman*

Joseph Goldstein, grandfather

From: *Sherry Koplou Hoffman*

Mildred Goldstein, mother

Jake Goldstein, father

From: *Ann Z. Cohen*

Anna Raymond, mother-in-law

From: *Irene Raymond*

**Donations received after November 15th will be included in the January bulletin.*

YAHREZEITS

**Shabbat Vayiggash
December 6-7**

*Abraham Adelman
Itsek Aleksandrovich
Julian Allenberg
Bessie Bank
*Sadie Bearman
*Isaac Bernstein
William Bernstein
Helen Blackwell
Bernard Blatt
Jacob Brittain
Saul Bruchis
Eli Capouya
Frank Cohen
*Zac Damsky
Pearl Dim
Mavis Doty
*Alton Dreayer
*Philip Feigelson
Becky Fingerman
Bess Gattanio
*Louis Geldzahler
*Louis Gingold
*Meyer Goldberg
*Simon Goldstein
*Max Gordon
*Ralph Gouse
Sarah Greenberg
Nuchim Gulman
Vera Iacubovich
*Helaine Jacobs
Sid Jaffe
*Bessie Joffe
Rose Kaplan
Sarah Klein
*Rella Kline
*Nechama Levin
*Bertha Levine
Joyce Levine
*Bea Levy
Hyman Levy
*Ike Levy
*Molly Lewis
*Philip Light
*Chic Lupescu
*Rita Maisel
David Mendel
*Annie Miller
Sam Miller
*Bessie H. Niren
Emanuel Olshan
Mildred Preston
*Elaine Hirsch Rosen
Menucha Rosenthal
Donald Shulmister
*Murray Siegal
*Melvin Singer
*Margie Sokol
*Irving Stiegel
Joe Tuck
Eph Tunkle
Helen Warchaizer
Tybie Warner
*Sam Weintraub
Leon Wheeler
*Philip Wilensky
Sonyuka Zeltser
Shaika Zeltser

**Shabbat Vayhi
December 13-14**

Sarah Axel
Lewis Baer
*Rose Baker
Gertrude Bank
*Abe Berkowitz
*William Bernstein
Marx Borod
Jean Boxer
*Shulamith Brateman
*Sam Brick
*Anna Brook
Meyer Bunkin
Jeanette Caplan
Alfred Cohn
Kenneth Curtis
Bernard Daitz
*Florence Damsky
*Minnie Davidson
*Oscar Davis
Morris Epsman
*Sarah Erdberg
*Herman Feinberg
*Abraham Feldstein
Seth Fingerman
Jerry Fishman
Max Gerson
Mona Goldberg
*Rachel Goldberg
*Corine Goldstein
*Lillie Greenwald
*Lena Kadis
*Minnie Kisber
Esther Kolodner
*Merlyn Kryz
Fannie Kulpe
*Nathan Levis
Harold Levy
*Morris Lux
*Hilda Margolis
Ruth Markey
*Lillian Markowitz
Ida May
Joe Padawer
*Anna Randman
Gaston Randman
Henry Raymond
*Julius Routman
Itzhak Schuster
*Lillian Schwartz
Bertha Shapiro
Beatrice Steinberg
Grigory Tsinis
Henry Warner
Sydney Weinstein
*Saul Wertheimer
Manuel Wildstein
Celia Wilson
*John Zeidman
*Minnie Ziff
*Harry Zimmerman
*Raisa Zinger
Joseph Zittner

**Shabbat Shemot
December 20-21**

Stanley Abrams
*Esther Apolinsky
Louis Apolinsky
Evelyn Applebaum
*Arthur Bernstein
Rose Bernstein
Anita Faye Black
Hyman Bloomston
Dora Bonfield
Esther Browdy
Lizzie Brown
Margaret Castell
*David Cooper
*Israel Coplou
I.M. Demovsky
Miriam Denaburg
Gersh Draluk
David Feldman
Milton Finkelstein
*Leo Friedman
Emma Gessow
Roslyn Gilbert
*Ida Goldberg
Nettie Goodman
*Lottie Gordon
James Griffith
*Eleanor Grossman
Lev Gutman
Jacob Halpern
Pauline Jacobs
Marlene Jason
*Emil Klein
Sylvia Kravitz
Moses Kulpe
Mary Kurman
Flora Lander
Sophie Leeson
Sarah Libby
*Tillie Lischkoff
*Hyman Mayberger
*Josephine Meyers
George Nadel
*Maurice Nathan
*Leo Nichols
Harry Padrusch
Maryam Pischik
*Bernard Randman
Sharon Rice
*Jenifer Rotenstreich
Bertha Rubenstein
*Leon Saroff
*Chaim Schniper
Abraham Schulman
*Annie Seligman
Max Senior
William Simon
*Vitteh Skalet
*Issie Sokol
Beatrice Stark
Leah Stark
*Lottie Stein
Libby Tuck
*Louis Wallock
Lee Weiner
*Bernice Weintraub
*Leo Wilensky

**Shabbat Va'era
December 27-28**

Eula Jean Bachmuth
*Levi Becker
Freida Berk
Charles Block
Nathan Boxer
Katherine Brande
*Irving Buchalter
*Sophie Ceitlin
Dona Cohen
Jackie Danneman
*B. Dannis
Molka Draluk
*Beila Feigelson
*Max Friedman
Sylvan Gershon
Sidney Gewant
*Fannie Goldberg
*Sadie Goldberg
Helen Goldman
Stephen Goldman
Fannie Goldstein
Harold Goldstein
David Greenberg
Alfred Jacobs
*Sadie Jaffe
Shirley Kimel
Fannie Levy
*Morris Levy
*Pauline Levy
*Nathan Lewis
Ernest Marks
*Ida Miller
Ethel Mutchnick
*Irving Nimeroff
Elizabeth Niren
Mildred Packler
Arthur Perlstein
Rose Perrin
Sidney Rosenberg
*Aaron Rosenfeld
*Harry Routman
*Edwin Rubenstein
Helen Schulman
Rubin Serwitz
Etta Shapiro
J. M. Silverstein
Harry Simon
Jeffrey Sinclair
*Murray Sokol
*Julius Solomon
*Nathan Solomon
Esther Stelman
Betty Tichansky
William Varlow
*Jennie Weber
Alexander Zeltser

*Denotes a
perpetual memorial
plaque in the
Sanctuary given by
family members.

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CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS FOR CHRISTMAS DAY!

Come serve lunch to the less fortunate on Christmas Day at Grace Episcopal Church in Woodlawn. A great mitzvah for the entire family!

2 shifts:

1st Shift: 9:30am-11:30am (setting up and cooking)

2nd Shift: 11:30am-2:30pm (greeting, serving, and cleaning up)

Call Eva Wilensky at 967-3340 or email littleva@bellsouth.net to let her know what shift you can volunteer for.

Thanks for sharing your smiling faces and helping hands for those less fortunate, showing them the warmth of our community.

Please bring any cosmetic, perfume, toiletry samples, or travel sizes to be distributed to our meal guests when we feed the homeless. Items can be dropped off in the TBE Office...it's always nice to add little surprises for those less fortunate!

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Collat Jewish Family Services will be holding their Caregivers Support Group on December 18 (Meaningful Activities for Your Loved One). Meetings are held from 6:00-7:30pm on the 3rd Wednesday of every month in the LJCC Senior Lounge.

You Belong in Birmingham is hosting Second Sunday Dinners. Each month on the second Sunday, dinner will be held at 6:30pm at a different location. December 8 will be at Max's Delicatessen (3431 Colonnade Parkway). No RSVP required.

LJCC Joy Club: Join the LJCC Joy Club once a month for a delicious Kosher lunch and program at 12:15pm. For more information, contact Mindy Cohen at 879-0411.

My Family Story is Beit Hatfutsot - The Museum of the Jewish People's flagship program and competition, and one of the most far-reaching educational initiatives with remarkable success in generating excitement and interest in Jewish family legacies. Young participants, in Israel and the worldwide Jewish community, embark on a multigenerational journey to the past, an exploration of their roots that culminates in an artistic installation that captures their personal and family stories, and connects them to the greater story of the Jewish people. The first meeting is on December 22 at 4:00 pm at the LJCC in the Senior Lounge, and is for parents and children (Bar/Bat mitzvah age) to attend and learn more about the program. If you have any questions, please email Samantha Dubrinsky at samd@bjf.org.

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Family Shabbat Ruach & Dinner

**Friday, December 20th
5:45pm**

Join us Friday, December 20th at 5:45pm for Family Shabbat Ruach and Dinner. Family Shabbat Ruach will be conducted in the Social Hall, as Sam Rosenbaum brings his experience leading an energized musical Shabbat service. Sam has traveled the country as a song-leader and musician. He has worked for many years as a leader at Camp Ramah and developed the on-line "School of Jewish Rock" to help spread an appreciation of Jewish music. This service will be perfect for all ages.

Following Family Shabbat Ruach, join us for a Shabbat Dinner.
Cost for chicken dinner is \$12 per adult, \$5 children 5-18.

**To make your reservation, please visit
www.templebeth-el.net or call the TBE Office.**