

COME ONE COME ALL
TO A PURIM CARNIVAL!



SUNDAY

03.16.2014

TEMPLE BETH-EL

9:00AM STUDENTS ARRIVE * 9:45am PURIM PARADE

10:30am-12:00pm PURIM CARNIVAL

FOOD! GAMES! PRIZES!
HAMENTASHEN! BOUNCE HOUSE!

**CANNED FOOD DRIVE FOR
COLLAT JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES**

**SISTERHOOD RAFFLE W/
OVER 45 GREAT PRIZES!**

This year's joint Purim programs with Temple Emanu-El are supported by the Reva and Joe Engel Young Adult Engagement Fund of the Temple Beth-El Foundation.

New Member Shabbat

Saturday, March 8th

Join us for this special Shabbat service and Kiddush luncheon organized by the TBE Membership Committee.

Honors, Aliyot, and gifts will be shared with those who have joined our community.

Let's celebrate our new members!

RELIGIOUS SERVICE SCHEDULE MARCH 2014

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| March 1 | Saturday morning Parshat Pekudei <i>Maftir: Tim Bernard</i> Shabbat Mincha | 9:30 am 5:15 pm |
| March 7 | Erev Shabbat Candle lighting | 5:45 pm 5:30 pm |
| March 8 | Saturday morning Parshat Vayikra New Member Shabbat <i>Maftir: David Reznik</i> Shabbat Mincha | 9:30 am 5:30 pm |
| <i>*Shabbat Mincha time changes to 5:30pm due to the beginning of Daylight Savings Time</i> | | |
| March 14 | Erev Shabbat Candle lighting | 5:45 pm 6:36 pm |
| March 15 | Saturday morning Parshat Tsav <i>Maftir: Dalia Abrams</i> Shabbat Mincha Megillah Reading Come in costume! | 9:30 am 5:30 pm 7:30 pm |
| March 21 | Erev Shabbat Candle lighting | 5:45 pm 6:41 pm |
| March 22 | Saturday morning Parshat Shemini <i>Maftir: Ed Fineberg</i> Shabbat Mincha | 9:30 am 5:30 pm |
| March 28 | Erev Shabbat Candle lighting | 5:45 pm 6:46 pm |
| March 29 | Saturday morning Parshat Tazria <i>Maftir: Avi Goldstein</i> Shabbat Mincha | 9:30 am 5:30 pm |

Weekday Service Schedule

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

**Mincha time changes to 5:30pm beginning on March 8th due to the beginning of Daylight Savings Time.*

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Message From Rabbi Konigsburg



What is the purpose of a synagogue? It seems like a simple question. Yet, it is the most vital question that synagogues have to answer today. We know that tradition tells us that a synagogue should be a Bet Tephilla, a house of worship; a Bet Midrash, a school; and a Bet K'neset, a place where Jews assemble. What do these terms mean today?

It is hard to talk about a Bet K'neset, a place of assembly, when there are so many places where people gather today. Perhaps in past generations when Jews were not welcome in many establishments, we had to create our own entertainment and social venues. Today this just is not an issue. We are welcome in all the same clubs, restaurants, theaters and concert venues. There is more entertainment than ever before; 20 movie theaters, 200 channels on TV and thousands of sites to visit on the internet. A synagogue no longer has to be a social hub for Jews.

When we think of Bet Midrash, we think of a school for children. One of the key components of a synagogue is a school. But school today is not just for children. There are precious few places we can go if we want to learn about our faith and spirituality. A synagogue has to be a school for people of all ages: children, teens, adults and seniors.

Even the synagogue as a Bet Tephilla, a house of prayer is subject to new ideas and thinking. We are used to having all the action on the bima and the congregation as spectators, taking in all that the Rabbi and Cantor are doing. My colleague, Rabbi Michael Wasserman, former Rabbi at Temple Beth-El, recently wrote: *“The essential challenge is not to offer more but to ask for more. The Synagogue must function less as a spiritual provider and more as a place that motivates growth. To take one negative example, synagogues often try to revitalize their prayer services by projecting more energy from the front of the room – e.g. by putting a band on the bima. But that only re-enforces the assumption that the synagogue is responsible for delivering an experience. The real challenge is to motivate participants to share responsibility for their collective prayer experience by learning, growing and giving more of themselves to the mitzvah. Only in that way can a congregation generate the kind of spiritual intensity that flows from true community.”*

This is one of the main reasons we continue to have all of our services, daily, Shabbat and holidays, led by our lay leaders. Services are not about performance; they are about helping people find their own way to a spiritual experience. Nobody can make something spiritual for someone else. Prayer leaders can encourage, inspire and set the mood.

We are very fortunate that we have prayer spaces with a low bima and that we can encourage everyone to participate. I tend to want to be wandering around the room helping people get excited about the liturgy and the music.

So come to shul and experience all that we have to offer. We are a place where friends meet to discuss the day. We are a place where everyone can learn at his or her own level, and we create here a spiritual place where we can reflect on our lives and seek God. Come join us at your synagogue; a place where all of us can find our own way to bring God into our lives.

Message From President, Arlene Fisher



One of the most important tasks that lies before us is securing the most-qualified person for our 2nd Clergy Position/Director of Congregational Learning. The Search Committee is headed by Jacob Halpern; Naomi Kipp is his co-chair. To refresh everyone's mind, the qualifications we are seeking in our candidates: a person with rabbinic 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 have received some resumes which the committee is reviewing, and conducted three telephone interviews.

In my previous article, I explained in detail about the proposed development of the Highland Diagnostic property. At this point, there is nothing new to report, other than to say that Harbert Realty is continuing its process of design approval, etc., with the City of Birmingham. In the meantime, Bob Greenberg is exploring alternate parking options for the High Holidays, etc.

Vikki Grodner, Immediate Past President and Chair of the Nominating Committee, will begin work on the formation of a committee. According to our By-Laws, "the Committee shall consist of no fewer than seven members. The immediate past President shall chair the Committee, whose members shall include two current Board members, two members of the Congregation who are neither current Board members nor Past Presidents, and two other members selected by the chairperson." Once the slate is proposed, there can be nominations from the general membership, and the slate will be voted on at the annual Congregational Meeting to be held May/June.

The Budget Sub-Committee of the Finance Committee has begun the process of gathering information that will be used in crafting a proposed budget which will eventually be voted on by the Board of Directors.

Tuesday, January 28, turned out to be a very interesting day, to say the least - the light dusting that was predicted turned into an all out snow event! During the course of the day, people who did not feel comfortable driving home made their way to TBE. For the next two days, our Temple was our home, providing us with a warm place to reside. The fact that Roz Bloomston, a caterer par excellence, also got 'stuck' insured that we would dine in fine fashion. Thank you, Temple Beth-El, for truly being warm, friendly, and welcoming to our members as well as non-members. We shall never forget the generous hospitality!

The Meet 'n Greets are continuing in 2014, and they have proven to be very successful events. The purpose of these get-togethers is for the Rabbi and Michelle to get to know each of you and for you to get to know the Rabbi and Michelle on a more up close and personal level. We have had eleven and there are more scheduled; if you would like to host one, please let me know.

Warmly,
Arlene

Message From Foundation Executive Director, Robin Gotlieb**TEMPLE BETH-EL FOUNDATION****NEW DIRECT PHONE NUMBER:
(205) 933-2794****New Email Contact:
rgotlieb@tbefoundation.net**

Since my arrival at Temple Beth-El, I have noticed the “tag line”...‘**Comfortable Tradition, A Contemporary Approach**’ on several different occasions in various media pertaining to the temple. I think it is a wonderful description of all aspects of Temple Beth-El, including the TBE Foundation.

In reviewing the history of the Foundation, I have learned that there has been steady, **comfortable** growth in both the number of funds within the TBE Foundation as well as its assets. I am looking forward to initiating a **contemporary approach** to furthering that **tradition** of growth.

In keeping with the contemporary approach idea, we have established a direct telephone line to the Foundation office. I hope this will expedite any Foundation business the congregants may need addressed. We have also initiated our own domain name of **www.tbefoundation.net** which will allow for future internet capabilities.

During the next month, my plan is to become familiar with each of the 50+ Named Funds that comprise the TBE Foundation and develop a strategic plan that will encourage the **tradition** of growth to continue.

The following generous contributions were received since our last bulletin:

- Joyce Spielberger made generous donations to the **Tenenbaum-Spielberger Tikkun Olam Fund** in honor of Bert Bloomston and in memory of Murray Binderman.
- Ruth Siegler, Suzanne and Howard Bearman, Esther Schuster and Allen Shealy, and Peggy Cohn made donations to the **Bonfield Family Volunteer Recognition Fund** in honor of Barbara Bonfield’s birthday.
- Synovus Trust Company made a generous donation to the **General Fund** of the Foundation.



Religious School Passover Fundraiser

Double the mitzvah...buy your Kosher for Passover "staple" items and support our Religious School simultaneously! All proceeds go directly to the TBE Religious School. All orders and payment are **DUE BY SUNDAY, MARCH 16**. Check your mail soon or go to www.templebeth-el.net to print the order form. We appreciate your support!

Genizah Burial Trip (3rd-10th Grade) Sunday, March 9

The entire congregation is invited to join us for a unique Genizah ceremony and participate in the burial of old, worn-out Jewish texts, materials, and ritual objects that are considered sacred. The general rule is that anything dealing with sacred subjects should be placed in the Genizah, rather than thrown out. An Israeli newspaper, though written in Hebrew, would not need to go in the Genizah, but a Megillah that had been damaged would. You are welcome to bring items from your home that need to be buried. However, we also will be transporting items for burial that have been collected at Temple Beth-El. The Genizah is located at the old KI/Temple Beth-El cemetery at 320 11th Court North. The service will begin at 10:45.

Grades 3-10 will leave Temple Beth-El at 10:00 via Carpool and return to Temple Beth-El by 12:00. Students registered for "activities only" in grades 3-10 are also invited on this trip. If you would like to drive carpool and chaperone, please contact Maurine at 369-4489.

Confirmation Trip Sunday, March 30

Rabbi K's Confirmation class will be going on a day trip to Atlanta on Sunday, March 30.

Camp Ramah Representative at TBE Sunday, March 2nd

A representative from Camp Ramah Darom will be at Temple Beth-El on Sunday, March 2, to speak to our Religious School students and parents. Information about summer camp will be given out and a video of the camp will be shown. Non-Religious School students interested in attending Camp Ramah are also invited to the presentation. Contact Maurine for further information at 369-4489. The time is to be determined.

Parent Education Class Sunday, March 9

Rabbi K's next parent education class is at 9:00 on Sunday, March 9. The topic is Answering Children's Questions about Death. Drop off your children at Religious School at 9:00 and join us for Rabbi's class and a light nosh. The next class is scheduled for April 20 and the topic is Answering Children's Questions about Sex.

Joint Purim Festivities at TBE Saturday & Sunday, March 15 & 16

Each year, Temple Beth-El and Temple Emanu-El take turns hosting the festivities for Purim. This year, Purim will be hosted by us at Temple Beth-El. We have been busy working together with Temple Emanu-El to plan the activities.

The fun will begin on Saturday, March 15, with the Megillah reading at TBE at 7:30 pm. All parents and children are encouraged to wear costumes.

On Sunday, March 16, Temple Emanu-El's Religious School will join our Religious School for the fun:

9:30am Temple Emanu-El students, teachers, and parents arrive at TBE

**9:45am Parade of "floats" in the Main Sanctuary
10:30am-12:00pm Carnival in the Cultural Center**

Both Religious Schools will be collecting non-perishable food items benefitting the food closet at Collat Jewish Family Services.

Reminder... No Jr. Congregation/School– Spring Break– March 22-30

Upcoming April Events

- April 5: Parents Just Want To Have Fun Party
- April 16: No School– Passover
- April 18: Kosher For Passover Family Shabbat Ruach*
- April 20: Chocolate Seder*

TEMPLE BETH-EL
Religious School

*Students in grades Pre K-10 that are registered for “activities only” are also invited to these activities.

2014 Religious School Award Entries Due No Later than Friday, March 21

Below are several award possibilities for Religious School students. Only students that are registered for religious school classes are eligible. Award entries are due no later than March 21. All entries must be received in Maurine Halpern’s office by March 21, 2014.

This is an EASY way for your child to receive money so encourage your children to participate. The Awards Committee is excited to review the entries and assign the winners.

Marissa Diane Feigelson Award (1 winner)

- \$300 (\$150 to student, \$150 to student’s favorite charity)
- Community involvement award for students in Pre-K through 10th grade
- Students need to log volunteer hours in the community
- Entries must be received by March 21, 2014

Zivitz Camp Ramah Awards (2 winners)

- \$500 (for a student returning to Camp Ramah in 2014)
- \$500 (for a student attending as a first time Ramah camper in 2014)
- **Age requirement:**
Youngest– student entering 4th grade in August 2013
Oldest– student entering 10th grade in August 2013
- **How to enter:**
Returning camper– submit a media presentation illustrating why you want to return to Ramah and how previous Ramah experiences impacted your life as a member of the Jewish Community
First time Ramah camper– Submit a media presentation illustrating how a Camp Ramah experience might affect your life as a member of the Jewish Community
- **Appropriate media presentations:**
Video for TV or computer (5 minutes maximum)
Poster (trifold display poster)
Recorded voice presentation (3 minute maximum)
Essay (1 page, single space, 12 font maximum)
- **Judges criteria:**
Projects must be age appropriate and will be judged based on the student’s age and ability
Must attend Temple Beth-El Religious School classes
Have a good attitude
Show kindness towards peers
- **Entries must be received by March 21, 2014**

Our New Mini Jewish Food Festival was a BIG Hit!

Our classes really enjoyed the new Mini Jewish Food Festival during Religious School on February 2. Each class was given a theme (Shabbat, Israel, Jewish Holidays, New York). Each class was responsible for creating a menu related to their theme, preparing the food, making table decorations and presenting their theme to the other classes. Then, they all got to enjoy each others creations.

A HUGE thank you to Shari Friedman, Rebecca Rothman and Karen Weinrib for volunteering for this committee. Also, thank you to Debby Thomas, Warren Collins, Steve Altmann, Tracy Diamond, Jacob Halpern and Tim & Jenifer Thornton for volunteering during the event. Thank you also to the Piggly Wiggly River Run store for donating a gift card and to Crestline Bagel for donating the Challahs.



TEMPLE BETH-EL
 Religious School March Youth Group Events

March 7-9: Kadima (6th-8th) and USY (9th-12th) Convention at Camp Ramah Darom

March 16: Chaverim (3rd-5th) Purim Party from 12:00pm-1:15pm (pizza served)

Youth Group Photos from
 Vulcan Park and the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute



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PURIM RAFFLE—SUNDAY, MARCH 16TH

Sisterhood



By now you should have received your raffle tickets in the mail. The tickets are \$2 each or 10 for \$18 or 20 for \$36!

New prizes are coming in every day; this is the **LARGEST AMOUNT OF PRIZES WE'VE EVER HAD!!!** It takes a village to complete a task as large as this, and the following ladies have so diligently joined the raffle team: Jean Bearman, Patsy Geldzahler, Ruth Siegler, Marlene Shapiro, Marian Radwin, Adrienne Brook, and Joyce Stein.

If you have something neat to donate (we'll give you a receipt!), please contact Julie at 967-9838. The prize drawing is at the Purim Carnival on Sunday, March 16th. You do not have to be present to win!

Be sure to send your check (Sisterhood, P.O. Box 550220, Birmingham, AL 35255) with your filled in Raffle stubs... please use address labels, so much easier!

We have over 45 fabulous prizes and once again the grand prize of a **FLAT SCREEN TV** is being donated by Jacob Shevin/Standard Furniture!

As always, the TBE Sisterhood **NEEDS** and **THANKS YOU** for your support!

SISTERHOOD GIFT SHOP



Make sure to think of the Sisterhood Gift Shop for all of your Purim and Passover needs!



DONATION TO SISTERHOOD

A Very Generous donation wishing Mazal Tov to **Sherry Cherner** on her special birthday

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Libby Raschen**

A Chai donation wishing Mazal Tov to **Pat & Neal Miller** on the birth of their grandson, Matthew Jordan Miller

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Murray Binderman**

A Chai donation wishing speedy recovery to **Melba Epsman**

From: Shirley & Ron Froehlich

Virginia Heiman Gift Shop Fund

In loving memory of **Esther Serwitz**

In loving memory of **Steve Feigelson**

From: Virginia Heiman



MEN'S CLUB NEWS



The Men's Club Wine and Sushi event was attended by 66 people and was an extremely successful, fun, and tasty event. We had people from every generation of the Shul present. The food and wine were both great and we want to thank the following for helping us put this great event together:

- **David and Mary Kimerling** for allowing us to use their home to host the event
- **Mark Mussafer and United Johnson Brothers of Alabama** for supplying a superb list of wines
- **Stuart Greenwald** for assisting Mark with the tasting
- **Sushi Village** for providing a great meal. We went through 150 rolls of sushi that was all delicious and freshly made on premise.



Please look for an Evite for a joint March Madness Happy Hour with Temple Emanu-El coming up in March.

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

Thanks,
Eric Goldis
Men's Club President



THIS MONTH IN JEWISH HISTORY

29 Adar I – 29 Adar II

- 29 Adar I – ARMDI, the American Red Magen David for Israel was organized in 1918
- 16 Adar II – Jews were excluded from public offices and dignities in the Roman Empire 418 CE (Thus marked the end of Jewish citizenship in the Empire)
- 16 Adar II - The ghetto pillars in Ferrara, Italy were destroyed by the professors and students of the Athenaeum in 1848. This marked the end of Jewish discrimination and the emancipation of the Jews of Italy 1,430 years after they were excluded from office in the Roman Empire.
- 28 Adar II – Yahrzeit of Cyrus Adler, second chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, who died on this date in 1940.



New Member Shabbat

Saturday, March 8th

Let's celebrate our new members!

Julie and Dan Bachrach

Elizabeth Bernstein

Danielle Bogart

Susan and Marcus Bruchis

Eleanor Godfrey and Dan Burnick

Bobby Damsky

Erin and Mark Dreyfuss

Rita Feldman

Shari and Gregory Friedman

Michael Gardberg

Mark Gilbert

Zoey Glick and Matt Swerdlin

Cookie Goldstein

Cantor Michael Horwitz

Jennifer and Ryan Kalinsky

Alex and Yael Kleiman

Betsy and Spencer Lynch

Raena and Kristopher Maday

John Mehler

Amy and Eric Morrison

Andrea and Larry Newman

Leslie and Jeff Parris

Ann Robertson

Ella Rosen

Ben Rosenbaum

Mark Schaeffer

Randee Sedaka

Marlene Shapiro

Marissa Shelsky

Robert Sher

Abby Siegel

New members listed have joined in the past 12 months. If your name is not listed but should be, please contact Bob Greenberg at 933-2740 or bgreenberg@templebeth-el.net.

SPEEDY RECOVERY

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

Melba Epsman, Cookie Goldstein, Aisic Hirsch, Louis Tuck

MAZAL TOV

Mazal Tov to **Jennifer and Ryan Kalinsky** on the birth of their son Jakob Micah Kalinsky.

Mazal Tov to **Pat and Neal Miller** on the birth of their grandson Matthew Jordan Miller, and proud parents Michelle and Randy Miller of Cary, North Carolina.

Mazal Tov to the following Temple Beth-El teen boys for being elected to the Mesch AZA board: **Jack Sikora** (Shaliach—Jewish Programming VP), **Gabe Ivker** (Shaliach—Jewish Programming VP), and **Danny Yampolsky** (Moreh—AIT Dad).

Mazal Tov to the following Temple Beth-El teen girls for being elected to the Magic City BBG board: **Molly Bloomston** (N'siah—President) and **Haley Lewis** (Katvanit & Mazkirah—Secretary).



Victoria & Matt Baldwin (13)

Nadine & Louis Cohen (33)

Caryn Roseman & Shahar Dillbary (7)

Carol & Mark Entman (46)

Rhoda & Wayne Fleisig (22)

Brooke & Justin Kaplan (9)

Barbara & Mark Nissenbaum (40)

Amy & Stephen Peetluk (14)

Jennifer & Richard Rosenthal (19)

Arlene & Marvin Shelsky (43)

Bridget & Steven Sikora (19)



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

**Sylvia Berman, Margarita Feldman,
Irwin Fingerman, Renee Friedman,
Ben Henry, Sybil Michalove, Marilyn Sokol**

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

Welcome New Members! *(as of February 10th)*

Cookie Goldstein

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CONDOLENCES

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

Murray Binderman

Husband of Eleanor Binderman, Brother of Arnold Binderman,
Father of Eileen Goldfine, Suzanne Gopman, Laurian Williams, and Dilhani Uswatte

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

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
Harvey May*

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: March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1
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: March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1
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, March 8th following the Kiddush Luncheon

Kol Ruchani L'Nashim

A Spiritual Voice for Women

Join us for our women's monthly prayer group, bringing together the beautiful energy of Jewish women on personal spiritual voices. 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 9:00-10:15am on the following Sunday mornings:

- ☆ March 9, 2014
- ☆ April 6, 2014

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

CHESED UPDATE



On Friday, March 7th, we will bring our Chessed-style celebration of Purim to Brookdale Place from 1:00-2:00pm. Rabbi Konigsburg will lead our program, followed by a dessert reception including hamentaschen. Chessed Purim visits to other senior residences will take place the week of March 9. Volunteers are needed to bake, set up refreshments in the Gazebo Room, write notes for gift bags and to visit our community's seniors.

Our Chessed Connection initiative is well under way as well. We already have 19 volunteers reaching out to 24 seniors each week.

We would also like to thank Robin Smith for volunteering to send out Chessed get well cards. Please notify the temple office if you have a family member in the hospital, so they may receive warm wishes from our Beth-El family.

Thanks to a new Chessed volunteer, we are now again able to offer rides to synagogue. Please call the temple office and we will try to accommodate your request.

The Chessed Committee is the caring heart of our synagogue community. Please consider joining our dedicated corps of volunteers and making a donation to the work of Chessed.

-Dorothy Ziff, Sandra Gilbert, Cindy May

DONATIONS

Good Fortune Fund

A Most Generous donation with deep gratitude to **TBE** for the warmth & wonderful hospitality during the winter storm

A Double Chai donation with deep gratitude for **Roz Bloomston's** wonderful hospitality during the winter storm

From: Shirley & Ron Froehlich

A Generous donation wishing Mazal Tov to **Judy & Gerson May** on your special anniversary

From: Penny Gordon

A Double Chai donation in honor of **Ruth Siegler**

From: Annette & Joel Levy

A Double Chai donation wishing thank you to the **TBE staff** for "hosting" us during the winter storm

From: Paula & Joe Levy

A Chai donation in honor of the retirement of **Bert Bloomston**

From: Jane & Melvin Davis
SuAnn & Russ Vandavelde

A Chai donation wishing Mazal Tov to **Vicki & Art Lewis** on the birth of their grandson River Columbus Chenkus

A Chai donation wishing Mazal Tov to **Rob Studin** on the birth of his granddaughter Jordyn Harper Glade

From: Sheri & Jimmy Krell

A Chai donation wishing Mazal Tov to the **Capricorn birthday group**

A Chai donation wishing Mazal Tov to **Sherry Cherner** on her birthday
Mazal Tov to **Sherry & Jerry Cherner**

on their anniversary

Mazal Tov to **Carole & Charles Altman** on their anniversary

From: Anne E. Cohn

A Chai donation with deep gratitude to **TBE** for the warmth & wonderful hospitality during the winter storm

From: Arlene Fisher

A Chai donation wishing Mazal Tov to **Sharon Kahn & Richard Lehr** on the upcoming marriage of their son David to Lindsey Thurswell

From: Ilse Nathan

Mazal Tov to **Jennifer & Ryan Kalinsky** on the birth of their son Jakob Micah

From: Sherry & Jerry Cherner

Mazal Tov to **Sylvia Berman** on the birth of her great-granddaughter

Emilia Reese Ostroff

Mazal Tov to **Bobbye & Michael Seligman** on the engagement of their daughter Jodi to Michael Kriegsman

From: Marian & Myron Radwin

Mazal Tov to **Bob Anfanger** on his special birthday

From: Cissy & Leonard Held

Mazal Tov to **Albert Sikora** on his birthday

From: Barbara & Henry Helzberg

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

Wishing speedy recovery to **Aisic Hirsch**

From: Marian & Myron Radwin

Wishing speedy recovery to **Wayne Fleisig**

From: Thea Ostroy

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Thank you to **Rabbi Konigsburg** for officiating at our grandson's Bris

From: Vicki & Art Lewis

Thank you to **Rabbi Konigsburg** for officiating at the wedding ceremony of Amanda Sher & Layne Held

From: Ginger & Jerry Held

In gratitude for our "snow-cation" at TBE

From: Cathy & Irwin Fingerman

In gratitude for **Rabbi Konigsburg** & his house escaping danger in the fire

From: Adrienne & Julian Brook

A Most Generous donation with deep gratitude to **TBE** for the warmth & wonderful hospitality during the winter storm

From: Ann Marks

Joe Koplun Fund

In loving memory of **Murray Binderman**

In loving memory of **Connor Anhalb**

From: Sandra Koplun

Chico Bomchel Memorial Social Action Fund

In loving memory of **Murray Binderman**

From: Zena & Lewis Schulman

Edie Wilensky Memorial Fund

A Chai donation wishing Mazal Tov to **Sharon Kahn & Richard Lehr** on the upcoming marriage of their son David to Lindsey Thurswell

In gratitude for the survival & safety of **Rabbi & Michelle Konigsburg** during the storm

From: Diane & Howard Slaughter

Robert Spielberg Memorial Fund

In loving memory of **Bernie Bloomston**, beloved uncle on his Yahrzeit

From: Lynn & Bert Bloomston

Prayer Book Fund

A Shabbat Sim Shalom Sabbath & Holiday Prayer Book has been donated in loving memory of **Roberta Gerwin**, beloved mother on her Yahrzeit

From: Beth & John Gerwin

Chesed Fund

In loving memory of **Elaine Gessow**

Mazal Tov to **Sharon Kahn & Richard Lehr** on the upcoming wedding of their son David to Lindsey Thurswell
Mazal Tov to **Ricki & Lanny Kline** on the birth of their grandson Andrew

From: Dorothy Ziff

Wishing speedy recovery to **Wayne Fleisig**

From: Miriam, Ralph, & Leah Cohen

DONATIONS

Memorial Fund In Loving Memory Of

A Most Generous donation in loving memory of **Steve Feigelson**
From: *Ann D. Salem*

A Double Chai donation in loving memory of **Murray Binderman**
From: *Jeffrey Goldman*

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Murray Binderman**
From: *Sandy & Gene Siegal*

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Elaine Gessow**
From: *Donna & Gary Schiff*

Elaine Gessow

From: *Betty & Bob Anfanger
Sherry & Jerry Cherner
Charlotte Corenblum &
Karl Friedman*

Kamal Sheena

Jerry Simon

From: *Sherry & Jerry Cherner*

Alice Kleinberg

From: *Lison & Jack Spiegelman*

Murray Binderman

From: *Arlene & Milton Goldstein
Marian & Myron Radwin*

Elmer Hoffman

From: *Charlotte Corenblum*

Peter Feldman

From: *Alla & Igor Kissin*

Geri Niles

From: *Dorothy Marks*

On Their Yahrzeits In loving memory of

A Most Generous donation in loving memory of **Sandra Apolinsky**, beloved wife on her Yahrzeit
From: *Harold Apolinsky*

A Very Generous donation in loving memory of **Jess Bernstein**, beloved father on his Yahrzeit
From: *Andy, Bob, Greg, & Karyn
Bernstein*

A Very Generous donation in loving memory of **Gerald Sklute**, beloved son on his Yahrzeit
From: *Maxine Sklute*

A Very Generous donation in loving memory of **Ruth Joan Freibaum Bodenheimer**, beloved mother on her Yahrzeit
From: *Elise Bodenheimer*

A Very Generous donation in loving memory of **Charles Raymond**, beloved father on his Yahrzeit
From: *Paula & Larry Glover*

A Very Generous donation in loving memory of **Bessie Caine**, beloved mother on her Yahrzeit
From: *Harold Caine*

A Generous donation in loving memory of **Marilyn Bernstein**, beloved mother on her Yahrzeit
From: *Roslyn & Peter Mannon*

A Generous donation in loving memory of **Manuel Wildstein**, beloved father on his Yahrzeit
From: *Toby & Warren Gewant*

A Generous donation in loving memory of **Steven Slater**, beloved son on his Yahrzeit
From: *Barry Slater, Dean Chatham*

A Double Chai donation in loving memory of **Max Davis**, beloved grandfather on his Yahrzeit
From: *Jane & Melvin Davis*

A Double Chai donation in loving memory of **Tese Kianoff**, beloved mother on her Yahrzeit
From: *Lisa & Alan Kianoff*

A Double Chai donation in loving memory of **Bess Caine**, beloved grandmother on her Yahrzeit
From: *Candace Caine*

A Double Chai donation in loving memory of **Elizabeth Slater**, beloved grandmother on her Yahrzeit
From: *Amy Alpern*

A Double Chai donation in loving memory of **Lewis DeYoung**, beloved grandfather on his Yahrzeit
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From: *Michael Goldstein*

A Double Chai donation in loving memory of **Elaine Royal**, beloved mother on her Yahrzeit
From: *Joyce Serwitz*

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Abraham Belotserkovskiy**, beloved grandfather on his Yahrzeit
A Chai donation in loving memory of **Polina Kalikhman**, beloved grandmother on her Yahrzeit
From: *Olga Belotserkovskaya &
Al Belotserkovskiy*

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Ida Brown**, beloved mother on her Yahrzeit
From: *Jerome Brown*

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Estelle Berkowitz**, beloved mother on her Yahrzeit
From: *Dick Berkowitz*

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Anna Levine**, beloved grandmother on her Yahrzeit
From: *Ellen Bruck*

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Philip Schattner**, beloved uncle on his Yahrzeit
From: *Rita Glanz*

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Irvin Klein**, beloved father on his Yahrzeit
From: *Kathy Goldman*

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Razelle Toronto**, beloved sister on her Yahrzeit
From: *Rico Hurvich*

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Marvin Kemeny**, beloved father on his Yahrzeit
From: *Fred Kemeny*

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A Chai donation in loving memory of **Norman Fleisher**, beloved brother on his Yahrzeit
From: *Robert Fleisher*

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Helen Rotenstreich**, beloved mother on her Yahrzeit
From: *Joy Fleisher*

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Harry Biel**, beloved grandfather on his Yahrzeit
From: *Ginger, Larry, James Henry, & Eli Brook*

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Sam Slaughter**, beloved father on his Yahrzeit
From: *Harlene & O.J. Wehby*

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Steffi Levite**, beloved mother on her Yahrzeit
From: *Pam Ruttenberg*

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Audrey Cohen**, beloved mother on her Yahrzeit
From: *Gail Schuster*

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Arnold Krell**, beloved father on his Yahrzeit
From: *Jimmy Krell*

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Bernice Zalkin**, beloved mother on her Yahrzeit
From: *Fred Kemeny*

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Ester Solodukha**, beloved mother on her Yahrzeit
From: *Basya Bolshinskaya*

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Joseph Shuster**, beloved father on his Yahrzeit
From: *Riva & Aisic Hirsch*

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Albert C. Robins**, beloved friend on his Yahrzeit
From: *Ross Cohen*

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Mary Meyerowitz**, beloved mother & grandmother on her Yahrzeit
From: *Sandy & Gene Siegal & family*

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Felix Cohen**, beloved father, grandfather, & great-grandfather on his Yahrzeit
From: *Buddy Cohen & children*

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Lena Weiss**, beloved mother on her Yahrzeit
From: *Chita & Howard Weintrob & family*

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Elaine Royal**, beloved mother on her Yahrzeit
From: *Barbara & Stuart Royal*

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Rabbi Nissan Yablonsky**, beloved grandfather on his Yahrzeit
From: *Nissah Mattenson*

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Anne Besbris Litowich**, beloved mother on her Yahrzeit
From: *Samantha St. John*

Beatrice Reedy Levy, mother
From: *Foster Levy*

Jack Crayne, father
From: *Marlene Shapiro*

Edward Davis, uncle
From: *Sybil & Larry Michalove*

Esther Goldforb, mother
From: *The Padawer Family*

David Levy, brother
From: *Harriet Routman*

Annie Routman, mother
From: *Gilbert Routman*

Louis Gordon, father-in-law
From: *Penny Gordon*

Jonas Fried, father
From: *Jenny Cohen*

Ethel Mazer, aunt
Rebecca Corenblum, grandmother
From: *Caryn & Steven Corenblum*

Joe Feldser, uncle
Sue Small, aunt
From: *Sharon & Steve DeShazo*

Sam Gordon, uncle
From: *Jeffrey Jacobs*

Hyme Cohen, grandfather
From: *Cindy May*

Mary Meyerowitz, mother
From: *Rita Meyerowitz*

Bernie Bloomston, father
From: *Rhoda & Robert Feirman*

Harold Levin, brother-in-law
From: *Betty Levin Anfanger & family*

Isadore Schlaff, father
Joseph Cohen, father
Daniel Cohen, brother
From: *Shirley & Paul Schlaff*

Harry Padawer, brother
From: *Art Padawer*

Tybie Warner, mother
Henry Warner, father
Morris Warner, uncle
From: *Lawrence Warner*

Vita Koshina, aunt
David Koshin, uncle
From: *Genya Safyanova & Zinaida Golubova*

Isadore Davis, father
Beatrice Solomon, mother
From: *Melvin Davis*

Gita Golubova, grandmother
Sima Kaz-Kogan, aunt
From: *Lazar Golubov*

Bruce Mayer, husband
From: *Norma Jean Long*

**Donations received after February 7th will be included in the April bulletin.*

Y AHRZEITS

Shabbat Vayikra
March 7-8

Sadie Baer
 *Eva Becker
 Abbey Benck
 Hannah Blatt
 Irving Broner
 Israel Cohen
 Faye Croce
 Hazel Gokey
 *Dave Goldberg
 *Edith Hyatt
 David Lishkoff
 Fred Israel Ostroy
 Seymour Padove
 Marvin Parker
 *James Permutt
 Mary Ray
 Leon Redisch
 Seymour Romanoff
 *Bella Roseman
 *Adolph Roth
 Cookie Senior
 *Sadie Starr
 *Bert Steinberg
 *Minnie Toranto

Shabbat Tsav
March 14-15

*Mary Baker
 Paulina Belotserkovskaya
 Luis Brill
 Natalie Davis
 *Rose Goldberg
 *I.Z. Harris
 *Rachel Jaffe
 *Rose Love
 Margot Mendler
 Sam Moster
 *Sylvia Sher
 Yankel Zeltser

Shabbat Shemini
March 21-22

Mariya Aleksandrovich
 *Matilda Cohen
 *Rose Goldberg
 *Sam Goldstein
 *Pauline Gouse
 Sam Horowitz
 *Sarah Kanter
 Rosemary Laskin
 Norman Mangel
 Lauren Nichols
 Bessie Shapiro
 *Gerald Sklute
 *Bettie Urdong
 *Sophie Winograd

Shabbat Tazria
March 28-29

Pauline Bronstein
 Daniel Brown
 *Abe Butler
 *Esther Cooper
 Dorothy Foy
 *Mildred Ginsburg
 Rose Glick
 *Bessie Goldner
 Bessie Hyatt Goldner
 Giza Horowitz
 Leslie Ischow
 Meyer Laskin
 *Joyce Levy
 Seymour Link
 *Leonard Lischkoff
 *Abraham Meer
 Daniel Newman
 Glavdja Peremitina
 Bernie Siegel
 *Herman Siegel
 Rose Sokol
 *Henry Spira
 *Hyman Weinstein

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

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

You Belong in Birmingham is hosting Second Sunday Dinners and Third Thursday Happy Hours. Each month on the second Sunday, dinner will be held at 6:00pm at a different location. Sunday, March 9 will be at Urban Cookhouse in Crestline (212 Country Club Park), and Thursday, March 20 will be at Rogue Tavern (2312 2nd Avenue North). 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.

Theater LJCC presents **Disney's Jungle Book Kids**, March 1, 6, 13 at 7:30pm and March 2 & 9 at 2pm. Cost is \$15 for adults, \$12 students. This jungle is jumpin' with jazz in this exciting Disney classic! Contact Mindy Cohen at 879-0411 or email mcohen@bhamjcc.org for more information.

LJCC Book Club will be holding its next meeting on Wednesday, March 5 at 1:00pm, free to attend. Looking for a good book and a lively discussion? Please join us in the Gallery as we read New York Times best-seller *Defending Jacob* by William Landay. Contact Mindy Cohen 879-0411 ext. 233 or email: mcohen@bhamjcc.org.

The LJCC will be hosting a **Beginner Computer Class for Microsoft Office 2010** on Wednesdays, March 5, 12, 19 and 26 from 4:30-5:30 pm. Microsoft Office 2010 Computer Class for Mature Adults taught by Steve Goldman, Computer Instructor with 30 + years of experience. All classes are taught with PC computers Windows 7. Classes held at the NE Miles Jewish Day School. Cost: \$60, MVP \$50. Contact Mindy Cohen 879-0411 ext. 233 or email: mcohen@bhamjcc.org.

Save the date for **Collat Jewish Family Service's 6th Annual Hands Up Together** on Thursday, May 8th at 7:00pm. The 6th Annual *Hands Up Together* will be held at the ASFA Day Theater and will honor Michael Saag and benefitting senior adults. Contact Collat Jewish Family Services (879-3438) for ticket and sponsor information.

The **Birmingham Holocaust Education Center** will be holding its annual Holocaust in Film series at the Emmet O'Neal Library. These films are free to the public. ***The Murderers Are Among Us*** (Sunday, March 2 at 2pm), ***Our Children, Unzere Kinder*** (Tuesday, March 4, 6:30pm), and ***The Trial of Adolf Eichman*** (Sunday, March 2, 2:00pm). For more information, contact Ann Mollengarden at ann.mollengarden@gmail.com.

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SAVE THE DATE!



Rabbi Randall J. Konigsburg Installation Weekend

Friday, February 28-Saturday, March 1, 2014

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5:45pm Evening Services

A Simon and Garfunkel Shabbat

Led by Sunmoon Pie and the AAbsolute Shabbat Band

Shabbat Dinner catered by Yellow Bicycle Catering
\$18 per adult, \$8 per child 5-13

Reservations required by Tuesday, February 25 at
www.templebeth-el.net or (205) 933-2740

Installation Weekend Sponsored by the
Temple Beth-El Foundation,
Sisterhood, and Men's Club

Saturday, March 1, 2014

9:00am Hebrew Kirtan Chanting and Meditation Service

A one-hour service led by Michael Levine & Bonnie Puckett
Following the service, please join us in the Sanctuary

9:30am Traditional Shabbat Services

Led by Rabbi Ashira Konigsburg, Eitan Konigsburg,
and Hillel Konigsburg

Kiddush Luncheon following services

7:00pm Installation Ceremony and Program

Installation by Rabbi Ashira Konigsburg

Champagne reception to follow