

## Kevin Cole, America's Pianist: The Great Jewish American Songbook

Sunday, December 2, 2012

2:00 pm

Acclaimed Pianist/Vocalist Kevin Cole joins us for a performance of The Great American Jewish Songbook, including pieces by George Gershwin, Jerome Kern, Irving Berlin, and other great Jewish composers of the 20th century. Cole's performances have prompted accolades from many of America's most prominent music critics. He is regarded by many – including members of the Gershwin family — as the foremost interpreter of George Gershwin. Kevin has sold out at the Hollywood Bowl and Royal Albert Hall, and recently appeared in concert with Barbara Streisand, Aretha Franklin, Liza Minelli and Yitzhak Perlman.

Please join us for what is sure to be an afternoon of what the Chicago Sun called "pure show-biz virtuosity that would have had Vladimir Horowitz smiling with envy,"



"Kid, if I could have played piano like that, I would never have become a song writer!"  
-Irving Berlin to Kevin Cole

Program funded through the generous support of The Brenda and Fred Friedman Foundation.

If you are interested in providing additional support for the fundraising event as a Patron, and participating in a special Patron's gathering with Kevin at the piano, please contact Holly Gettinger at [hagettinger@gmail.com](mailto:hagettinger@gmail.com) or call the Temple office at 933-2740.

## How to Celebrate Chanukah at TBE



1. Enjoy Latkes at **Sisterhood's Annual Chanukah Lunch & Raffle** on Sunday, December 9th at noon. The Chanukah Raffle drawing will be held during the lunch...\$2/ticket or \$18 for 10 tickets — over 40 incredible prizes! Lunch menu includes: Latkes, Apricot Kugel, Green Salad, Tuna Salad and desserts—\$10 for adults (13 and older) and \$5 for children.  
RSVP to [egregory@templebeth-el.net](mailto:egregory@templebeth-el.net). Don't forget to pick up your Sisterhood Directory, too!
2. Participate in the Chanukah Tzedakah Project – **Share the Spirit: Family to Family...**  
See page 11 for more details
3. Give blood in the Social Hall as the Men's Club holds their Annual Blood Drive for the Red Cross, Sunday, December 9th from 9am-12pm. Nurses will be on hand, and yes, you'll get a sweet when you donate!...See page 5 for more details
4. Attend **Rabbi Barry Mesch's Scholar-In-Residence Weekend**...see back cover for more details

## Religious Service Schedule November 2012

November 2	Erev Shabbat Candle lighting	5:45 pm 5:36 pm
November 3	Saturday morning Parshat Vayera <i>Bar Mitzvah: Max Sikora</i> Shabbat Mincha	9:30am  5:30 pm
November 9	Erev Shabbat Candle lighting	5:45 pm 4:30 pm
November 10	Saturday morning Parshat Hayyei Sarah <i>Maftir: David Reznik</i> Shabbat Mincha	9:30 am  4:30 pm
<i>*Shabbat Mincha time changes from 5:30 pm to 4:30 pm due to Daylight Savings Time.</i>		
November 16	Erev Shabbat Candle lighting	5:45 pm 4:26 pm
November 17	Saturday morning Parshat Toldot <i>Maftir: Dalia Abrams</i> Shabbat Mincha	9:30 am  4:30 pm
November 23	Erev Shabbat Candle lighting	5:45 pm 4:23 pm
November 24	Saturday morning Parshat Vayetze <i>Maftir: Josh Ivker</i> Shabbat Mincha	9:30 am  4:30 pm
November 30	Erev Shabbat Candle lighting	5:45 pm 4:21 pm

## Weekday Service Schedule

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



*\*Mincha time changes from 5:30 pm to 4:30 pm beginning on November 4th due to Daylight Savings Time.*

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## Message From Our Cantor

Dear Friends,

Having concluded the very busy and spiritually engaging period of the Jewish High Holiday season, we now begin to look forward to a New Year 5773 filled with health and happiness for our loved ones, blessing, and peace for all humanity.

For Temple Beth-El, the new year brings several exciting and inspiring speakers and events to our congregation. Thanks to the dedication and work of our staff, TBE's board, Temple Beth-El Foundation, the Adult Education/ Programming and Concert Committees, as well as the generosity of the Brenda and Fred Friedman Foundation, the Birmingham Jewish Foundation, and Sallie and Bruce Downs, we are able to offer a year of outstanding programming at TBE.

On Sunday afternoon, December 2, the second in TBE's annual Cultural Arts Series brings famed Gershwin pianist, Kevin Cole to Temple Beth-El in Kevin Cole: America's Pianist and the Great American Jewish Song Book. Kevin Cole is considered the premier interpreter of the music of George Gershwin, and American popular music from that period, so much of which was composed by Jewish composers. Familiar names like George Gershwin, Irving Berlin, Jerome Kern (*Ol' Man River*), Harold Arlen (*Somewhere over the rainbow*), Lerner and Lowe, Rogers and Hammerstein, Leonard Bernstein and Steven Sondheim - all Jewish composers - each of whom contributed to the very unique American popular style of song and music.

Kevin has appeared with major American and international symphony orchestras to great acclaim, and most recently appeared in a concert commemorating the life of Marvin Hamlisch (with whom he often collaborated) with Aretha Franklin, Barbara Streisand, Liza Minelli and Yithak Perlman. Save the date! This is a concert not to be missed! (Oh, and did I mention that Kevin was my first accompanist when I was a young singer in Michigan? I really knew him when!)

This event is funded by the *Brenda and Fred Friedman Foundation*. Additional sponsorship opportunities are available for the TBE Fundraising Event. Please call or email me if you wish to learn more.

The following weekend, Dr. Barry Mesch, son of TBE's former Rabbi Abraham Mesch (z"l), spends the Shabbat week-end with us as TBE Scholar-in-Residence. Dr. Mesch's visit corresponds with the 50th Yarzeit of his father, beloved Rabbi Abraham Mesch (z"l). Dr. Mesch is Provost and Stone/Teplow Families' Professor of Jewish Thought at Hebrew College. He holds a B.S. from Columbia University, a B.R.E. from the Jewish Theological Seminary, and a Ph.D from Brandeis University. Dr. Mesch's visit is funded by the Temple Beth-El Foundation.

Dr. Ron Wolfson, visits TBE on Wednesday, January 9. Dr. Wolfson is a visionary Jewish educator whose enthusiasm for bringing Judaism alive in homes and synagogues has shaped his work in the community. Dr. Wolfson will be presenting two programs on that day, one for children in the afternoon and a program for adults that evening. His visit to Temple Beth-El is made possible through the generous support of Sallie and Bruce Downs.

Ron is the author of *The Seven Questions You're Asked in Heaven, The Spirituality of Welcoming: How to Transform Your Congregation Into a Sacred Community and God's To-Do List: 103 Ways to Be an Angel and Do God's Work on Earth* (Jewish Lights Publishing). A pioneer in the field of Jewish family education, Ron has authored *The Art of Jewish Living* series of books (Jewish Lights Publishing): three of the titles (Shabbat, Passover, and Hanukkah) are designed to enrich the celebration of Jewish holidays and *A Time to Mourn, A Time to Comfort*, provides a guide to Jewish bereavement and comfort.

Ron's recently published children's book *Be Like God: God's To-Do List for Kids* (Jun 22, 2012)- an inspirational **guide for kids ages eight to twelve to be God's partner on earth** - will be the subject of a community-wide presentation held at TBE, with copies of his book to be given to those children who attend. The Birmingham Jewish **Foundation is generously underwriting the distribution of Dr. Wolfson's book so that families will have the opportunity to read it together, to discuss the Jewish values and concepts it explores and to engage in many of the suggested activities.**

All of which is to say that 5773 is shaping up to be a year of exciting opportunities for spiritual nourishment growth at Temple Beth-El. Don't miss out! Mark your calendars today and watch your email and snail mail for more details.

May the year 5773 be a year of blessing and peace for you and your loved ones.

Cantor Gale

## Message From Our Religious School

### Successful High Holiday Programs for Our Youth

Thank you to all the families and youth that joined us for our High Holiday programs (family services on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, Junior Congregation, Sukkot, Simchat Torah and the activities for our youth in the Religious School classrooms). Our Shul was buzzing with the happy sound of kids learning and having fun! My favorite part of this High Holiday season was hearing a child cry when it was time to go home! This is the same child that pitched a fit on the first day of Rosh Hashanah because she didn't want to go to the Religious School classrooms for special holiday activities. After a lot of coaxing from her mother, she reluctantly went in. At the end of Yom Kippur, that same child was crying because she didn't want to leave since she was having such a good time! That's what I like to hear! Kids having so much fun that they don't want to leave TBE. Thank you to Kelley Jefferson and Jennifer Spiegelman for making the classroom activities fun and educational.

A special thank you to Eyal Ron and his sons, Tom and Ethan, for leading the family services on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. The little ones and their parents seemed to really enjoy the special service. Thank you to Jimmy Krell for leading Junior Congregation on Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Sukkot. Our 2nd-6th graders are learning a lot from Jimmy and I'm hearing many positive comments from the kids about his amazing leadership.

Maurine Halpern  
Education and Youth Administrator  
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### Upcoming November Dates to Remember

November 4: Project Mishpacha (6th)  
November 10-11: No Jr. Congregation/School—**Veteran's Day**  
November 19-27: No Jr. Congregation/School—**Thanksgiving Break**  
November 30: Family Shabbat Ruach and Dinner

## Celebrating becoming a Bar Mitzvah

Max DeVries Sikora  
Son of Bridget and Steven Sikora



November 3rd  
9:30 am

*Kiddush Luncheon hosted by Max's  
grandparents Natalie & Albert Sikora and  
Harriet & Phillip Berk*

## November Youth Group Events



November 4 Yoga at Temple Beth-El (Grades 3-5)  
Send your kids for an afternoon of yoga after Religious School! The class will be taught by Nan Unkenholz from 12-1:30pm. Lunch will be provided.

November 7 Go Out to Dinner with USY  
for 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Graders!

All USYers are invited for a night out of great food and fun! The program will start at 6pm, after Religious School.

November 18 Seussical at the LJCC (Grades 3-8)

Come see the new production of Seussical at The Levite Jewish Community Center with all your friends! There will also be a special talkback session **with the actors after the show!** You don't want to miss out on this great opportunity!

For questions or to RSVP, please contact Jennifer Spiegelman at [jspiegelman@templebeth-el.net](mailto:jspiegelman@templebeth-el.net)

## Men's Club

As the High Holiday season comes to an end the Men's Club will have its 3rd Annual Golf Tournament on October 28th. Look for team results in the December Bulletin. The Men's Club Membership is growing and you do not want to miss the upcoming events that we have planned for the year.

A Hanukkah Happy Hour is being planned for early December and we are planning a winter husband/ wife bowling outing.

We will again be hosting our Blood Drive in conjunction with the Chanukah Latke Luncheon on Sunday, December 9th from 9am-12pm in the Social Hall. Please make plans to attend and perform this wonderful mitzvah.

As always, at the top of our list is supporting our youth and Jewish education so we continue to sponsor events and activities for the Jewish youth in our synagogue.

Have a great November and remember being involved with Men's Club is cool, so join today if you have not done so already. Contact Eric Goldis at 205-365-1285.

Thanks,  
Eric Goldis

## Foundation Donations

### Temple Beth-El Foundation Recent Donations

Glenda and Paul Nagrodzki gave a donation to the Chaya Nagrodzki Simcha Fund in memory of Szymon Nagrodzki.

Beth Jackson gave a donation to the Rabbi Cynthia Culpeper and Irby Cohen Performing Arts Fund to honor Tory Cohen Baldwin on the birth of her son, Gabriel, and the birthday of her son, Alex.

Pam Ruttenberg and Arnold Shiland gave a donation to the Dorothy and Meyer Shiland Adult Programming Fund **in honor of Dorothy's birthday.**

Joe and Phyllis Arnold gave a donation to the Jill Radwin Confirmation Trip Fund in memory of Jill on her first yahrzeit.

Glenda and Paul Nagrodzki gave a donation to the Chaya Nagrodzki Simcha Fund in memory of Ernie Wilcher on his yahrzeit.

## Family Shabbat Ruach—A Family Friendly Shabbat Experience



Join us November 30th for TBE's *Family Shabbat Ruach*. Our casual service begins at 5:45pm.

*Family Shabbat Ruach* is an hour-long Friday evening service for both children and adults guaranteed to uplift your *ruach* (spirit) and enliven your soul.

Each service begins with our children welcoming the Shabbat in song, after which they will follow Rabbi Goldsmith to the Chapel for a children's service and activities.

Cantor Gale continues the service with the TBE Shabbat Ruach Band of Bruce Downs on guitar, Spencer Leffel on drums, and Gerald Rosenbaum on violin.

Bring your entire family as we joyously welcome the Sabbath in song and prayer.

Dinner to follow services. Cost is \$10 per person/\$25 per family.

To reserve your spot, please email or call the TBE office at [egregory@templebeth-el.net](mailto:egregory@templebeth-el.net) or 933-2740.

## Message From Our Foundation



### Kol Nidrei speech 2012

Good Evening. Tonight is my 4<sup>th</sup> time speaking to you on the high holidays: twice as president of the Temple and now for the second time as president of the Temple Beth-El Foundation. God willing, and with some good planning, it will be my last!

As I look out at the congregation tonight on this **Kol Nidrei, I can't help but think about family and tradition.** After all, that is large part of the Yamim Nora'im and in fact, all Jewish holidays. Yes, Yom Kippur is certainly about praying to God for forgiveness and for doing Teshuva and for reflection of the past year. It is a time to apologize to one another for wrongs we have committed and to think about acting differently in the coming year – to be kinder, to be more patient, to be less hurtful to one another. That is the crux of Yom Kippur: standing before God tonight and **tomorrow and “coming clean,” so to speak:** recognizing our faults and our mistakes in the past year and making a promise to God and to ourselves that we will indeed change in the coming year.

But for most of us, Jewish holidays are completely wrapped in tradition: traditions of our individual families, traditions that are solid in communities, and traditions that have become set in stone for individual synagogues. Think about this synagogue: I have been here 20 years but for those of you who have been here longer, can you think of a time when 2 past presidents did not hold the Torahs while the hazzan chanted Kol Nidrei? That was not a tradition in the synagogue that I grew up in but it is one that has been a solid tradition here for many years.

We all have our own personal traditions in our families. I remember well my own tradition for the **high holidays and I'd like to share it with you.** I remember back to when I was a young boy growing up in Pittsburgh. We lived about 3 miles from the large conservative shul where I was raised in Squirrel Hill. My father, raised orthodox in the city, always walked to synagogue on the High Holidays. In fact, I suspect he walked to synagogue every Shabbat as a child. Our family tradition was to drive to synagogue on Saturday mornings. But for the High Holidays, I well remember going with my father and in later years my younger brother to synagogue for Erev Rosh Hashanah. I remember looking around the half

empty sanctuary at the men and their children all dressed up for the holidays listening to Cantor Moshe Taube. Cantor Taube was a short man – no more than 5 foot 3 but had a booming voice that filled the sanctuary that seated 2000 people. I still remember that beautiful nusach for Erev Rosh Hashanah which is still one of my favorites. After shul, it was dark and we walked home to have a delicious dinner prepared by my mom and my sister.

The next 2 mornings and then on Yom Kippur, we would get up early, put on our new clothes that we had shopped for with my mother, and start on what seemed like a very long walk to synagogue. Pittsburgh is somewhat unusual as far as Jewish cities go. Squirrel Hill is one of many communities in Pittsburgh but it is historically where most of the Jewish community lived and many still live there. When other northeastern cities had a flight of non traditional Jews to the suburbs, Pittsburgh Jews tended to stay in Squirrel Hill where there are still more than 10 synagogues. What is unusual is that it was and still is the center of all denominations of Judaism: Reform Conservative, Orthodox, Chabad, and reconstructionism. As we walked to synagogue, we passed many many other people walking or driving to synagogue: Jews of all types: black hats with long black coats going to numerous orthodox synagogues and families driving or walking to one of the conservative or Reform temples, everyone wishing each other a Good Yontif and Shana Tova.

I would sit with my father and sometimes my mother - who often came a little later: not at the crack of dawn- in our assigned seats, twisting his tallit tzitzit around my fingers and listening to the hazzan and the choir, waiting for the time for me to go to Jr. Congregation. Jr. Congregation is where I really learned to daven. After our Jr. Congregation services were over on Rosh Hashanah my siblings and I would find our parents among the throngs of people leaving services and walk home for lunch both on the first and second days of Rosh Hashanah.

I have great memories of my synagogue in Pittsburgh and the High Holidays with my family and friends. None of you knew my Dad but many of you knew my mother who frequently came to Birmingham to spend Yom Kippur with me and Sheri and our boys. When I was davening Shacharit, my mom and I would get up and walk the two and a half miles from our house here in Birmingham at 7:45 am for services. She loved coming on the holidays and enjoyed coming for regular Shabbat services here as well. She felt very much at home in our synagogue.

So how does all this talk about tradition tie in to the Temple Beth-El Foundation? Here is what I would like to see: I want to see young children and families develop their own traditions here at Beth-El that will serve as important memories and as building blocks for their own Jewish lives, whether here or elsewhere. My own sense of

## Message From Our Foundation

Judaism was completely centered around experiences that I had growing up – and most of them were based on my synagogue experience.

We are building those same memories here at Beth-El for our current families. Our children talk about their Confirmation class trip to New York and seeing their pictures hanging on the wall behind the sanctuary.

**They look for their parents' pictures on the wall. On** these high holidays, our kids will forever remember coming in at Neilah for the conclusion of Yom Kippur carrying glow sticks and having havdallah on the bimah with the rabbi and hazzan. They will remember bringing their shofar to shul and blowing it as loud and long as possible at the conclusion of Yom Kippur. They will remember sitting in this sanctuary on Shabbat **with their parents, attending B'nai Mitzvahs and** having their own Bar or Bat mitzvah right here on this bimah.

It is all of our jobs to make sure that these memories are preserved. We are in the business at Temple Beth-El of building good Jewish experiences here in this building and helping families and individuals to create their own memories here so that they will want, as I have, to continue to create similar experiences for their own children.

Unfortunately, running synagogues is becoming more and more difficult financially. Costs are higher than they used to be — utilities, security, you name it; professional salaries are greater than they once were; more work is done by paid staff rather than by volunteers for many reasons – most families have 2 working parents and there is not the available time that there once was.

Fortunately, We — unlike many synagogues around the country — have a Foundation, an endowment — that can help out when the synagogue needs a little help with programming, salaries, a roof, new water tight windows, or a new server for its computer system. The founding Fathers of the Temple Beth-El Foundation were so smart in thinking of the future. In 1960, 5 men of Temple Beth-El worked hard to create the Temple Beth-El Foundation whose sole purpose is to support this congregation. They were F.W. Nichols, Max Greenwald, Arnold Royal, James Permutt, and **Marshall Gordon. With Marshall Gordon's death** recently, we no longer have any living Founding Fathers of our Foundation. We owe them a great deal of gratitude for their insight and forward thinking to have started an endowment at this synagogue.

If we want Temple Beth-El and Conservative Judaism to survive in Birmingham, we need to keep our Foundation healthy and full of funds. We need to make

certain that we are building strong Jewish memories for the families of this congregation. There were several births in our Temple this last month. We ALL must make sure - make absolutely certain - that we are in a financial position to create Jewish memories for these newest members of our shul.

Last year I stood at this bimah and asked for money. I asked for dollars to pay for the renovation from the flood. You responded and we raised the money and **we'll all agree that the renovation is beautiful and a** great use of the space. I am NOT asking for money from you tonight.

However, I am asking you to do what Sheri and I have **already done. I'm asking you to consider LEAVING the** Foundation something after you are no longer here. Sheri and I have provisions to leave the Foundation money for the future of this synagogue. We have plans to leave a significant gift – **and it doesn't depend on** whether or not our 3 sons will be here or not. We want this synagogue to be here for all families of Birmingham and I am asking you to do the same.

We all should be doing financial planning in our own households – for college costs, for retirement, and for our future plans and dreams. We MUST do the same at Temple Beth-El and FOR Temple Beth-El. If part of our future planning is to see our children and grandchildren and others who are not even part of our own family have a place to learn and practice Conservative Judaism in Birmingham, then we must act now and not wait. I am asking you to leave a part of your future estate to the synagogue. Have discussions with your families over the next day and over your break - fast. If you have been a member here for 5 years or for 50 years, you certainly must have some wonderful memories from your experiences here at Beth-El. Share those memories with your family and discuss how you would like to make sure that others have the same experience you did. Our lives **are fragile. Don't wait to have these conversations. I've** talked to some people about this subject and some **have said, "I'll leave our estate to our children and let them give the money to the synagogue if they want."** Unfortunately, our children might not have the same wishes that we do. I urge you to act now. Talk to your attorney and or tax advisor and leave something here for our future. After the holiday, I urge you to call Barbara Gordon, our executive director, to set up a meeting or phone conversation to get the process started.

We all need to make sure that our children have a place to build their Jewish memories just like I did and just like you did.

Gmar Chatima Tova.  
Jimmy Krell

*Please see page 5 for  
TBE Foundation Donations!*

## Sisterhood

### Author Reviews and Signs Book



Sisterhood of Temple Beth-El is pleased to welcome Alyson Richman, author of *The Lost Wife*, an historical novel

Co-sponsored by:

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A rapturous new novel of first love in the time of war. From the glamorous ease of life in Prague before the occupation to the horrors of Nazi Europe, *The Lost Wife* explores the power of first love, the resilience of the human spirit, and our capacity to remember.

Sunday, November 11, 2012 10:00am at Temple Beth-El

10:00am Continental Breakfast, Book Signing

Open to Community \$10

RSVP to Temple Beth-El [egregory@templebeth-el.net](mailto:egregory@templebeth-el.net) or 933-2740

Co-chairs: Barbara Bonfield and Ellen Bruck

Book available for \$15 at Little Professor—mention November 11 Book Review and receive 20% discount  
Check [www.littleprofessorhomewood.com/events](http://www.littleprofessorhomewood.com/events) for Alyson's scheduled book signing at Little Professor.

### Sisterhood's Chanukah Raffle—Over 40 Fantastic Prizes!



You, your family and friends are invited to our Annual Chanukah Latke Lunch following a Religious School program on Sunday, December 9th at noon. This is a great way to begin Chanukah with every edible tradition, without standing over a hot stove frying and **flipping potato latkes...the room is always full, so call or email the synagogue for your reservations at 933-2740 or [egregory@templebeth-el.net](mailto:egregory@templebeth-el.net); \$10 for adults/\$5 for children.**

Julie Bernstein chairs a very successful team of raffle prize procurers: Ellen Bernstein, Freda Centor, Jan Jaffe, Kim Mirelman, Bobbye Seligman, Debbie Sher, Ellen Sokol, & Amy Stein.

Watch your mail for raffle tickets from Sisterhood the first week of November. The tickets are \$2 each or 10 for \$18! Just use your address labels to fill in each ticket and mail them with your check made out to **Sisterhood at PO Box 550220, Birmingham, AL 35255. Winners' tickets will be pulled at the Chanukah Latke Lunch (you don't have to be present to win).**

If you have something to donate (we'll give you a receipt!), please contact Julie at 967-9838.

The Sisterhood Judaica Gift Shop will be open that Sunday, so think of us for Chanukah and all gift-giving! (and watch for a sale!)

**Sisterhood's Annual Temple Beth-El Directory for 2013 will be distributed that day.**

With activities from the Men's Club and the Religious School on Sunday December 9th, the entire Synagogue will be alive with laughter, fun, and many families being together...it's one of the best days of the entire year at Temple Beth-El, full of Ruach!



## Sisterhood

### We Love You, Joe!

Sisterhood has a very special relationship with Joe Preston—Joe has been there for us, printing our Directory, all of our postcard/invitation/announcements, member statements, stationary, raffle tickets, bulletins — everything we ever needed printed, for years!

Joe is patient, and has worked overtime when we cannot seem to get information to him before we actually need the materials. He has worked with scratch paper notes, pieces of information over the phone, pre-designed materials from our creative members or from Women's League...even going to websites and picking up that one little logo we don't understand how to translate for our publications. Joe has worked with dozens of Sisterhood women for years, and is not only accommodating, but understanding, efficient, and devoted to our mission. He works with volunteers and coaches them. Ask Joe what we did 3 years ago on a postcard, how many we ordered and in what color, and amazingly, he goes to his files and finds what we have lost...

Joe Preston, dba B& B Printing, is a true member of the Sisterhood (and TBE) family!

We love you, Joe!

### Sisterhood Shabbat—January 19th, 2013

Every year, Sisterhood of Temple Beth-El celebrates a January Shabbat by totally conducting the Service. On Friday night, January 18th, we will offer a delicious traditional Shabbat dinner after services. On Saturday, January 19th, Sisterhood members will conduct the full service and treat the congregation to a delicious Shabbat Luncheon. Any Sisterhood member is eligible to participate (we do have rehearsal if you need!), just contact Janet Reagan 956-9946 or JReagan@bham.rr.com. You may do any part of the Service you would like.

### Sisterhood Prepares Shalach Manot Packages for You & Your Family & Friends



Beginning February 7th, Judy Cullinan and a large group of volunteers will begin packaging our 2013 Shalach Manot baskets. They will be working on 5 other dates to package, ship, and deliver baskets. When we print the dates, we hope that you will come **with your family or Mahj Group to give us a hand...can't let a holiday go by without something from the Sisterhood in your house and available for you to send to family and friends!** Along with the Gift Shop and baked goods, this fulfills our commitment to providing Judaica for your homes.

### Casino Night—February 9th, 2013

BY POPULAR DEMAND, we bring back our most fun fundraiser from about 8 years ago! A full Casino Night with all the usual tables, including Poker Tables. Mahj tables will be set up by reservation only. Of course there will be delicious food and **great music playing....and every dollar profit will be given directly to the synagogue** for programming and the Religious School. Bridget Sikora returns to repeat her **chairmanship, and she puts on a great party! Our synagogue men will run the tables .... And everyone of you will have a great evening....BE SURE TO PUT THE DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW!** Re-schedule that ski trip or cruise, 'cause you won't want to miss this night!



## Sisterhood

Chanukah is almost here, and that means it's time to place your order \*now\*  
for delicious blintzes baked by our very own Temple Beth-El Sisterhood.

Stock up your freezer so you can have a traditional holiday dish this year,  
and more on hand for when you get that inevitable "I really need a blintz" feeling later on!

# blintz sale

They'll be available to pick up Sunday, December 9 at our Chanukah Luncheon at Temple Beth-El. Easy!

\$20/dozen

Contact Hannah Helman at 967-9659 or gicolin@aol.com any time for your orders.

Don't be disappointed - order early!

## Gift Shop News



The Sisterhood Gift Shop is currently having a sale on children's gifts and Rosh Hashanah related items. We are now in the process of ordering more items for Bar/Bat Mitzvahs and weddings, as well as Judaica in general.

We are asking that all Bar/Bat Mitzvah kids come by the gift shop and pick out gifts for their registry. We will be setting up shelves for those kids who register. We are also starting a bridal and baby registry.

Please visit our Gift Shop and bring your suggestions for items you would like to see while you're shopping.

Esther Levy and Fawn Bloomston  
Sisterhood Judaica Gift Shop Buyers

## Donations to Sisterhood

A Chai donation in loving memory of Barry Roseman  
A Chai donation in loving memory of Barbara Tenenbaum  
From: Shirley & Ron Froehlich

## High Holiday Greetings

Heidi & Martin Damsky



## Leagrams

Debra Gordon-Hellman: Condolences on the loss of your father, Marshall Gordon  
Marsha & Harry Asman: Mazal Tov on the birth of your great-grandson, Riley Aiden Herman  
From: Esther & Jerry Brown

Toby & Paul Jaffe: Condolences on the loss of your father, Howard Jaffe  
Gail Schuster: Get well wishes  
From: Ceil & Max Herzel

Toby & Paul Jaffe: Condolences on the loss of your father, Howard Jaffe  
From: Shirley & Paul Schlaff

Contact Ceil Herzel at 871-5125 or herzel194034@bellsouth.net to have a beautifully handwritten note sent for simchas, get wells, or losses for a \$5 contribution to Sisterhood.

# BE Involved

## Share the Spirit: FAMILY TO FAMILY Chanukah Program



While most of us are blessed with comfortable lifestyles, we know others are not as blessed. Only minutes from our Temple there are families in desperate need of our help. With this in mind, Temple Beth-El is pleased to partner with First Teachers @ Home, Temple Emanu-El, and the N.E. Miles Jewish Day School to help others during this season of giving. We are going to be part of an exciting and meaningful program called Share the Spirit: Family to Family Chanukah Program.

Please read below for more information about how YOU can participate in this meaningful mitzvah.

### Champion a Family

First Teachers @ Home will give each participating group a list (with numbers not last names) of low-income families who participate in their innovative parent-centered education program for preschoolers in Jefferson, Walker and Tuscaloosa Counties. These families need our help to make their holiday a happy one!

#### Here's what YOU NEED TO DO:

1. Email Amy Strickland: rasams96@bellsouth.net to sign up to Champion a family.
2. **You'll get a return email that details the ages and gender of each of the members of a family for whom you will purchase a gift for Christmas. Please do not wrap!**
3. **Then, bring your family's gifts by December 7th to Temple by 5:45 pm services, marked with the assigned family number, and put them into the matching carton in the sanctuary.**

Celebrate the miracle of Chanukah, the holiday of lights,  
by bringing joy and light to non-Jewish families  
struggling to make ends meet at Christmas.

## Calling All Volunteers for Thanksgiving & Christmas Day!

Come serve lunch to the less fortunate on Thanksgiving Day and 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](mailto: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. There will be a basket at the synagogue in the entry by the office...it's always nice to add little surprises for those less fortunate than we!

## Memorial Rock Garden Visited by Large Group

A large number of Temple Beth-El families gathered at the Memorial Garden in Block 40, Elmwood Cemetery on Sunday, September 23 where Cantor Gale led them in prayers for their loved ones. In addition to conducting the service for the group, Cantor Gale also provided special services at individual gravesites.



The day was beautiful, blessed by cool fall weather that brought a soft breeze, a brilliant blue sky and the songs of birds as they flitted about. The magnolia trees obligingly sprouted lovely, large creamy blooms. Landscapers for Temple Beth-El and Elmwood had worked especially hard to ensure that the surroundings were well tended. Emerald Zoysia grass that has been planted by TBE for the past several years, with the aid of abundant rain throughout the summer, has flourished and there is thick turf in most areas. (Unfortunately, fire ant beds sprouted almost overnight as an aftermath of all the rain. Although every effort had been made to extinguish the pesky insects, a few people suffered bites.)

Our congregation and family members have given strong support to the new fee system making it possible to engage appropriate contractors to provide regular maintenance for Block 40. These services include trimming grass and shrubbery around foot and headstones, placing sod on new graves, watering in the event of drought and weed/feed services. In addition to fees, the TBE Foundation provides additional funds to help with maintenance activities. The result is that we are beginning to see a pleasing cemetery that is a desirable resting place for our loved ones and where members can enjoy the beauty of these sacred grounds.

In the works for Block 40 are plans to make additional stones and benches available for purchase in the Memorial Garden. A number of members have requested the opportunity to honor their loved ones, who were not included in the original plan, with a bench or a stone. The plan also includes planting decorative shrubbery around the perimeter of the grounds. You can help in this effort if you have plants that you would like to donate. Azaleas and gardenias are easily propagated and even rootings from crepe myrtles can be successfully planted. Call Barbara Bonfield (879-5814) if you would like to help with donations from your own gardens. Included on the wish list for the future is the purchase of at least two attractive garbage cans. If you would like to be a donor for this effort, an appropriate sign will be placed on the container acknowledging your support!

Your suggestions and ideas for additional improvements will be appreciated. In addition, if you would like to serve on one of the cemetery committees to help make important decisions, your willingness to do so will be welcomed.

## Torah Fund 2013

## Uri Uri—Awake: Greet the new dawn!



Hannah Helman and Arlene Fisher, Torah Fund Co-**Chairs announce...**that we are closing in on \$16,000! We would be delighted to deliver a packet of donation cards and the beautiful pin to you ASAP. Monies that we raise go directly to The Jewish Theological Seminary to support scholarships for our future rabbis, cantors, education directors, etc. The levels of giving are: Benefactor—\$180; Guardian—\$300; Associate Patron—\$600; Patron—\$1200. Payments can be made in installments over the next 10 months; all credit cards are welcome as well as checks (or cash!) Since the last bulletin, the following women have joined us in our efforts to have the most successful campaign ever:

### BENEFACTOR

Cathy Fingerman   Barbara Finklestein   Sheri Krell   Rhoda Link   Barbara Royal

*And your name...*

## Speedy Recovery

Best wishes for a speedy recovery and continued good health to:  
Harvey Benjamin, Eileen Curtis, Laura Gordon, Gail Schuster, Anne Shiland

## Condolences

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

*Selma Perlstein*  
Mother of Jay Perlstein

*Barry Roseman*  
Son of Frances Roseman; Husband of Bari Roseman; Father of Evan Roseman;  
Brother of Donnie Roseman and Ronnie Roseman

*Barbara Tenenbaum*  
Mother of Joyce Tenenbaum Spielberger, Mark Tenenbaum, and Jay Tenenbaum

*Mildred Turetzky*  
Mother of Susan Padove, Neal Miller, and Judy Cone

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

## Chesed Celebrates 5773

On September 21st, the Chesed Committee and Cantor Gale presented a joyous program at Brookdale Place to welcome the New Year. Our senior friends joined the Chazan in a beautiful High Holiday service followed by tasty refreshments.

Special thanks go to our wonderful Cantor and volunteers: Betty Anfanger, Sandra Gilbert, Dale Marcus, Thea Ostroy, Bari Roseman, Margy Rosenbaum, Natalie Sikora, and Diane Slaughter.

With Sisterhood support, the Chesed Committee is involved in baking cakes at TBE for families who are in mourning. Sheri Epstein, Renee Singer, and Sandra Gilbert recently showed their culinary talents when they **baked Ilse Nathan's famous pound cake. Todah Rabah!**

October has been another banner month for Chesed activities with visits to Brookdale Place, nine other Senior residences as well as to individual congregants to convey the spirit of Sukkot and Simchat Torah. Volunteers add a meaningful presence to these programs and bring a breath of sunshine to our Seniors. Chanukah will soon be here and we need your assistance.

Your Chesed Co-Chairs are eager to hear from you!

Dorothy Ziff (dorothyziff@hotmail.com), Cindy May (cndmay@bellsouth.net), Sandra Gilbert (sgbhm@bellsouth.net)

## 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  
(Piggly Wiggly, Publix, Western, & Winn-Dixie)  
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...  
Lynette Mazer*

## Special Birthdays

Mazal Tov to the following on their Special Birthdays for the month of November 2012:

Marc Bloomston, Ronald Levitt, Neal Miller

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



## TBE Anniversaries

November 2012



Louise & Jim Abroms (35)

Barbara & Keith Bernstein (25)

Marjie & Myron Butler (52)

Tracy & Seth Diamond (8)

Sandra Jaffe & Barry Dreayer (17)

Honi & Steven Gottlieb (5)

Sherrie & Steven Grunfeld (22)

Ilene & Martin Klinger (1)

Susan & Billy Lapidus (22)

Gerri & Glenn Mazer (4)

Sheryl & Jay Perlstein (26)

Lorraine & David Reznik (27)

Sara & Kerry Shapiro (22)

Ellen & Jerry Sokol (41)

Susan & Michael Stein (38)

Hannah & Ken Tichansky (48)

Melissa & Melvin Zivitz (24)

*May you go from strength to strength.*

*If your anniversary or special birthday is not listed above,  
please let us know so that we may update our records.*

*Please contact Emily at 933.2740 or [egregory@templebeth-el.net](mailto:egregory@templebeth-el.net)*

## Mazal Tov

Mazal Tov to Daniel Odrezin, son of Jamie and Greg Odrezin, on being accepted into the Alabama State Bar.

Mazal Tov to Brooke and Justin Kaplan on the birth of their son Samuel Lee Kaplan.

Mazal Tov Lisa and Alan Engel on the birth of their grandson, Oliver Joel Haines.

Mazal Tov to Marsha and Harry Asman on the birth of their great-grandson, Riley Aiden Herman.

Mazal Tov to Sherri and David Romanoff on the birth of their twin grandsons, Max and Sam Romanoff.

Mazal Tov to Debbie and Glenn Geldzahler on the engagement of their daughter Stephanie, to Matt Ladden. Mazal Tov also to grandparents Pat and Alan Geldzahler.

*Please join us the 4th Saturday of every month  
for Simcha Shabbat as we  
recognize everyone who has a simcha  
in the current month...  
birthday, anniversary, baby, B'nai Mitzvah, etc.*

## Directory Changes



## Donations

### Good Fortune Fund

A most generous donation  
From: *Jenny Katz*

A Double Chai donation wishing Mazal Tov to Shirley & Ron Froehlich in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary  
A Chai Donation wishing Mazal Tov to Lisa & Alan Engel on the birth of their grandson, Oliver Joel Haines  
A Chai Donation wishing Mazal Tov to Beth & Jack Schaeffer on the birth of their grandson, Samuel Lee Kaplan  
A Chai Donation wishing Mazal Tov to Marsha & Harry Asman on the birth of their great-grandson, Riley Aiden Herman  
A Chai Donation wishing Mazal Tov to Andrea & Jeff Shapiro in honor of **Isaac's Bar Mitzvah**  
A Chai Donation wishing Mazal Tov to Marlene Shapiro **in honor of Isaac's Bar Mitzvah**  
From: *Pam Ruttenberg & Arnold Shiland*

Mazal Tov to Sheri & Jimmy Krell in honor of their 25th wedding anniversary  
From: *Michelle, Kevin, & Jack Pake*

Mazal Tov to Pat & Alan Geldzahler on the engagement of their granddaughter Stephanie, to Matt Ladden  
From: *Riv & Herb Husid*

A Chai donation to Karl Friedman wishing a Happy New Year to you and your staff  
A Chai Donation Tanya Shunnara wishing you a Happy New Year  
From: *Carol Bergen*

Mazal Tov to Beth & Jack Schaeffer on the birth of their grandson, Samuel Lee Kaplan  
From: *Charlotte Corenblum & Karl Friedman  
Virginia & Hertzl Heiman*

Mazal Tov to Carol & Jimmy Filler on the birth of their grandson, Fischer Filler Malin  
From: *Marian & Myron Radwin*

Mazal Tov to Mary & David Kimerling on the wedding of their son Alex to Whitney Henry  
From: *Linda & Doug Friedman*

Mazal Tov to Sherrri & David Romanoff on the birth of their twin grandsons, Max & Sam Romanoff  
From: *Simmy & Phillip Barrocas*

Mazal Tov to Marsha & Harry Asman on the birth of their great-grandson, Riley Aiden Herman  
From: *Virginia & Hertzl Heiman  
Riv & Herb Husid  
Ilse Nathan  
Marian & Myron Radwin*

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

A Chai donation wishing Murray Pizette speedy recovery  
From: *Shirley & Ron Froehlich  
Dolly & David Staff*

A Chai donation wishing Marsha & Harry Asman improving health  
From: *Geri & Bob Stone*

A Chai donation wishing Tobie Axel continued good health  
From: *Dolly & David Staff*

Wendy Pake  
From: *Michelle, Kevin, & Jack Pake*

Ruth Siegler  
From: *Dolly & David Staff  
Susan & Michael Stein*

Murray Pizette  
From: *Riv & Herb Husid  
Gail & Sam Rubin  
Natalie & Albert Sikora*

Marlene Shapiro  
From: *Frieda & Eph Mazer  
Gail & Sam Rubin*

Rusty Radwin  
From: *Simmy & Phillip Barrocas*

### Prayer Book Fund

A Shabbat Sim Shalom Sabbath & Holiday Prayer Book in loving memory of Jules M. Gerwin, beloved father on his Yahrzeit  
From: *Beth & John Gerwin*

A High Holiday Machzor in loving memory of Ruth & Joseph Sikora, beloved parents on their Yahrzeits  
From: *Natalie & Albert Sikora*

### Cantor's Discretionary Fund

Thank you for your heartfelt contribution to our L'Chaim Program  
From: *Birmingham Holocaust Education Center*

A Chai donation  
From: *Kay Virago*

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

A Double Chai donation in honor of Selma Perlstein  
From: *Barbara & Robert Shinpaugh*

A Chai donation in honor of Rabbi Michelle Goldsmith  
From: *Geri & Bob Stone*

Speedy recovery to Murray Pizette  
From: *Gloria Solomon*

### Rita Laufman Youth Fund

Mazal Tov to Lisa & Alan Engel on the birth of their grandson, Oliver Joel Haines  
In memory of Marshall Gordon  
In memory of Howard Jaffe  
From: *Ilene & Sandy Axelroth*

### Keith Altman Camp Ramah Scholarship Fund

Mazal Tov to Jimmy Krell in honor of his special birthday  
From: *Michelle, Kevin, & Jack Pake*

### Edie Wilensky Memorial Fund

Mazal Tov to Michelle & Seth Bearman-Wolnek on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Meyer Wolnek  
From: *Diane & Howard Slaughter*

### Rosemore/Goldstein Food for the Needy Fund

In loving memory of Lisa Helene Gould  
From: *Sheila & Lawrence Gordon*

### Robert Spielberger Memorial Fund

In loving memory of Ella Bloomston  
In loving memory of Marshall Gordon  
Continued good health to Murray Pizette  
From: *Lynn & Bert Bloomston*

## Donations

### Chico Bomchel Memorial Social Action Fund

In loving memory of Maurice  
Bomchel, beloved uncle on his  
Yahrzeit

From: *Chita & Howard Weintraub*

In loving memory of Alex Schulman  
on his Yahrzeit

From: *Zena & Lewis Shulman*

A Double Chai donation in loving  
memory of Eveylyn Cooper Schwab,  
beloved mother, grandmother, &  
great-grandmother on her Yahrzeit

From: *Janet (Cookie Schwab), Bert,  
Ruth, & Susan Gurwitch,  
Cooper, Josephine, & Geoff  
Rutledge*

### Men's Club Children's Fund

A Chai donation in loving memory of  
Marshall Gordon

From: *Sandra Jaffe & Barry Dreayer*

### Religious School Fund

A Chai donation in loving memory of  
Barbara Tenenbaum

From: *Hannah & Colin Helman  
Sandra Jaffe & Barry Dreayer*

In loving memory of Barbara  
Tenenbaum

From: *Charlotte Corenblum & Karl  
Friedman*

*Melba Epsman  
Lynette and J.B. Mazer*

### Memorial Fund

*In loving memory of*

A Very Generous donation in loving  
memory of Marshall Gordon

From: *Leslie & Larry Blumberg*

A Generous donation in loving memory  
of Marshall Gordon

From: *Michael R. Appleton*

A Chai donation in loving memory of  
Marshall Gordon

From: *Tobie & Bernard Axel  
Lori & Stephen Dorsky  
Judy Weinstein & Peter  
Jablow  
Joe Reznik*

A Chai donation in loving memory of  
Barry Roseman

From: *Hannah & Colin Helman  
Suzanne & Howard Bearman*

Izzy Weintraub

From: *Paul Grodner*

Howard Jaffe

From: *Lori & Stephen Dorsky*

Blanche Rogoff

From: *Sherry & Jerry Cherner*

Judy Miller

From: *Susan & Ron Heidt*

Will Holloway

From: *Simmy & Phillip Barrocas  
Sherry & Jerry Cherner*

Marshall Gordon

From: *Sherry & Jerry Cherner  
Mayer A. Cohen  
Charlotte Corenblum & Karl  
Friedman*

*Michael Damsky*

*Melba Epsman*

*Mervyn Epsman*

*Grace Finkel*

*Virginia & Hertzl Heiman*

*Cissy & Leonard Held*

*Ilse Nathan*

*Marian & Myron Radwin*

*Donna & Gary Schiff*

*Dolly & David Staff*

*Susan & Michael Stein &  
Family*

*Merry Lou & John Taylor*

*Joan & Don Weisberg*

*Pauline Witt*

Irma Olshan

From: *Karl Friedman*

Lee Litvine

Norman Niren

From: *Michael Damsky*

Ben Perlman

Barbara Tenenbaum

From: *Sybil & Larry Michalove*

### On Their Yahrzeits

*In loving memory of*

A Very Generous Donation in loving  
memory of Leon Meyers, beloved  
father on his Yahrzeit

From: *Merle Salter*

A Very Generous Donation in loving  
memory of Salomon Mirelman,  
beloved father on his Yahrzeit

From: *Daniel Mirelman*

A Very Generous Donation in loving  
memory of Salomon Mirelman,  
beloved father on his Yahrzeit

From: *Simon Mirelman*

A Generous Donation in loving  
memory of Rabbi Cynthia Culpeper,  
beloved friend on her Yahrzeit

From: *Beth Jackson*

A Generous Donation in loving  
memory of Irby M. Cohen, beloved  
**boss & "Tahteh" on his Yahrzeit**

From: *Beth Jackson*

A Generous Donation in loving  
memory of Saul Bernstein, beloved  
father on his Yahrzeit

From: *Roslyn Mannon*

A Generous Donation in loving  
memory of Anne Fried, beloved sister  
on her Yahrzeit

From: *Sheila Fried Teague*

A Double Chai donation in loving  
memory of Saul M. Goldstein,  
beloved father on his Yahrzeit

From: *Michael Goldstein*

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

From: *Rhonda, Eric, Stuart, Philip,  
& Nathan Siegel*

A Double Chai donation in loving  
memory of Charlotte Grodner,  
beloved mother on her Yahrzeit

From: *Ken Grodner*

A Double Chai donation in loving  
memory of Julius Schuster, beloved  
father on his Yahrzeit

From: *Esther Schuster, Allen Shealy,  
& Shaina Shealy*

A Double Chai donation in loving  
memory of Arthur Saron, beloved  
father on his Yahrzeit

From: *Peggy Clarke*

A Double Chai donation in loving  
memory of Joseph Engel, beloved  
father on his Yahrzeit

From: *Ilene Engel*

A Double Chai donation in loving  
memory of Harold Hirsch, beloved  
son, brother, & uncle on his Yahrzeit

From: *Riva & Aisc Hirsch  
Sheryl & Jay Perlstein  
Kayla & Brendan Perlstein*



## Donations

A Double Chai donation in loving memory of Samuel Gorlin, beloved father on his Yahrzeit

A Double Chai donation in loving memory of Terry Green, beloved daughter on her Yahrzeit  
*From: Helen Green*

A Double Chai donation in loving memory of Ida Fisher Zeidman, beloved mother on her Yahrzeit  
A Double Chai donation in loving memory of Jenny K. Fisher, beloved grandmother on her Yahrzeit  
A Double Chai donation in loving memory of Sophie G. Zeidman, beloved grandmother on her Yahrzeit  
*From: Adele Silver*

A Chai donation in loving memory of Max Daitz, beloved father on his Yahrzeit  
*From: Shirley & Ron Froehlich*

A Chai donation in loving memory of Charlotte Grodner, beloved sister on her Yahrzeit  
*From: Dolly & David Staff*

A Chai donation in loving memory of Anna Buchalter, beloved mother-in-law on her Yahrzeit  
*From: Lenora Buchalter*

A Chai donation in loving memory of Chaja Nagrodzki, beloved mother-in-law on her Yahrzeit  
A Chai donation in loving memory of Szymon Nagrodzki, beloved father-in-law on his Yahrzeit  
*From: Nancy Nagrodzki*

A Chai donation in loving memory of Leonard Damsky, on his Yahrzeit  
*From: Deena Dell*

A Chai donation in loving memory of Rose H. Wander, beloved grandmother, on her Yahrzeit  
*From: Michelle Pake*

A Chai donation in loving memory of Ike Kanter, beloved father, on his Yahrzeit  
*From: Barbara Touger*

A Chai donation in loving memory of Melvin Kleinstub, beloved father on his Yahrzeit  
*From: Debbie & Glenn Geldzahler*

A Chai donation in loving memory of Dorothy Hahn, beloved mother on her Yahrzeit  
*From: Beth & John Gerwin*

A Chai donation in loving memory of Jill Radwin, on her Yahrzeit  
*From: Elaine & David Beeber*

A Chai donation in loving memory of Walter Siegler, beloved husband on his Yahrzeit  
*From: Ruth Siegler*

A Chai donation in loving memory of Anna & Avrom Schuster, beloved grandparents on their Yahrzeit  
A Chai donation in loving memory of Esther & Levi Rachman, beloved grandparents on their Yahrzeit  
*From: Esther Schuster, Allen Shealy, & Shaina Shealy*

A Chai donation in loving memory of Louise Rosenberg, beloved mother on her Yahrzeit  
*From: Hazel Pizette*

A Chai donation in loving memory of Morris N. Capouya, beloved father on his Yahrzeit  
*From: Nelsen Capouya*

A Chai donation in loving memory of Sadye Blotner, beloved mother on her Yahrzeit  
*From: Shirley & Jack Hasson*

A Chai donation in loving memory of Sadye Blotner, beloved mother on her Yahrzeit  
*From: Lynette & Alvin Slaughter*

A Chai donation in loving memory of Tessie S. Cohen, beloved mother, grandmother, & great-grandmother on her Yahrzeit  
*From: Mayer A Cohen and children*

A Chai donation in loving memory of Sam Brateman, beloved father on his Yahrzeit  
*From: Libby Brateman*

A Chai donation in loving memory of Janice Taubman, beloved sister on her Yahrzeit  
*From: Eileen Curtis*

A Chai donation in loving memory of Artem Belotserkovskiy, beloved father on his Yahrzeit  
*From: Olga Belotserkovskaya & Al Belotserkovskiy*

Charlotte Grodner, wife  
*From: Paul Grodner*

Herman Aronov, father  
*From: Freddi Aronov*

Jack Goldstein, brother-in-law  
Israel Padawer, brother  
*From: Arthur M. Padawer*

Artem Belotserkovskiy, husband  
*From: Bronya Belotserkovskaya*

Louis Brook, father  
*From: Helman Brook*

Ida Mae Seligman, mother and grandmother  
*From: Bobbye & Michael Seligman and family*

Bertha Plotka, mother-in-law  
*From: Thelma Plotka*

Riva Gulman, aunt  
*From: Irina Sapozhnikov*

Faye Shafferman, sister  
*From: Norma Jean Long*

Lipa Reznichenko  
Sarah Reznichenko  
*From: Leya Reznichenko*

Rifka Hirsch, mother  
Chaim Hirsch, father  
*From: Riva & Aisic Hirsch*

Nathan Friedlander, father  
Bessie Friedlander, mother  
Nathan Evensky, husband  
*From: Elsie Evensky*

Pearl Cooper, mother  
*From: Arnold Cooper*

Anatoly Meshkov, father  
*From: Janna Meshkova*

Gertrude Adcox, aunt  
*From: Sybil & Larry Michalove*

Ivan Weintraub, brother  
*From: Bari Page*

Morris Senior, uncle  
*From: Natalie & Albert Sikora*

Rachel Weinstein, mother  
Heiman Weinstein, father  
*From: Anne W. Zitler*

*\*Donations received after September 28th will be included in the December bulletin.*

## Yahrzeits

*Shabbat Vayera*  
*November 2-3*

Louis Akseizer  
 \*Keith Altman  
 Alvin Bearman  
 \*Frieda Becker  
 Norma Belz  
 David Berger  
 Chana Berman  
 \*Ethel Berman  
 \*Rose Bernstein  
 Alberto Bitran  
 Joseph Blotner  
 Owen Bresler  
 Maurice Corenblum  
 Violet Davis  
 \*Joe Denaburg  
 Vadim Dvoskin  
 \*Morris Feigelson  
 Wallace Flax  
 Minnie Fleisher  
 Toby Cheryl Fraser  
 \*Dora Friedman  
 Bernard Ginsberg  
 Tanchum Goldberg  
 Herbert Goldstein  
 Jennie Goldstein  
 \*Jennie Goldstein  
 Moe Goldstein  
 \*Sy Grunfeld  
 Boris Guberman  
 Rubin Hanan  
 Lena Kanter  
 Roger Katz  
 Earl Kraft  
 Cecelia Krantz  
 \*Jennie Kroman  
 Anna Kurman  
 Benjamin Levine  
 Ben Levy  
 Minnita Lipman  
 Gloria Litvine  
 Sylvia Mazer  
 Sam Mutchnick  
 Mendel Ostroff  
 Noson Pishchik  
 \*Bertha Pollock  
 Sam Rittenberg  
 Arnold Royce  
 \*Samuel Rubin  
 \*Henne Seligman  
 Jane Sheiman  
 Morris Solinsky  
 Mikhaylov Treyger  
 Buzya Vaysbroyt  
 Maurie Weil

Annie Weinstein  
 Robert Weinstein  
 Simon Witt

*Shabbat Hahodesh*  
*November 9-10*

Rose Belitsky  
 Scott Bernstein  
 \*Phillip Binderman  
 \*Phillip Block  
 James Bor  
 Beverly Cohen  
 Sam Cooper  
 Selma Damsky  
 Joseph Dim  
 \*Minnie Dimenstein  
 Ann Freed  
 \*Jean Ginsburg Goddard  
 \*David Goldstein  
 Diana Nathan Goldstein  
 Sadye Greenberg  
 Tillie Greenberg  
 Inez Greene  
 Mayta Gulman  
 Joyce Happ  
 \*Molly Isenberg  
 \*Zissel Isenberg  
 \*Carole Jaffe  
 \*Richard Jaffe  
 Sarah Kraft  
 \*Max Kroman  
 \*Maurice Lapidus  
 Philip Levin  
 \*Shirlee Levine  
 Esther Libowsky  
 \*Rose Lipsitz  
 Max Litvine  
 Benjamin Magness  
 \*Dave Mazer  
 \*Sidney Mazer  
 \*Dorothy Morris  
 \*Jacob Padawer  
 Frances Peetluk  
 \*Eleanor Roseman  
 \*Fredric Michael Rosemore  
 Morris Rosenberg  
 \*Carol Schneider  
 Ethelyn Slaughter  
 Yetta Sohn  
 \*Ethel Stein  
 Betsy Steinman  
 Sarah Stern  
 \*Annie Tenenbaum  
 Risa Varlow  
 Golda Volosovah  
 Lillian Weissman  
 \*Rebecca Wilder

Fanny Wittenstein  
 Meyer Yaker  
 \*Bessie Zivitz

*Shabbat Toldot*  
*November 16-17*

Bootsie Abelson  
 George Berk  
 \*Bert Biel  
 Abba Bromberg  
 Morris Brook  
 \*Lena Coplon  
 Max Eidex  
 \*Taft Epstein  
 \*Harvey Feigelson  
 Nathan Fleisher  
 Paul Froehlich  
 \*Joseph Goldberg  
 \*Howard Green  
 \*Rebecca Green  
 Grigoriy Greenberg  
 Gertrude Grodner  
 Harold Heiman  
 \*Max Hurvich  
 \*Frieda Josephs  
 Ruby Kahn  
 \*Marvin Kallman  
 Ben Kaplan  
 Dave Leeson  
 Rebecca Levin  
 \*William Lubel  
 \*Isadore Mazer  
 Yetta Ostroff  
 Sophie Pollock  
 Jacob Pries  
 Vivian Ralston  
 \*Mendel Reznik  
 Ralph Roseman  
 Sylvan Saks  
 Diane Segal  
 Annie Shealy  
 \*Molly Shiland  
 Joseph Singer  
 Abe Stein  
 Ricki Susman  
 Hyman Tishler  
 Morris Warner  
 Sam Wolf  
 \*Sadie Yanuck  
 Becky Zuflacht

*Shabbat Vayetze*  
*November 23-24*

Solomon Altheim  
 Eve Back  
 \*Rhonda Baker

\*Rebecca Blumberg  
 Abraham Breslin  
 Dottie Buchalter  
 Eva Cohen  
 \*Milton Cohen  
 Reuben Cohen  
 \*Harris Cooper  
 \*Goldie Daitz  
 Sophie Davidson  
 Francis Dim  
 \*Allen Dube  
 Mike Gettinger  
 \*Barney Goldberg  
 \*Frances Goodman  
 \*Lottie Gordon  
 \*Morris Gouse  
 Emanuel Greenberg  
 William Greene  
 Itzchak Halpern  
 Lilly Halpern  
 Miriam Halpern  
 Alma Happ  
 Sam Helfer  
 Etta Hellman  
 Howard Hill  
 Bess Hodes  
 Nathan Kahn  
 \*Edith Klein  
 \*Estelle Koplon  
 Florie Krell  
 Michael Love  
 \*Rachel Maril  
 Harry Mazor  
 \*Marie Miller  
 \*Adolph Nichols  
 David Packler  
 Esther Philipson  
 \*Dora Ravitz  
 \*Sigmund Reis  
 \*Nesche Schattner  
 Fega-Golda Schuster  
 Nathan Segal  
 DUBY SHAPIRO  
 \*Jennie Sher  
 \*Benjamin Silverfield  
 \*Josef Spira  
 \*Joe Stern  
 Virginia Stubblefield  
 Joy Studin  
 \*Albert Toronto  
 Marian Wagner  
 Gary Ward  
 \*Joseph Weintraub  
 Sheron Weiss  
 \*Irvin Wolf  
 \*Mose Zivitz

*Shabbat Vayishlah*  
November 30-December 1

Faye Aizar  
Max Baer  
Fred Bans  
Pearl Brawer  
\*Frank Brook  
Helen Bunkin  
\*Gertrude Cohen  
\*Marcia Cohen  
Fanne Cook  
\*Bert Damsky  
\*Abe Epsman

Louis Fingerman  
Murray Fisher  
Aron Gershengorin  
Isadore Goldstein  
\*Joe Goldstein  
\*Sol Goldstein  
\*Jack Greenberg  
\*Mayer Greenberg  
Barnett Grodner  
Leonard Hackman  
Shirley Heil  
Leah Hoosak  
Abe Horowitz  
\*Rae Kimerling

Ester Kopf  
\*Ann Levin  
\*Beatrice Levy  
Harry Levy  
Norma MacIver  
Henrietta Michalove  
\*Sydney Mitchell  
Abraham Odrezin  
Bill Peetluk  
Malka Pelikhova  
Jack Perrin  
\*Minnie Phillips  
Rose Pincus  
\*Nathaniel Rubin

Dorothy Sickels  
Shirley Singer  
\*Morris Slaughter  
Albert "Buddy" Sokol  
\*Dorothy "Lovey" Sokol  
Goldie Spiegelman  
Isidore Steinman  
Solomon Volosov  
Molly Warren  
Max Weintrob  
Ida Wolf  
Alik Zinger

## Community Announcements

LJCC Joy Club: Join the Joy Club every Tuesday for a delicious kosher lunch and program at 12:15 pm. For more information, contact Mindy Cohen at 879.0411.

LJCC presents *Seussical the Musical*. Tony award winners Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty have lovingly brought to life all of our favorite Dr. Seuss characters, including Horton the Elephant, The Cat in the Hat, Gertrude McFuzz, lazy Mayzie, and a little boy with a big imagination--Jojo. The characters transport us from the Jungle of Nool to the Circus McGurkus to the invisible world of the Whos. This is for all ages. Tickets are \$15 adults and \$12 students.

Show dates: Nov. 8, 10, 15 & 17 @ 7:30 pm and Nov. 11 & 18 @ 2 pm. For more information, contact Mindy Cohen 879-0411 or visit our website: [www.bhamjcc.org](http://www.bhamjcc.org)

Collat Jewish Family Services TLC Day 2012: Sunday, November 4th. The annual TLC Day sponsored by Collat Jewish Family Services is coming soon...Teens needed to help senior adults...Just a few hours for ONE day...Want to perform a mitzvah? Help someone in need? Earn credit hours for school? Contact Debbie Bunch at [debbie@cjfsbham.org](mailto:debbie@cjfsbham.org) or 879-3438.

Visit Israel Next Summer with Rabbi Brian Glusman: The Marcus Jewish Community Center of Atlanta and Congregation Beth Shalom are co-sponsoring a Multi-Generational Family Trip to Israel next summer. This wonderful tour is scheduled to leave Atlanta on June 11, 2013 and return on June 24. The trip is open to all members of the Temple Beth-El community. Rabbi Glusman and Rabbi Mark Zimmerman will serve as trip leaders. For additional information, please contact Rabbi Glusman, 678-812-4161 or send an email to [brian.glusman@atlantajcc.org](mailto:brian.glusman@atlantajcc.org).

3rd Annual Birmingham Jewish Film Festival: SAVE THE DATE! January 12-13, 2013, sponsored by the LJCC

## Strategic Planning Parlor Meetings Continue

Many of you have shared with the Strategic Planning Committee over the past year your passion for Temple Beth-El. You have expressed the feeling that Jewish tradition, community and spirituality are highly cherished values which help define who we are, as well as, who we'd like to be as a congregation. We are continuing to conduct parlor meetings at various locations around the city. Our goal will be to discuss key questions about the search process TBE will undertake to find a new Rabbi.

### November Parlor Meeting Dates:

Thursday, Nov. 1	6:30 pm	Cindy & Harvey May	Wednesday, Nov. 7	7:00 pm	Barbara & Eric Solomon
Sunday, Nov. 4	9:00 am	TBE	Sunday, Nov. 18	9:00 am	TBE
Sunday, Nov. 4	2:00 pm	Lindsey Deckard	Sunday, Nov. 18	4:00 pm	TBE
Sunday, Nov. 4	4:00 pm	Esther & Jack Levy			

Each Parlor Meeting will be led by a trained facilitator and include an Executive Committee member. Please visit [www.templebeth-el.net](http://www.templebeth-el.net) to sign up online for one of the parlor meetings, or contact the Temple office at 205.933.2740. Once you have signed up you will receive confirmation and further information.

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## **Rabbi Abraham J. Mesch (z"l)** Scholar-in-Residence Weekend with Dr. Barry Mesch

December 7-9, 2012

Dr. Barry Mesch is Provost and Professor of Jewish Thought at Hebrew College in Boston.

During the weekend we will remember and honor Rabbi Mesch, as well as enjoy an inspiring presentation on Judaism by Dr. Mesch during Shabbat services.

AZA, former members, and the Mesch family will join us to honor Rabbi Mesch on his 50th yearzeit.

Rabbi Abraham J. Mesch came to Temple Beth-El in 1935 and served until his untimely death in 1962. Under his leadership, Temple Beth-El grew in size and stature, with the institution of a Junior Congregation and youth group, among other innovations. By 1960, Beth-El was the largest synagogue in the state.

This Scholar-in-Residence weekend is funded through the generous support of the Temple Beth-El Foundation.



*Mesch family gathering in Birmingham in 1982*

## Kol Nidre Tzedakah Collection and Food Drive Were a Huge Success!



*TBE Religious School teens helping sort bags*

We raised a whopping \$1,136.18 this year at the Kol Nidre Tzedakah Collection!

Over 250 filled grocery bags collected with donations going to Collat Jewish Family Services and Greater Birmingham Ministries

*Many thanks to Kelley Jefferson and our TBE teens for helping sort the food!*

