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Kosher BBQ Cook-off and Festival
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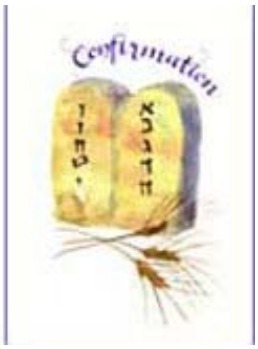

Confirmation & Senior Send Off

Saturday, May 5, 2012
9:30 am

Kiddush Lunch sponsored by the families of the Confirmation Class

See Page 4 for a complete list of the Confirmation Class

Religious Service Schedule
May 2012

May 4	Erev Shabbat	5:45 pm
	Candle lighting	7:15 pm
May 5	Saturday morning	9:30 am
	Parshat Aharey Mot-Kedoshim	
	Confirmation	
	Shabbat Mincha	5:30 pm
May 11	Erev Shabbat	5:45 pm
	Candle lighting	7:20 pm
May 12	Saturday morning	9:30 am
	Parshat Emor	
	Bar Mitzvah of Jack Rosenthal	
	Shabbat Mincha	5:30 pm
May 18	Erev Shabbat	5:45 pm
	Candle lighting	7:25 pm
May 19	Shabbat Morning	9:30 am
	Parshat B'har-B'hukotai	
	Bar Mitzvah of Daniel Mazur	
	Shabbat Mincha	5:30 pm
May 25	Erev Shabbat	5:45 pm
	Candle lighting	7:30 pm
May 26	Saturday Morning	9:30 am
	Parshat B'midbar	
	Maftir: Yoni Brande	
	Mincha/Erev Shavuot	5:30 pm
May 27	Shavuot—1st Day	9:30 am
	Maftir: Larry Brook	
		5:30 pm
May 28	Shavuot—2nd Day	9:30 am
	Maftir: Chevra Kadisha Representative	

Weekday Service Schedule

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

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Message From Our Cantor

A Jewish Perspective on Natural Disasters

There's a famous joke that purports to describe the difference between religions. I'll clean it up a little so this can be published:

TAOISM: Bad stuff happens.
BUDDHISM: If bad stuff happens, it isn't really bad.
HINDUISM: This bad stuff has happened before.
ISLAM: If bad stuff happens, it is the will of Allah.(*)
CREATIONISM: God made all bad stuff.
PRESBYTERIANISM: This bad stuff was bound to happen.
CATHOLICISM: If bad stuff happens, you deserved it.
JUDAISM: Why does bad stuff always happen to us?

(*) Alternate version: If bad stuff happens -- blame Israel! But that's a subject for another column.

What all religious traditions seem to understand is that "stuff" happens to people that many experience as bad. And, while the Creationist position on the list is the only one in the joke that credits God for the "bad stuff", many people blame God for the "bad stuff" in their lives. In fact, the legal term "act of God" is used to describe an event which is "caused by the effect of nature or natural causes and without any interference by humans whatsoever. Well then, if humans are not responsible for such events, who is? Many will say, God is responsible for the "bad stuff" in our lives.

Sadly, we have many instances of "bad stuff" in our lives and the lives of others to use as examples. Earthquakes in Chile. Tsunamis in Japan. And closer to home are the tornados that reaped death and destruction throughout Alabama just this year and last, "acts of God"?

The answer, of course, depends on what kind of God you believe in. If you believe in the literal word of the Bible - that God really can split the sea or that God is responsible for a flood that wipes out the whole earth - then you might believe that God is responsible for the tornados in our lives. But that is not the God I believe in, and I don't think it is the God of Jewish tradition either.

As Conservative Jews, we don't read the Bible literally. We read it through the lens of generations of Rabbinic interpretation, and we acknowledge the evolution of our understanding of God throughout the ages. The Rabbinic or Talmudic image of God is vastly different from the image of God presented in the Bible. In the Talmud - and in what we call today "normative Judaism" - God is not responsible for the bad stuff we would call "acts of God."

Two classic Talmudic texts make this point very clearly: "Suppose a person stole a measure of wheat and went and sowed it in the ground; it is right that it should not grow, yet the world pursues its natural course, and as for those who transgress, they will have to render an account. Another illustration: Suppose a man had intercourse with his neighbor's wife; it is right that she should not conceive, yet the world pursues its natural course."

Jewish tradition claims that God doesn't interfere with the natural course of the world. Earthquakes happen. Tornados happen. Things that don't seem fair or just will inevitably happen because of the laws of nature. People suffer as a result, but not because God has willed this specific tragedy to occur.

A second text is even more powerful. It plays off the two biblical commands, which carry the reward of living a long life: honoring your parents and shooing away a mother bird before you take her eggs, presumably to spare her feelings.

"The boy's father said to him: 'Ascend to the loft and bring me the eggs in the nest...' If the boy ascends, dismisses the mother bird and takes the young, and on his return falls and dies, how can it be explained?" (After all, the boy was fulfilling the two commandments that come with the reward of long life -- he was honoring his father and he was shooing away the mother bird.) After offering possible explanations for why this bad thing might have happened, Rabbi Eleazar says: "It was a rickety ladder, so injury was likely. Where injury is likely one cannot rely on a miracle."

Nature takes its course, and we cannot depend on miracles. But we are responsible for the rickety ladders in our lives. Earthquakes, tornados, tsunamis -- these happen because the world pursuing its natural course. But building a nuclear plant close to a fault line? That is the "rickety ladder" of the text. We are responsible for that rickety ladder.

"Bad stuff" will happen. People will get sick and die. Hurricanes will devastate a city. Tornadoes, earthquakes, drought -- this is the world pursuing its natural course. But we are responsible for the "rickety ladders" in our world - the extent to which global warming is created by human beings, the dangers posed by depending on energy sources that are dangerous, and the connection between our consumption and the planet's inability to sustain all of us.

We can't depend on miracles. Instead, we must rely on our resolve to take responsibility for rickety ladders in our lives - recognize them and change them -- to make the world safer for us and for our children.

This article was adapted from an article by Rabbi Laura Geller.

Message From Our Education Department

The words for teacher, parent and Torah all share a common root in Hebrew. The principle meaning of the root (y'rh) is guidance. As parents, we provide the first forms of instruction within the family. Teachers provide us and our children with fountains of knowledge about the outside world and mold our ability to interact with others. As Jews, we believe the source of correct behavior is found in the Torah. During the month of May we will celebrate all those "guidance" systems.

On Saturday morning May 5th we will celebrate the confirmation of our 10th grade class and congratulate our seniors as they go into their next phase of learning. Friday night May 18th we will hold a teacher appreciation Shabbat for those who educate and motivate our children. Ms. Lauren Fredman from the Institute for Southern Jewish Life (ISJL) will share with us a "Vision of Jewish Education," based on the ISJL curriculum we use here at TBE. The children from our Religious School will take part in services that evening as well.

The month rounds out with the Festival of Shavuot on May 27th and 28th we celebrate the giving of the Torah on Mt Sinai, *zman matan torahtanu*. It is an exciting time at TBE, so join us for worship, education and celebration. We can't do it without you!

Rabbi Ira Flax

Confirmation Class of 5772

Jessica Azrin
daughter of Cheryl & Rick Azrin

Max Black
son of Melissa & Sheldon Black

Eric Bloomston
son of Heidi & Julius Bloomston

Riva Cullinan
daughter of Judy & Jim Cullinan

Spencer Einhorn
son of Susan & Richard Einhorn

Rebecca Fleisig
daughter of Rhoda & Wayne Fleisig

Tyler Jaffe
daughter of Jan & Kenny Jaffe

Mack Krell
son of Sheri & Jimmy Krell

Sidney Nomberg
daughter of Bernard Nomberg

Alexa Ruttenberg
daughter of
Lisa & Jim Bor and Jodi & Don Ruttenberg

Matthew Weissman,
son of Sherri & Jeff Weissman

Celebrating becoming a Bar Mitzvah
Jack Rosenthal
Son of Jennifer & Rich Rosenthal

May 12, 2012
9:30 am

Kiddush Luncheon sponsored by
Jack's grandparents

Celebrating becoming a Bar Mitzvah
Daniel Mazur
Son of Polina & Leonid Mazur

May 19, 2012
9:30 am
Kiddush Luncheon sponsored by
Daniel's grandparents,
Asya Mazur and Rita & Eduard Paley

Message From Our Foundation

Annual Confirmation New York Trip

Sponsored by the Temple Beth-El Foundation

TBE's 10th grade Confirmation Class took their annual trip to New York on March 29th for 4 days and 3 nights. Rabbi Goldsmith and Bernard Nomberg chaperoned the trip. The Beth-El Foundation contributed $9,200 toward the trip's expenses. The Foundation is proud of this class and extends a hearty Mazal Tov and Yasher Koach to these teens and their families. They reflect the qualities we expect from our Jewish youth, and the bright future of Conservative practice.

The following is a summary of their activities:

1) Toured the Lower East Side including a stop at the Museum at Eldridge Street. At the museum the children learned about the tenements in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. They saw what people endured to come to American and learn how they lived, worked and made the best of what they had.
2) Enjoyed the Broadway Performance of "Sister Act."
3) Participated in a guided walking tour of the Synagogues throughout Manhattan.
4) Attended Shabbat Services at the West Side Jewish Center.
5) Toured the Dead Sea Scrolls Exhibit at the Discovery Center Times Square.
6) Took the ferry to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. There they saw where 12 million immigrants entered the United States and began their journey in this new world.
7) Participated in a "special" guided walking tour of Lower Manhattan.
8) Stop at the Empire State Building's observation deck.
9) Had a guided tour of Central Park.
10) Toured the Jewish Theological Seminary and viewed a presentation about the Rare Book Room.
11) Visited the Jewish Museum.
12) Explored Temple Emanu-El, at one time the largest synagogue in the United States

Please look in the next bulletin for the student's first hand reports of their experiences on this wonderful trip. The Foundation Board of Directors were delighted to provide these students this opportunity to celebrate their Confirmation.

Barbara Gordon
Foundation Executive Director

Recent Foundation Donations

The Libowsky family has initiated the Murray Saul Fisher Cantorial Fund in memory of Murray. This fund will sponsor special musical programming.

Victoria Cohen Baldwin has initiated the Rabbi Culpepper and Irby Cohen Performing Arts Fund that will sponsor fine arts programming and activities.

Rusty Radwin gave a generous donation to the Jill Radwin Confirmation Fund in memory of his sister, Jill.

Dorothy Shiland gave a generous donation to the Shiland Adult Enrichment Fund in honor of her husband, Meyer Shildand on his yahrzeit.

Judy and Gerson May and Family gave a generous donation to the Shiland Adult Enrichment Fund in honor of their father and grandfather, Meyer Shiland on his yahrzeit.

Marc and Lisa Michelson gave a generous donation to the Rabbi Culpepper and Irby Cohen Performing Arts Fund in memory of Irby Cohen.

Burton and Muriel Gershon gave a generous donation to the Jill Radwin Confirmation Fund in memory of their niece, Jill.

Shavuot Bimah Flowers

We would like to express our appreciation to Hilary and Scott Gewant who are generously donating the flowers which will adorn our *bimah* and add to the beauty of our Shavuot services:

In honor of Teri Aronov
In Honor of Toby and Warren Gewant
In loving memory of Sam Diamond

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Chesed Committee

Chesed at Purim

On March 16th, the Chesed Committee provided a joyful Purim program at Brookdale Place. An enthusiastic group of nearly 40 residents, family members and volunteers enjoyed an abbreviated Megillah reading, complete with groggers, led by Cantor Gale, a beautiful music program provided by Holly Gettinger and Maria Bitran, and delicious homemade goodies including hamentaschen, mandelbroit, cookies and brownies provided by our Chesed volunteers.

Visits by 10 additional volunteers with goody bags in hand continued on the 18th to other area facilities and private homes to spread Purim cheer.

Many thanks to our dedicated corps of volunteers - Karen Halpern, Carol Tuck, Marian Radwin, Holly Mazer, Ruth Siegler, Micky Rubenstein, Anne Cohn, Meredith Weintraub, Brian Weintraub, Hannah Helman, Amy Peetluk, Barbara Brande, Sheri Krell, Faye Bernstein, Marsha Asman, Sybil Michalove, Bari Roseman, Margy Rosenbaum, Natalie Sikora, Diane & Howard Slaughter, Robin Smith, Harriet Routman, Donna Schiff and Mrs. Krell's Day School class.

Please join us in September for our Rosh Hashanah visits.

Dorothy Ziff Sandra Gilbert Cindy May

Sisterhood

Light of Torah Honorees

Southern Region of Women's League of Conservative Judaism has our Spring Board Meeting at B'nai Torah in Atlanta on May 6 & 7. At that time each of the 25 Sisterhoods will present a Light of Torah Award. These awardees are voted by their Boards. The award is given to the woman who goes over and above in her Sisterhood volunteering, the woman who is dedicated to the continuity of Judaism and the participation of women in the synagogue. The honoree, chosen every other year makes a difference – improving the Sisterhood, growing the Sisterhood.

Temple Beth-El is so fortunate to have two women as our Lights of Torah - Programming Co-Vice-Presidents ***Ginger Brook and Sharon Kahn.*** Ginger and Sharon filled the calendar with programs that appealed to so many in our congregation and in Birmingham and even other cities. There are women in Tuscaloosa who joined our Sisterhood to partake in the programs!

Both Ginger and Sharon have a history of stepping up to improve organizations and institutions in the Jewish Community as well as the Greater Community and are highly respected by all. How fortunate that Temple Beth-El's Sisterhood is the recipient of their talent, skills, wisdom and love for our synagogue.

Mazal Tov to Ginger Brook and Sharon Kahn for receiving this honor for your dedication and hard work and for 12 terrific programs in 5772. And Todah Rabah for a fabulous year!

Shavuot will soon be 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, May 6 from 9am – Noon in the downstairs dairy kitchen at Temple Beth-El. Easy!

$18/dozen

Contact Hannah Helman at 967-9659 or gicolin@aol.com any time for your orders.
Don't be disappointed – buy early!

Donations to Sisterhood

Mazal Tov to **Arlene Fisher** on the birth of her granddaughter, Lanie Ann Libowsky
From: Chita and Howard Weintrob

Leagrams

Jeff Goldsmith: Get well soon
Eileen Curtis: In loving memory of your brother, Dr. Archie Leder
From: Esther and Jerry Brown

Men's Club

The Month of March Was a Busy One for the Men's Club

I want to thank Steve Altmann, Tim Thornton, Scott Bloomston, Barry Dreayer, Doug Gilbert and all the future Men's Club members from Mesch AZA that helped pack the Yom HaShoah candles.

On March 22nd, members of the Men's Club met at Blackwell's Pub for our second social event this year. We had a great turnout and everyone had a lot of fun. Plans are in the works for our third social event sometime in June. Don't miss it!

On March 30th, the Men's Club met at KI and caravanned to Pratt City to work with the Jewish Disaster Response Corp and Habitat for Humanity. I want to thank Eric Goldis, Allen Halpern, Karen Halpern, Jeff Hirsh, Josh Ivker and Bert Siegel for taking the time out of their busy schedules to do this huge mitzvah. We had a great time working together and it was fun doing manual labor. Thank goodness that is not our daily job though!

Men's Club hard at work in Pratt City during their day of service helping tornado victims

That night we participated in Men's Club Shabbat. I want to thank Rabbi Flax for leading the service and doing a great job. Following the service, the Men's Club provided a Shabbat dinner that was fantastic. Thank you to Marcie, who did a wonderful job preparing the meal. Everything was delicious, especially the brisket!

Jacob Halpern

Speedy Recovery

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

Faye Friedman, Lisa Michelson and Morton Stern

Mazal Tov

Arlene Fisher on the birth of her granddaughter, Lanie Ann Libowsky. Parents are Staci and Joel Libowsky.

Vicki and Art Lewis on the engagement of their daughter, Alexis to Matthew Chenkus.

Pat and Neal Miller on the marriage of their son, Randy to Michelle Perahia.

Barb and Don Rothman on the engagement of their daughter, Corey to Eric Stahl.

Pride & Joy

Julian Brook is now the International Treasurer of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism.

Douglas Brook, son of **Adrienne and Julian Brook**, is a Vice President of the Association for Jewish Theatre.

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Sam Zuckerman: 637.1792 (home)

Special Birthdays

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

Steven Gottlieb, Sherri Weissman, Anya Treyger, Jamie Odrezin

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

TBE Anniversaries

Arline and Allan Lerner (68)
Carol and David Kahn (24)
Ellen and Kerry Stein (9)
Polina and Leonid Mazur (16)
Esther Schuster and Allen Shealy (28)
Nancy and Barry Hamric (12)
Arlene and Milton Goldstein (45)
Vikki and Ken Grodner (29)
Michelle and Seth Wolnek (19)
Sharon and Stephen Cook (10)
Penny and Marshall Gordon (65)
Michelle and Kevin Pake (17)
Roslyn and Peter Mannon (20)
Sherri and David Romanoff (26)
Robin and Marc Bloomston (22)
Vicki and Ira Flax (23)
Robin and Fred Benjamin (23)
Tobie and Michael Bogart (29)
Brenda and Steve Weinstein (35)

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 Susan Biedinger at 933-2740 or sbiedinger@templebeth-el.net

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.

Condolences

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

Ann Banks
Mother of Debbie Seiden and Karen Eberson
Sister of Toots Plotka and Lou Bernstein

Joyce Rich Benjamin
Wife of Harvey Benjamin
Mother of Bobbye Seligman, Ron Rich, Charles Rich,
Fred Benjamin, Stuart Benjamin and Alan Benjamin
Sister of Howard Cohen

Adrienne Chafetz
Husband of Sidney Chafetz
Mother of Karen Elzy
Brother of Len Block

Dr. Archie Leder
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Father of Rachel, Jason and Adrienne Leder
Brother of Eileen Curtis

Joseph Mazer
Husband of Jane Mazer
Father of Bari Roseman and Fern Shinbaum
Brother of Eph Mazer and J.B. Mazer

Buddy Sarasohn
Father of Mira Griffith and Louis Sarasohn
Brother of Esther Labovitz and Herschel Sarasohn

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

Mazal Tov to Our 2012 Graduates

We are extremely proud of our graduates and extend our best wishes for continued success.

High School Graduates

Ilana Engel, daughter of Lisa & Alan Engel, will graduate from Indian Springs High School, and will be attending Washington University in St. Louis.

Brandon Feigelson, grandson of Roz & Vic Feigelson, will graduate from Mountain Brook High School, and will be attending the University of Arizona.

Kendal Jaffe, daughter of Jan & Kenny Jaffe, will graduate from Mountain Brook High School, and will be attending Penn State.

Elinor Mannon, daughter of Roz & Peter Mannon, will graduate from Altamont, and will be attending Wellesley College.

College Graduates

Marci Engel, daughter of Lisa & Alan Engel, will graduate from Washington University in St. Louis.

D. Joshua Grace, son of Lise & Dan Grace, will graduate from the University of Alabama and will be attending the Conservancy of Recording Arts and Sciences in Phoenix, AZ.

Alison May, daughter of Cindy & Harvey May, will graduate from Vanderbilt University with an MBA. She will be working for IBM's Global Business Advisory Service in Washington, D.C.

Matthew Mazer, son of Holly Mazer and Gerri & Glenn Mazer, will graduate from the University of Alabama.

Tara Mazer, granddaughter of Lynette & J.B. Mazer, will graduate from Vassar College.

Rebecca Schuster, daughter of Gail & Abe Schuster, will graduate from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and will be working for Teach for America in Dallas, TX.

Donations

The following donations have been made in loving memory of
Irby Cohen
From Loving Friends

Arlene & Larry Abrams
Evelyn Allen
Faye & Sidney Bernstein
Dolores & Edward Bloomston
Barbara Bonfield
Ilene Brill & Martin Klinger
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Ricki & Lanny Kline
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Maxine Sklute
Melvin Sokol
Barbara & Eric Solomon
Dolly & David Staff
Joyce & Gaston Stein
Sam Tenenbaum, Jr.
Carol Tuck
Debbie & Louis Tuck
Joel Wolff

Donations

A Stone on the Tree of Life has been donated in loving memory of our mother,

Etta Caine

Love,
Katherine Payne
and
Clifford Caine

A Leaf on the Tree of Life has been donated in honor of the 25th wedding anniversary of
Sherri and David Romanoff
Love from:
Lovisa and Cary,
Jessica and Andrew and Chad

A Leaf on the Tree of Life has been donated wishing Mazal Tov to
Emily Joy Nomberg
on her Bat Mitzvah
Love,
Susan and Gary,
Jennifer and Robert,
Leigh Anne and David
and your cousins

A Leaf on the Tree of Life has been donated
In loving memory of
Murray Fisher
From: Loving Friends

Carole and Charles Altman
Tobie and Bernard Axel
Ann Banks z"l and Family
Phillip and Simmy Barrocas
Faye and Sidney Bernstein
Thelma Bernstein
Susan and Karl Biedinger
Linda and Len Block
Esther and Jerry Brown
Mervyn Epsman
Naomi and Ed Fineberg
Rhoda and Wayne Fleisig
Arlene and Milton Goldstein
Myrna and Manny Goldstein
Sylvia Gouse
Shirley and Jack Hasson
Sandra Jaffe and Barry Dreayer
Mary Kimerling
Ricki and Lanny Kline
Susan and Billy Lapidus
Ethel Laufman
Eileen and Len Levin
Kay and Bob Lewis
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Good Fortune Fund

Jodi and David Benck on the B'nai Mitzvah of their children, KayKay and Daniel Benck
Pam Ruttenberg on the B'nai Mitzvah of her grandchildren, KayKay and Daniel Benck
Diane and Howard Slaughter on the birth of their grandson, Jake Michael Slaughter
Judy and Ed Rutsky on the birth of their granddaughter, Lilah Katherine Rutsky
Bernard Nomberg on the Bat Mitzvah of his daughter, Emily
Paula and Joe Levy on the marriage of their granddaughter, Emily Levy to Joey Spinner
Jim Bor on being promoted to Lt. Colonel in the Army Reserves
Wishing a speedy recovery and continued good health to **Arlene Shelsky**
From: Sue and Albert Tuck

Arlene Fisher on the birth of her granddaughter, Lanie Ann Libowsky
From: Pat and Neal Miller

Jackie Lishkoff on the occasion of her special birthday
From: Melba Epsman

Phyllis and Norman Berk on the engagement of their daughter, Rachel to Bruce Birns
From: Karl Friedman
Pat and Neal Miller

Temple Beth-El General Fund

Wishing a speedy recovery and continued good health to:

Susan Koretzky
From: The Padawer Family
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From: Deborah Botnik and Jackie Lishkoff

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From: Pat and Neal Miller

Joan Langer
From: Deborah Botnik and Jackie Lishkoff

Ethel Laufman
Dodie Sokol
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Cantor's Discretionary Fund

Wishing a speedy recovery and continued good health to **Lora Schwartz**
Wishing a speedy recovery and continued good health to **Harry Asman**
In loving memory of **Dr. Archie Leder**
From: Gloria Solomon

In loving memory of **Pearl Perling**, beloved grandmother and great-grandmother on her yahrzeit, with much love
From: Karen and Reuben Halpern and Family

Men's Club Children's Fund

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Joseph Mazer**
From: Sandra Jaffe and Barry Dreayer

Rita Laufman Youth Fund

In loving memory of **Sam Rubenstein**, beloved father-in-law on his yahrzeit
From: Ralph Sokol

Donations

Chico Bomchel Memorial Social Action Fund

Mazal Tov to **Pat and Neal Miller** on the marriage of their son, Randy to Michelle Perahia
In loving memory of **Joseph Mazer**
From: Chita and Howard Weintrob

Wishing a speedy recovery and continued good health to **Chita Weintrob**
From: Pat and Neal Miller

Keith Altmann Camp Ramah Scholarship Fund

In loving memory of **Bobby Tuck,** beloved father and grandpa on his yahrzeit, love
From: Debbie, Louis, Allan and Betsy Tuck

Robert Spielberger Memorial Fund

In loving memory of **Selma Spielberger**, beloved mother-in-law on her yahrzeit
In loving memory of **Marie Scheuer**, beloved aunt on her yahrzeit
In loving memory of **Dr. Archie Leder**
In loving memory of **Edward Schulman,** beloved father-in-law on his yahrzeit
From: Lynn and Bert Bloomston

In loving memory of **Selma Spielberger**, beloved mother on her yahrzeit
In loving memory of **Marie Scheuer**, beloved aunt on her yahrzeit
From: Joan Langer

Wishing a speedy recovery and continued good health to **Joan Langer**
From: Doris and Fred Kanter

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In loving memory of **Dr. Archie Leder**
From: Eileen and Len Levin

Prayer Book Fund

A High Holiday Mahzor in loving memory of **Joseph Mazer**
In loving memory of **Trevor Hartman**
From: Sherry and Jerry Cherner

Religious School Fund

A Double Chai donation wishing a speedy recovery to **Rosalie Teninbaum**
From: Rhea and Raymond Schneider
Mazal Tov to **Ed Goldberg** on the engagement of his son, Marc to Hillery Saperstein
Mazal Tov to **Paula and Joe Levy** on the marriage of their granddaughter, Emily Levy to Joey Spinner
Mazal Tov to **Carol and Jimmy Filler** on the marriage of their daughter, Nan to Tom Mailin
In loving memory of **Virginia Haldeman**
From: Lisa and Marc Michelson

In loving memory of **Mary Ginsburg**, beloved aunt on her yahrzeit
From: Leslye and Steve Lapidus

Chesed Committee

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Georgia Griffith**, beloved mother on her yahrzeit
From: Eddie Griffith

Memorial Fund
In Loving Memory Of

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Dr. Archie Leder**
A Chai donation in loving memory of **Joe Mazer**
From: Ellen Bruck

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Ruth Alys Brown**
From: Reena Arnold

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A Chai donation in loving memory of **Buddy Sarasohn**
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Ida and Eugene Zeidman Library Fund

A very generous donation in loving memory of **Eugene Zeidman**, beloved father and **Philip Fisher**, beloved grandfather on their yahrzeits
From: Adele Z. Silver

On Their Yahrzeits
In loving memory of

A very generous donation in loving memory of **Dr. Sandra R. Apolinsky**, beloved wife on her yahrzeit
From: Harold Apolinsky

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From: Toby Gewant

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From: Sam Tenenbaum, Jr

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From: Linda Gallagher

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From: Mary and David Kimerling

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From: Tobie and Bernard Axel

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From: Sue and William Lischkoff

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The Selling of Chametz for Passover

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Yahrzeits

Shabbat Aharey Mot-Kedoshim
May 4-5

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Shabbat Emor
May 11-12

Ann Adelson
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Estelle Bruchis
William Bruchis
Ernest Burnick
Ted Cohen
*Ludwig Cohen
Abraham "Abe" Cohen
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*Jennie Davis
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Shabbat B'Har-B'Hukotai
May 18-19

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Shabbat B'Midbar
May 25-26

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Yahrzeits

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*Ephraim Toranto
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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.

White Elephant Sale

The TBE annual White Elephant Sale in conjunction with the "When Pigs Fly!" barbecue will be Sunday, May 20th from 9 a.m.—2 pm. Do your spring cleaning early and get your items ready to donate to this community-wide sale. Any gently-used books, toys, DVDs, videos, games, housewares, bric-a-brac, *Judaica*, antiques, furniture, sports equipment, artwork, vintage décor, glassware, barware, kitchen & bath...nearly everything but the kitchen sink.

For more information, contact Judy Cullinan at 205.969.3278 or judyriva@aol.com.

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Congregational Meeting

Review of 2011—2012
Election of 2012-2013 Board of Directors
Sunday, June 3, 2012
10:00 am

Breakfast generously provided by the TBE Foundation

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What We Need/Want

What We've Got For You:

High speed office copier: Canon ImageRUNNER
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What We Need:

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