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RELIGIOUS SERVICE SCHEDULE APRIL 2014

April 4	Erev Shabbat Candle lighting	5:45 pm 6:51 pm
April 5	Saturday morning Parshat Metsora <i>Maftir: Sharon Kahn</i> Shabbat Mincha	9:30 am 5:30 pm
April 11	Erev Shabbat Candle lighting	5:45 pm 6:57 pm
April 12	Saturday morning Parshat Aharei mot <i>Maftir: Morton Stern</i> Shabbat Mincha	9:30 am 5:30 pm
April 14	Erev Pesach Mincha/Maariv Candle lighting	5:30 pm 6:59 pm
April 15	1st Day Pesach <i>Maftir: Larry Brook</i> 2nd Night Mincha/Maariv	9:30 am 5:30 pm
April 16	2nd Day Pesach <i>Maftir: J.B. Mazer</i> Mincha	9:30 am 5:30 pm
April 18	Erev Shabbat Candle lighting	5:45 pm 7:02 pm
April 19	Saturday morning Parshat Hol Hamo'ed Pesach <i>Maftir: Naomi Ivker</i> Shabbat Mincha	9:30 am 5:30 pm
April 20	Candle lighting	7:03 pm
April 21	7th Day Pesach <i>Maftir: Ed Fineberg</i> Mincha/Maariv Candle Lighting	9:30 am 5:30 pm 7:03 pm
April 22	8th Day Pesach Yizkor <i>Maftir: Chevra Kadisha</i> Mincha/Maariv	9:30 am 5:30 pm
April 25	Erev Shabbat Candle lighting	5:45 pm 7:07 pm
April 26	Saturday morning Parshat Kedoshim <i>Maftir: Robin Benjamin</i> Shabbat Mincha	9:30 am 5:30 pm

Weekday Service Schedule

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

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Message From Rabbi Konigsburg



The Jewish Home Ritual that is most observed by Jewish families is the Passover Seder. Jews, who do few rituals the entire year, gather their families together to hold some kind of a Seder.

For some families the Seder will be complete with Matzah, Maror, and Harotzet. They will read every word in the Haggadah and enjoy the company of family and friends. Others will gather as a family, but will just sing a few Passover songs and then get right into the dinner. As a Rabbi, I can tell you that no matter what kind of a Seder a family has, they will tell me that while it is what they do as a family, it was not a “real” Seder.

The Baal Shem Tov, the founder of the Hasidic movement, after his own amazing Seder, traveled to a distant shtetle with his disciples. He went up to a poor house and knocked on the door. The man answered and, seeing his distinguished guest, invited the entourage inside. “Tell me, Reb Shemuel, What did you do at your Seder the other night?”

The man turned pale, “Please Rabbi, don’t make me repeat the story.” But the Rabbi insisted and the man fell into a chair. “I am the town drunk. I know my wife and children often go hungry because I spend so much on drink. With Pesach starting and since most beer and whiskey are *hametz*, I decided to drink as much as I could before the holiday began. They brought me home so drunk I just fell asleep. My wife had a Seder all set up but I refused to wake up. Finally as dawn broke, I was finally sober enough to realize what I had done. I woke up my wife and told her to wake the children. She was not keen on that thinking they would only get another bad experience with their drunken father. Finally she brought them to my room.”

“I said to them, ‘My wonderful children. Last night I was so drunk that I could not perform the rituals of the Seder. I want you to know how sorry I am. I promise that I will never touch another drop of whisky as long as I live. It is important that you know, however, why we have the Seder. Once, long ago, our people were enslaved in Egypt. They suffered terribly. But God protected them and brought them to freedom with great signs and wonders. God carried them out of Egypt, across the Red Sea and brought them through the desert to freedom in the Promised Land. Today we are in exile as well, but God will soon redeem us, and bring us to freedom in our own land. I want you, my children to remember this and never forget. God will redeem us from this exile and one day we will live again as Jews.’ With that I fell back into my bed and fell asleep. I am sorry, Rabbi I did not do a Seder this year but I meant my promise and I will reform my ways.”

The Baal Shem Tov looked at his students and said, “Never in my life have I heard a Seder as meaningful and holy as this man’s Seder. The simple words he spoke cut to the very meaning of every ritual and he spoke them with all the pain of his broken heart. Can you imagine any other Seder as holy as this?”

The rituals of the Seder are designed to teach us the deep meaning of what a Seder is all about. But if we can teach our family, our children and all our other relatives, the real essence of the message of the Haggada and this Festival, that God redeemed our ancestors from slavery and that God will someday redeem us from the many things in our life that enslave us; that God will take us out of the tight/restricted places (*Mitzrayim*) we are in and lead us to true freedom; only then we will have performed our duties to God and to our people. We just have to say it like we believe it. Reciting the words without the conviction is useless. If our family can hear the urgency in our voice, how deeply we believe God’s power to redeem, then we will have conducted our Seder in holiness and will have conducted a truly memorable Seder.

Message From President, Arlene Fisher



I am still beaming with pride about Rabbi Konigsburg's Installation Weekend! From Friday's Simon and Garfunkel Service to the Kirtan Chanting Service to the Saturday Shabbat Service conducted by the Konigsburg family and friends to the actual installation that Saturday night, all of this made for an inspirational and beautiful weekend! I feel that we were not only celebrating Rabbi Konigsburg's installation, but also we were celebrating our positive feelings about Temple Beth-El. Under Loraine Reznik's guidance and with her committee, Toby Siegel, Micky Rubenstein, Cindy May, and Lisa Engel, everything ran like a fine tuned piano- Yasher Koach!

UPDATE: Star of David Society

Upon his arrival, one of the many areas that Rabbi Konigsburg's attention has been focused on is the Star of David Society. Begun under Martin Damsky's presidency, the Star of David Society has been a shining star in "Plus Membership Commitments." Spearheaded by Heidi Damsky, the idea was and still remains to offer our members the opportunity to elevate their membership commitment beyond minimum dues. Seven levels of giving were initially created and are in effect today, but two years ago the Board approved the following changes to the structure:

Dorshim/Visionaries	- Base Membership + \$15,000
Shomrim/Guardians	- Base Membership + \$10,000 - \$14,999
Amudim/Pillars	- Base Membership + \$6,000 - \$9,999
Bonim/Builders	- Base Membership + \$4,000 - \$5,999
Chaverim/Partners	- Base Membership + \$2,000 - \$3,999
Chalutzim/Pioneers	- Base Membership + \$1,000-\$1,999
Tomchim/Supporters	- Base Membership + \$500-\$999

(Base membership is \$1,200 for a single/\$1,800 for a family)

I think it is safe to say that there is a definite, positive change in the air now that Rabbi Konigsburg and Michelle are here, and I feel that the time is right to reinvigorate the Star of David Society. I am working on putting a committee in place who will reach out to those who are already part of the Star of David Society to ask them if they would like to increase their level of giving and to those who we think would like to become part of the Star of David Society; I welcome your participation on this committee. In conjunction with the Board, the Rabbi has many ideas for our future – in particular in the areas of programming and leadership development. "Plus-giving" membership commitments will enable us to get the ball rolling and truly enable us to implement these plans for our future!

UPDATE: The 2nd Clergy Search Committee, Jacob Halpern, Chair, Naomi Kipp, Co-Chair Working title: Director of Congregational Learning

The committee has conducted 6-7 telephone interviews and 5 Skype interviews. One candidate, Rabbi Barb Moskow, visited in March, and we have another candidate scheduled for the first weekend in April. We continue to receive applications and are conducting our due diligence with each candidate.

UPDATE: Development of Property Next Door

At the request of Frank Buck (a neighbor of TBE) and his attorney, the Property Committee recently met with the Highland Diagnostic Property Task Force to apprise them of the fact that they had a hearing before Judge Houston Brown. Mr. Buck had filed a timely notice to appeal the Planning and Zoning Board's granting of the variances for the development of the property next door. Harbert, the developer of the property, was present at the hearing and raised an objection to Mr. Buck's right to appeal to the Circuit Court. Judge Brown denied Harbert's request to dismiss and ruled that they could appeal to the Circuit Court. This will be a jury case if it proceeds.

We recently celebrated the lively holiday of Purim and now we look toward the holiday of Passover. May your seders be meaningful and delicious!

Warmly,
Arlene

Message From Foundation Executive Director, Robin Gotlieb



Have you remembered to name Temple Beth-El Foundation as a beneficiary of your estate?

There are many ways to leave a legacy gift to Temple Beth-El Foundation. Consider establishing one of these giving opportunities to insure future generations will be able to enjoy the same benefits at Temple that have been enjoyed for over 100 years.

Many of these options can result in substantial estate and/or income tax benefits. As always, contact your tax professional for specific advice and recommendations.

- **Bequests** - A planned gift through your will
- **Life Insurance Policy** - Name TBE Foundation as the beneficiary of a new or existing policy
- **Retirement Assets** - Beneficiary of your IRA or 401K
- **Appreciated Assets** - Contribute stocks, bonds, securities, or real estate to maximize charitable gift income tax deduction benefits
- **Charitable Gift Annuity**
- **Charitable Remainder Trust**

For more information or assistance initiating one of the above options, please contact:

Robin Gotlieb 205-933-2794
rgotlieb@tbefoundation.net

The following generous contributions were received since our last bulletin:

- Joyce Spielberger made a donation to the **Tenenbaum-Spielberger Tikkun Olam Fund** wishing a Mazel Tov to Ricki and Lanny Kline on the birth of their grandson.
- Melba Epsman made a generous contribution to the **Cemetery Beautification Fund**.

CALL FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE TEMPLE BETH-EL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Temple Beth-El Nominating Committee is assembling a slate of candidates for officers and directors for election at the Annual Meeting on June 1st, 2014. There are a limited number of Board slots available in any given year. The requirements of Board members are to be a Member in good standing, attend scheduled Board meetings, attend services/fulfill Bimah honors, and participate in Committee work as is feasible.

If you would like the Nominating Committee to consider you or another Temple member, if you have questions about the roles and responsibilities of members of the board, or if you have questions about the nominating committee or process, please contact Vikki Grodner, Nominating Committee Chair, at vikkigrodner@gmail.com.

A web based form will be available at www.templebeth-el.net as well for your convenience. All nominations must be received by Monday, April 7, 2014.

TEMPLE BETH-EL Religious School

Religious School Passover Fundraiser

Thank you to all of you who supported our fundraiser! Pre-orders were due on March 16th. All pre-ordered items can be picked up from the TBE office between 9:00 am-12:00 pm on Sunday, April 6th through Wednesday, April 9th. If we have extra items to sell (other than pre-orders), they will be in the office and sold during office hours. Call Maurine Halpern at 369-4489 to check availability of extra items. The Religious School greatly appreciates your support!

Reminder...no school on

Wednesday, April 16 for Passover

**Kosher-for-Passover Family Shabbat
Ruach Friday, April 18**

Don't worry about what you'll feed your family on April 18th for dinner during Passover. Instead, join us for Family Shabbat Ruach with a special Kosher-For-Passover dinner following the service. RSVP at www.templebeth-el.net.

**Kosher BBQ Religious School Team
Sunday, May 18**

If you have a good recipe, are good with the grill, like to decorate or simply like to have fun, join our Religious School BBQ team! It will be at the Levite Jewish Community Center this year on May 18th and will likely be the biggest event yet. Contact Maurine Halpern at 369-4489 for details.

Upcoming May Events

May 4- Last Day for 7th-10th/ Parent Education Class/ Teacher Appreciation and Awards Day Brunch*

May 9- Traveling Shabbat Dinner*

May 10- Confirmation/Senior Send-off

May 11- Last Day for Pre K-6th/ Mother's Day*

May 18- Kosher BBQ Religious School Team*

May 30- Family Shabbat Ruach and Dinner (Honoring Grandparents)

*Includes students registered for classes and "activities only"

**Parents Just Want to Have Fun Party
Dinner, Drinks, Door Prizes and Fun
Saturday, April 5 at 7:00pm**

"Because its OUR party and we can have fun if we want to!" All parents are invited to join us for this community schmooze-fest. Non TBE members are welcome. For reservations and cost, please contact Maurine Halpern at 369-4489 by March 28th.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND...

The Chocolate Seder Sunday, April 20

Students in Religious School classes and "activities only" are invited to join us for the very popular CHOCOLATE SEDER. They may never eat chocolate again after this event (until next year of course!)

**Parent Education Class with Rabbi K
Sunday, April 20**

Rabbi K's next Parenting Class is on Sunday, April 20, from 9:00-10:00 am. The topic is Answering Children's Questions About Sex. Drop off your children at Religious School and join us for an informative discussion and a light nosh.

Our Last Visit from Amanda

We had our last visit for the year from Amanda Winer, our ISJL Fellow. Her fellowship with the ISJL will end this summer and although she will remain our Fellow through the end of the school year, her visits are over. We wish her well on all of her future endeavors and thank her for her contagious enthusiasm, support and training she has given us. Here are a few photos from her visit:



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CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS FOR EASTER LUNCH!

Come serve lunch to the less fortunate on Easter, Sunday, April 20th at Grace Episcopal Church in Woodlawn. A great mitzvah for the entire family!

2 shifts:

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

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

Call Eva Wilensky at 967-3340 or email littleva@bellsouth.net to volunteer for a shift.

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

CHESED UPDATE

We began our Purim celebration with a program at Brookdale Place. With over 30 people in attendance, Rabbi Konigsburg led the crown-wearing and grogger-wielding crowd in song and Shabbat blessings. Homemade baked goods complete with Hamentashen lovingly baked by Esther Schuster, were enjoyed by all. Other bakers were Ruth Siegler, Margy Rosenbaum, and Arlene Fisher. Refreshments were also provided by Bari Roseman and Donna Schiff. Everything was presented beautifully thanks to Sandra Gilbert's creativity. Barbara Bonfield expertly took pictures of the smiles filling the room. Our thanks as well to other volunteers, Stu Brenner and Michelle Konigsburg, who were also in attendance.

The Purim celebration continued the following week with visits by our volunteers to Building Trade Towers, Fair Haven, Highland Manor, Greenbriar, Mount Royal Towers, St Martin in the Pines, Town Village and to four other individuals. Sandra Gilbert compiled shalach manot treats to be delivered to these seniors along with cards with Purim greetings written by Carol Tuck and Loraine Reznik and adorable cards made by Sheri Krell's Day School class. Volunteers making these visits were Micky Rubenstein, Lisa Engel, Sheri Krell, Sybil Michalove, Diane Slaughter, Ruth Siegler, Marian Radwin, Carol Tuck, Faye Bernstein, and Amy Peetluk.

Another of Chesed's activities this month was baking Chesed Cakes for families in mourning. Those busy in the kitchen were Dorothy Ziff, Kathy Goldman, Gloria Solomon, Shirley Hasson, Hannah Helman, Jane Gordon, and Sheri Epstein.

Our thanks goes out as well to Robin Smith who sends Get Well cards to those who are ill with warm wishes from our congregation.

We are grateful to our dedicated corps of volunteers and hope that many more in the congregation will consider joining us in any of our ongoing Chesed activities.

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

Sheree and David Kanter
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Sisterhood

YASHER KOACH TO SISTERHOOD FOR A WONDERFUL SISTERHOOD SHABBAT CELEBRATION

As Beth-El Sisterhood Members joined Conservative Jewish Women everywhere, Caryn Corenblum and Cindy May coordinated the special annual service in January.

Toby Gewant did a beautiful rendition of the Haftarah. And to all the Sisterhood Members who participated, it was an honor to have you lead the Congregation in a beautiful Shabbat Service.

A special thank you to Hannah Helman, Felice Hirsch, and Debby Thomas for a beautiful and delicious Shabbat Kiddush!

BETH-EL BABY BASKETS

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

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

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

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

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

SISTERHOOD GIFT SHOP



In the Sisterhood Gift Shop,
You'll find Judaic Gifts there.
Sign one of the Gift Registries
and your wishes we'll SHARE!

*Bar/Bat Mitzvah
Wedding
House/Guest
New Baby and More . . .*

When you buy from us you're showing you care
Our Shop supports our RELIGIOUS SCHOOL
And that's something we can't spare!

**Shop our Gift Shop for
Passover**

LEAGRAMS

Pam Ruttenberg: Wishing you a speedy recovery

Ron Froehlich: Wishing you a speedy recovery

From: *Betty & Bob Anfanger*

Jack Becker: Wishing you continued good health

Joan Weisberg: Wishing you continued good health

Barbara Bonfield: Wishing you a happy birthday

Lisa Michelson: Condolences on the loss of your mother, Elaine Gessow

Arlene Goldstein: Condolences on the loss of your mother, Alice Kleinberg

From: *Leah & Henry Lapidus*

Anne Cohn: In appreciation of your contribution to the Temple's Cemetery Maintenance Fund

Sherry Romanoff: Wishing you a happy birthday

Melba Epsman: Wishing you a happy birthday

Debby Thomas: Thanks for helping with the annual blood drive

Donna Schiff: Thanks for your calls to seniors in our community

Dale Marcus: Thanks for your calls to seniors in our community

Julie Bernstein: Thanks for collecting prizes for the Purim Raffle

Bert Bloomston: Thanks for your work at the Community Kitchen

Pam Ruttenberg: Wishing speedy recovery and continued good health

Gilbert Routman: Wishing speedy recovery and continued good health

Judy & Jimmy Rotenstreich: In loving memory of Jenifer on her Yahrzeit

Rochelle & Marty Green: In loving memory of your mother and father on their Yahrzeits

Hazel Pizette: In loving memory of your father on his Yahrzeit

Hazel & Murray Pizette: Mazal Tov on your grandson Mitchell's graduation from college & future success

Betty Anfanger: In loving memory of your daughter and sister on their Yahrzeits

Gilbert Routman: In loving memory of your father on his Yahrzeit

Arthur Serwitz: Condolences on the loss of your mother, Esther Serwitz, and on your father's Yahrzeit

Vic Feigelson: Condolences on the loss of your son, Steven Feigelson

Sylvia Berman: Mazal Tov on the birth of

your great-granddaughter

Dolly & David Staff: Mazal Tov on the birth of your great-grandson

Sherry & Jerry Cherner: Mazal Tov on your anniversary

Mary & Jay Cohen: Mazal Tov on your anniversary

Virginia Heiman: Mazal Tov on moving into your new home

Preston Goldfarb: Mazal Tov for having the Birmingham Southern College soccer field named for you & for your 31 years of service as soccer coach

Toby Klein: Mazal Tov for winning 1st Prize at the Bluff Park Art Show & for showing at the TBE Gift Shop

Jean & Jerry Sklar: Mazal Tov on your son Brad being elected as co-chair of the American Institute of Federal Taxation Board

Amy Fineberg: Mazal Tov for working with the State of AL Dept. of Education & all public schools to establish its placement program

Jeff Spielberg: Mazal Tov on Mitchell's graduation & future success

Nancy & Doug Lewis: Mazal Tov on the Bar Mitzvah of your son Brett

Joy & Robert Fleisher: Mazal Tov on your recent anniversary; thanks for your donation of the TBE Chuppah

Lynn & Bert Bloomston: Mazal Tov on your recent anniversary

Sherry Cherner: Mazal Tov on your 75th birthday

Judy & Gary Monheit: Mazal Tov on the marriage of your daughter Ginny

Shirley & Julius Goldstein: Mazal Tov on the marriage of your granddaughter Ginny

Sigma Delta Tau at U of A: Mazal Tov on the recent election of your new president

Lynette Mazer: In appreciation of your donation to the TBE Beautification Fund

Bunny & Joel Rotenstreich: Thanks for your donation of the TBE Chuppah

Joyce Spielberg: Thanks for your donation to the Tenenbaum-Spielberger Tikkun Olam Fund

Julie Bernstein: Thanks for chairing the Sisterhood Purim Raffle

Harold Apolinsky: In loving memory of your mother Esther & grandfather Louis on their Yahrzeits

Anne Cohn: In loving memory of your father-in-law Abe Cohn on his Yahrzeit

Julius Goldstein: In loving memory of your brother Morris on his Yahrzeit

In memory of **Alva Permutt** & her many years of donations to the TBE Beautification Fund

In memory of **Marian & Fred Perel** & their gift of

the Holocaust Torah from Prauge

In memory of **Albert Shugarman** & his donation of Porcelain figures

Ilse Nathan: Thanks for your past donation of a Torah shield to Temple Beth-El

From: *Ralph Sokol*

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

Sisterhood

DONATIONS

A Chai donation wishing Mazal Tov to **Sherry & Jerry Cherner** on their anniversary

A Chai donation wishing Mazal Tov to **Joy & Robert Fleisher** on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Brett
From: *Hannah & Colin Helman*

A Double Chai donation wishing Mazal Tov to **Sylvia Berman** on her 90th birthday

A Chai donation wishing Mazal Tov to **Ricki & Lanny Kline** on the birth of their grandson Andrew Alexander Kline

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Albert Cohen**

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Marcia Cypress**
From: *Pam Ruttenberg & Arnold Shiland*

Mazal Tov to **Joy & Robert Fleisher** on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Brett

From: *Arlene Fisher*

Virginia Heiman Gift Shop Fund

A Chai donation wishing Happy Birthday to **Virginia Heiman**
From: *Terri Heiman*

In loving memory of **Albert Cohen**
In loving memory of **Chita Weintrob**
In loving memory of **Barbara Touger**
From: *Virginia Heiman*

Passover Guide

Excerpts and text from the THE RABBINICAL ASSEMBLY PESACH GUIDE

by Rabbi Barry Starr and the Committee on Jewish Law & Standards (CJLS) Kashrut Subcommittee
(For the full Pesach Guide, please visit www.rabbinicalassembly.org/pesach-guide)

Stories play a key role in identifying a religion or nation, especially the ones at the center of a community's history and ritual, the ones taught to members of the community from an early age and repeated often by adults in rituals and prayers. Such master stories express in easily understandable and emotionally compelling terms a community's understanding of its origins, its values, and its goals. If one were to compare the view of life and humanity embedded in the master stories of, for example, Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Buddhism – and the United States, China, and Israel – one would find deep differences in how these various human communities understand who they are as individuals and as a community, what is important in life, and what they should strive for.

Judaism's master story is the Exodus from Egypt, followed by the trek to Mount Sinai and then to the Promised Land of Israel. We leave Egypt not as individuals but as a nation, and we do so only with the help of God. This is very different from the staunch individualism at the heart of the liberalism that has forged most Western countries. At Mount Sinai we engage in a Covenant with God that establishes the basis of our relationship with God – and the duties of that relationship – for ourselves and all our descendants.

KASHERING THE KITCHEN

It is customary (and easiest) to remove the utensils and dishes that are used during the year, replacing them with either new utensils or utensils used year to year only for Pesach. This is clearly not possible for major appliances and may not even be possible for dishes and utensils.

There is a process for *kashering* many, but not all, kitchen items thus making them kosher for Pesach:

The general principle used in kashering is that the way the utensil absorbs food is the way it can be purged of that food. This principle operates on the basis of the quality or intensity of how the items absorb food. Things used for cold food can be *kashered* by rinsing since no substance has been absorbed by the dish or glass. Items used on a stove absorb the food and thus need a stronger level of action namely expelling the food into boiling water. The most intense form of usage is directly on a fire or in an oven and these utensils require the most intense method of *kashering*, namely *ליבון* (*libbun*), which burns away absorbed food.

FOODS

The Torah prohibits the ownership of *hameitz* (flour, food or drink made from the prohibited species of leavened grain: wheat, oats, barley, rye or spelt) during Pesach. Ideally we burn or remove all *hameitz* from our premises which may be effected by donations to a local food pantry.

In some cases, however, this would cause prohibitive financial loss. In such cases, we arrange for the sale of the *hameitz* to a non-Jew and its repurchase after Pesach:

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Mekhirat hameitz – the sale of hameitz is accomplished by appointing an agent, usually one's rabbi to handle the sale. This must be considered a valid and legal transfer of ownership and thus the items sold must be separated and stored away from all other foods and supplies. This means that non-Passover dishes, pots, utensils and *hameitz* food that have been sold as part of the selling of one's *hameitz* should be separated, covered or locked away to prevent accidental use. At the end of the holiday, the agent arranges to repurchase the items on behalf of the owner, since the *hameitz* at that time is again permitted. One must wait until one is sure the repurchase has been done. If ownership of the *hameitz* was not transferred before the holiday, the use of any such *hameitz* remains prohibited after the holiday and any such products should be given away to a non-Jewish food pantry. The sale will take place at 10:00 am the day before Pesach.

Prohibited foods

Since the Torah prohibits the eating of *hameitz* during Pesach, and since many common foods contain some, guidance is necessary when shopping and preparing for Pesach.

Prohibited foods include the following:

- biscuits
- cakes
- crackers
- leavened bread
- pasta
- coffees containing cereal derivatives

These are foods that are generally made with **wheat, barley, oats, spelt** or **rye** (grains that can become *hameitz*). Any food containing these grains or derivatives of these grains must be certified kosher for Pesach.

Flavorings in foodstuffs are often derived from alcohol produced from one of these grains which would render that food *hameitz*. Such products also need Pesach supervision.

Rabbinical authorities added the following foods to the above list of prohibited foods:

- beans
- corn
- millet
- peas
- rice
- soy

These and some other plant foods (e.g. mustard, buckwheat and sesame seeds) are not permitted for eating on Pesach. They need not be sold or disposed of before Pesach. The processed products, whether liquid or solid, from *kitniyot* are also forbidden by most rabbinical authorities. These might include but not be limited to ascorbic acid (vitamin C), corn oil, corn sweetener, and soy oil. Most Sephardic authorities permit the use of all the *kitniyot* foods other than those that might have come in contact with the prohibited grains. Israeli products are often marked “contains *kitniyot*” and thus Jews who do not use *kitniyot* need to be vigilant when purchasing Israeli products for Passover. Our Movement's Committee on Jewish Law and Standards has permitted the use of peanuts and peanut oil on Pesach provided said items have proper year round kosher certification and do not contain any *hameitz* ingredients.

***Please note that the Temple Beth-El office will close for Passover on Monday, April 14th at 2pm, and both days Tuesday and Wednesday, April 15th and 16th, and again on Monday and Tuesday, April 21st and 22nd.**

INSTALLATION WEEKEND THANK YOU'S

The Installation of Rabbi Konigsburg was a very significant moment in time for Temple Beth-El. We are experiencing renewed vitality and enthusiasm, engagement and participation, optimism and hope – all of which were abundantly clear during the events of the weekend. Friday night, our sanctuary was filled with the energy of a Simon and Garfunkel Shabbat Service performed by Michael Levine, Bonnie Puckett, Larry Blewitt, and Andy and Mindy Margolis. It was an artful, joyous blend of Kabbalat Shabbat liturgy with both traditional nusach and classic rock – definitely upbeat! Following services, nearly 220 people shared a delightful Shabbat dinner together. Shabbat morning began, for quite a large number of congregants, with an intense hour long Hebrew Kirtan Chanting and Meditation Service, which really opened our minds to new possibilities! Our traditional Shabbat service took place in the Sanctuary as it does nearly every week. Yet this service was different, especially poignant and meaningful, because it was led by Rabbi Ashira Konigsburg, Hillel Konigsburg, Eitan Konigsburg, Cantor Linda Shivers, and Tim Bernard as a loving tribute to the Rabbi and Michelle. At the end of Shabbat, Havdallah led into the deeply moving Installation Ceremony. Cantor Linda Shivers led us in singing the American and Israeli national anthems, after which Rabbi Ashira Konigsburg proudly installed her father as our Rabbi. The Installation program beautifully reflected not only the strength of our bond with our Rabbi as well as his commitment to us but also the trust and the confidence we feel toward each other.

It's clichéd to say "it takes a village," so we'll just say it took a kehillah, an entire community, to bring this wonderful weekend to life. Our Foundation was very generous in their financial support, enabling us to provide a very unique weekend celebration! A beautiful work of art by Toby Klein became the basis for our invitation and Lynda Schnier did an amazing job of editing it for us. Because this was such a special occasion, Marsha Asman, Barbara Brande, Adrienne Brook, Cherie Greenberg, Cindy May, Loraine Reznik, David Reznik, Bari Roseman, Arlene Shelsky, Toby Siegel, and Joyce Stein each hand addressed the envelopes for the Installation invitation and Shirley Froehlich saw to it that they were all properly sealed, stamped and mailed. Lynette Mazer diligently called dozens of congregants to invite them to the Installation. Sisterhood members Arlene Fisher, Joy Fleisher, Hannah Helman, Pam Ruttenberg, and Sandy Stern baked the delicious sweets for Shabbat lunch and for the

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Champagne reception following the Installation. Marvin Shelsky cheerfully tended our bar during the reception Saturday night, serving champagne which was generously contributed by the Men's Club. Erin Shiland baked the amazing Installation cake, which was so beautifully decorated with the "interconnected hands motif" taken from Toby's art. Pam Ruttenberg most generously contributed all the flowers for the weekend, and she worked very hard with Shirley Froehlich, Hannah Helman, and Blythe Shiland to conceive and make all the floral arrangements, once again reflecting our motif. Sallie and Bruce Downs welcomed people as they came in to Shabbat dinner following services on Friday night and Dalia Abrams, Roz Mannon, and Melvin Zivitz all served as Gabbaim to oversee our Torah Service on Shabbat morning. Lise Grace coordinated the Baskets of Blessings we used on the Bimah and Jeff Shapiro assisted in making sure our sound system was properly set. Arlene Fisher, Julian Brook, Barbara Bonfield, and Loraine Reznik each participated in the Installation ceremony. Two of the Installation highlights were a responsive reading, beautifully adapted by Barbara Brande, and the Priestly Benediction which was bestowed on Rabbi Konigsbug and Michelle by Steven Corenblum and Howard Bearman. The blessings were said while the Konigsburgs, surrounded by their children and past Presidents, stood under a Chuppah, held by Martin Damsky, Jack Schaeffer, Ronald Shiland, and Morton Stern. Each member and guest who entered our Shul during the weekend were warmly welcomed by Sallie and Bruce Downs, Todd Doobrow, Toby and Warren Gewant, Rochelle and Melvin Olshan, Paula and Joe Levy, Bert Siegel, Arlene Fisher, Eddie Griffith, Melvin Zivitz, Allen Halpern, Sue and Billy Lischkoff, Dan Weinrib, and Wendy Rutkoff. Thank you to Sherrie Grunfeld for photographing the Installation Ceremony. As always, our wonderful staff members, Isa Dorsky, Bob Greenberg, Emily Gregory, Maurine Halpern, Teresa Mason Pool, and Debby Thomas were invaluable in everything that we did.

So you see, it really did take a kehillah to make everything happen so perfectly for this very special weekend and we can't thank you enough for your help!

And now let us continue to go "from strength to strength"!

-Loraine Reznik, Lisa Engel, Cindy May, Micky Rubenstein and Toby Siegel



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SIYUM BECHROIM SERVICES—CALLING ALL FIRST BORN

Fast of the First Born

Monday, April 14th

7:00 am Minyan with breakfast following

A first born is commanded to fast on the day before Pesach in commemoration of the deliverance of the First Born of Israel from the 10th plague which killed the Egyptian First Born Sons. The day before means the day on which the First Seder falls which this year is Monday, April 14th. The requirement to fast is waived however if the first born is present at what is termed a Seudat Mitzvah — a festive meal which follows the performance of certain Mitzvot (i.e. Brit Milah, baby naming). Since it isn't always possible to arrange for a Simcha to

fall on the right day, the custom developed to have a "SIYUM" on that day. A SIYUM is a public completion of the study of a section of Rabbinic literature. Since the SIYUM—which means completion—is followed by a meal of celebration, the first born who is present is permitted to eat. This effectively negates the fast for the rest of the day. The SIYUM will take place at morning Minyan on April 14th beginning at 7:00am. There will be a breakfast at the conclusion of Minyan. Bring your Tallit and Tefillin (we can provide these if you need them).

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

*passover family shabbat ruach
and dinner*

FRIDAY, APRIL 18

5:45 PM

BRING YOUR ENTIRE FAMILY AS WE JOYOUSLY WELCOME THE SABBATH
IN SONG & PRAYER. KOSHER FOR PASSOVER CHICKEN DINNER TO FOLLOW

\$18 PER ADULT

\$10 PER CHILD 5-13

RSVP AT WWW.TEMPLEBETH-EL.NET OR 933-2740
BY THURSDAY, APRIL 17TH

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BIRMINGHAM POLICE CHIEF A.C. ROPER WANTS YOUR CHAMETZ



Jewish Law requires us to rid our homes of Chametz for Pesach. One of the ways we do this is to sell our Chametz to someone who is not forbidden to own Chametz. This year Birmingham Police Chief A.C. Roper has agreed to buy our Chametz for the duration of Pesach.

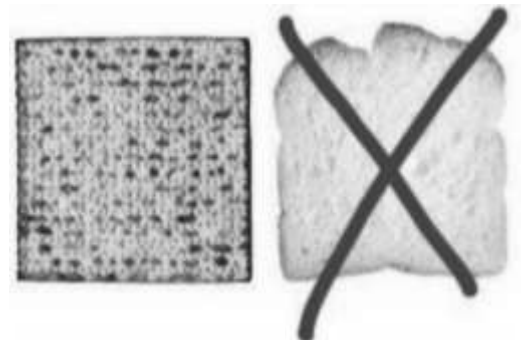
Fill out the colored insert in this bulletin or in the TBE Office before 9:00am on April 14, 2014. Do not wait until the last minute! This form authorizes Rabbi Konigsburg to act as your agent in setting up the sale. Please include a donation to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund, which will go to Chief Roper's requested charity, the Birmingham Police Athletic Team, which offers a variety of sport programs to children at risk in Birmingham.

Chief Roper will be at Temple Beth-El at 9:00am on Monday, April 14 to purchase our Chametz. Join us in this important Mitzvah and make a difference in our community at the same time.

We wish all of our members a Happy and Kosher Pesach.

Passover is in, Chametz is out

Bring your unopened chametz to be donated to Collat Jewish Family Services. We will have drop-off boxes outside the TBE Office. Please bring all items by Wednesday, April 9th.



PASSOVER BIMAH FLOWERS

We would like to express our deepest appreciation to the following congregants who have generously donated the flowers which adorn our Bimah.

First two days of Passover

In loving memory of our beloved family members

*From: Lynette & J.B. Mazer, Carole & Michael Mazer and family,
Nancy and Dennis Lutz and family*

Last two days of Passover

In memory of our loved ones

From: Anonymous



SPEEDY RECOVERY

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

Fran Ivker

MAZAL TOV

Mazal Tov to **Sybil and Larry Michalove** on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter Grace Ann, daughter of Karen and Michael Freedman of Ponte Vedra, FL.

Mazal Tov to **Ricki and Lanny Kline** on the birth of their grandson Andrew Alexander, son of Kinda and Aaron Kline of San Diego, CA.

CONDOLENCES

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

Albert Cohen

Father of Naomi Ivker and Eve Cohen

Elsie "Cookie" Goldstein

Mother of Anita Goldstein and Nathan Goldstein

Aisic Hirsch

Husband of Riva Hirsch, Father of Sheryl Perlstein and Felice Hirsch

Barbara Touger

Mother of Lesa Touger and Scott Touger

Chita (Eva) Weintrob

Wife of Howard Weintrob, Mother of Wendy Weintrob and Michael Weintrob

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



Fira & Josif Charney (61)
Susan & Richard Einhorn (19)
Rochelle & Martin Green (19)
Ricki & Lanny Kline (37)
Raena & Kristopher Maday (9)
Toby & Joel Mendler (46)
Evelyn & Art Padawer (66)
Harriet & Gilbert Routman (44)
Tatyana & Zanvel Shitsel (58)
Marilyn & Malcolm Sokol (50)
Sari & Barry Spieler (6)
Evdiniya & Boris Zinger (39)



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

Jerry Cherner, Elsie Evensky,
Norris Friedman, Anita Gouse, David Kimerling,
Joel Mendler, Samantha St. John

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

SHABBAT STUDY WITH RABBI KONIGSBURG

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

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

Saturday, April 5th following the Kiddush Luncheon

MEN'S CLUB NEWS

While a lot of things are happening around the Shul, March was a quiet month for the Men's Club. On Monday, April 7th the Men's Club will have a Happy Hour for the NCAA Basketball Championship. The location is TBD. At the Happy Hour we will crown the Men's Club Bracket Champion.

Please look for opportunities to help with this year's 5th Annual When Pigs Fly! BBQ Cook-off and Festival on Sunday, May 18th. It will be held at the Levite Jewish Community Center soccer field and looks to be the biggest event to date. Therefore, more volunteers are needed. Contact Maurine Halpern at mhalpern@templebeth-el.net if you can volunteer in any capacity.

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

Thanks,
Eric Goldis

Torah Fund Event Coming in May

Save the Date — Friday, May 16th

*Hillel Konigsburg
Guest Speaker
Brunch*

*Hannah Helman—Arlene Fisher
Torah Fund Co-Chairs*



Kol Ruchani L'Nashim

A Spiritual Voice for Women

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

We will meet in the Cultural Center from 9:00-10:15am on Sunday, April 6.

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

GETTING TO KNOW RABBI KONIGSBURG



I thank all of Temple Beth-El for their warm welcome during my installation weekend last month. So many of you got to meet my children, my mother, and Michelle's family, and they all commented on how warm and friendly this congregation is. My sister, Cantor Linda

Shivers was also here. I am one of five siblings. In addition to my sister, I have two brothers, one in Florida and one in Westchester County, New York. My oldest brother passed away in 2001. My father died in 2007. My two brothers wanted to join me for the weekend but they both had started new jobs and were unable to get the time off. With five children, you can imagine how wonderfully crazy our family Sedarim could be. We all tell stories of different Sedarim when some of the craziest things would happen. For example, when one of my older brothers got the task of grating fresh horseradish root, the smell was so pungent that to stop crying, he donned a diver's facemask and snorkel.

THIS MONTH IN JEWISH HISTORY

Nisan 1 – Nisan 30

- **5 Nisan** – Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin visited Cairo, Egypt in 1969. The first visit to Cairo ever by an Israeli Prime Minister.
- **9 Nisan** – Yahrzeit of Rabbi Saul Liberman, one of the foremost scholars of Talmud in modern times. Professor of Talmud at the Jewish Theological Seminary
- **19 Nisan** – The directors of the Dutch West India Company refused to let Governor Peter Stuyvesant evict the Jews from New Amsterdam in 1655. This officially ended any barrier for Jews to settle in North America and (as long as they supported their own poor) they could travel and trade freely throughout the colony. This was the beginning of the first Jewish Community in North America
- **22 Nisan** – The Kishinev Pogrom broke out in 1903. The massacre of Jews created worldwide protest and Jews began to organize self-defense groups.
- **29 Nisan** – U.S. Forces liberated the Buchenwald concentration camp in 1945

DONATIONS

Good Fortune Fund

A Most Generous donation in honor of **Temple Beth-El** during the snow storm
From: Linda & Manuel Mendel

A Very Generous donation wishing Mazal Tov to **Ilse Nathan** on her 90th birthday
From: Cecy & Steven Siegler & family

A Very Generous donation in honor of **Rabbi Konigsburg's** Installation
From: Natalie Levine

A Double Chai donation wishing Mazal Tov to **Sherry Cherner** on her special birthday
From: Sue & Albert Tuck

A Chai donation wishing Mazal Tov to **Sherry Cherner** on her special birthday
From: Shara & Mark Kernan

A Chai donation wishing thanks to **Martin Klinger** for tutoring Brett for his Bar Mitzvah

A Chai donation wishing thanks to **Debby Thomas** in appreciation of all her help for Brett's Bar Mitzvah
From: Nancy & Doug Lewis

A Chai donation wishing Mazal Tov to **Ricki & Lanny Kline** on the birth of their grandson Andrew Alexander
From: Karen & Dan Weinrieb

A Chai donation wishing Mazal Tov to **Dr. Asaf Stein** upon receiving the Golani Brigade Brown Beret & "Mofat Plugati" Outstanding Soldier Recognition Award
From: Susan & Michael Stein

A Chai donation wishing Mazal Tov to **Silvio Litovsky** on receiving the President's Award for Excellence in Teaching from UAB
From: Cheryl Palmer

A Chai donation wishing Mazal Tov to **Ricki & Lanny Kline** on the birth of their grandson Andrew Alexander
From: Hannah & Colin Helman

Mazal Tov to **Ricki & Lanny Kline** on the birth of their grandson Andrew Alexander
From: Sherry & Jerry Cherner

Mazal Tov to **Sylvia Berman** on the marriage of her grandson Brandon Davis to Tanya Miles
Mazal Tov to **Sylvia Berman** on the birth of her great-granddaughter Emilia Reese Ostroff
From: Charlotte Corenblum & Karl Friedman

Mazal Tov to **Joy & Robert Fleisher** on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Brett Lewis
From: Ed Kryz

Mazal Tov to **Jennifer & Ryan Kalinsky** on the birth of their son Jakob Micah
Mazal Tov to **Ricki & Lanny Kline** on the birth of their grandson Andrew Alexander Kline
Mazal Tov to **Rabbi Konigsburg** on his Installation
From: Mary & David Kimerling

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

Wishing speedy recovery to **Sandra Hanan**
From: Gloria & David Koplou

Wishing speedy recovery to **Fran Ivker**
From: Thea Ostroy

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In loving memory of **Murray Binderman**
Wishing speedy recovery to **Louis Tuck**
From: Julie & Charles Stein

In honor of the Bar Mitzvah of **Brett Lewis**
From: Gloria Solomon

In appreciation of **Rabbi Konigsburg**
From: Scott Touger

In appreciation of **Rabbi Konigsburg**
From: Susan Beard

In gratitude of **Rabbi Konigsburg**
From: Warren Fohrer

In honor of **Rabbi Konigsburg's** Installation
From: Susan & Stuart Padove

In honor of **Rabbi Konigsburg's** Installation
From: Lori & Stephen Dorsky

In honor of **Rabbi Konigsburg's** Installation
From: Wendy & Steve Baldinger

In honor of **Rabbi Konigsburg's** Installation
From: Diane & Martin Greenberger

In appreciation of **Rabbi Konigsburg** for all his kindness shown during Chita's illness & for officiating at her funeral
From: Howard, Wendy, & Michael Weintrob

In appreciation of **Rabbi Konigsburg** for officiating at Brett's Bar Mitzvah
From: Nancy & Doug Lewis

In appreciation of **Rabbi Konigsburg** for so warmly officiating at my father's funeral
From: Naomi & Josh Ivker & family

In loving memory of **Albert Cohen**
From: Diane & Howard Slaughter

Men's Club Children's Fund

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Albert Cohen**
From: Sandra Jaffe & Barry Dreyer

Keith Altman Camp Ramah Scholarship Fund

A Most Generous donation
A Chai donation in loving memory of **Albert Cohen**
From: Barbara & Scott Brande

Chico Bomchel Memorial Social Action Fund

A Double Chai donation in loving memory of **Chita Weintrob**
From: Eileen & Len Levin

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From: Pam Ruttenberg & Arnold Shiland

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From: Hannah & Colin Helman

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From: Rochelle & Melvin Olshan

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From: Lori & Stephen Dorsky

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From: Sandra Jaffe & Barry Dreyer

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From: Mira & Eddie Griffith

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From: Mayer Cohen

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Chita Weintrob

From: The Don Ruttenberg Family

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Chita Weintrob

From: Michelle Bearman-Wolnek &
Seth Wolnek

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Chita Weintrob

From: Susan & Stuart Padove

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Chita Weintrob

A Chai donation wishing Mazal Tov to
Ricki & Lanny Kline on the birth of
their grandson Andrew Alexander
Kline

From: Shirley & Ron Froehlich

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

In loving memory of **Albert Cohen**

From: Karen & Dan Weinrib

In loving memory of **Barbara Touger**

From: Marian & Myron Radwin

In loving memory of **Chita Weintrob**

From: Tobie & Bernard Axel
Lynn & Bert Bloomston
Charlotte Corenblum &
Karl Friedman
Sybil & Larry Michalove
Ilse Nathan
Marian & Myron Radwin
Marilyn Slater
Joyce & Gaston Stein
Karen & Dan Weinrib
Ilene & Allan Wilensky

Edie Wilensky Memorial Fund

In loving memory of **Edward Levin**

From: Eileen & Len Levin

Robert Spielberg Memorial Fund

In loving memory of **Barbara Touger**

From: Lynn & Bert Bloomston

Wishing continued good health to
Louis Tuck

From: Joan Langer

Rita Laufman Youth Fund

Wishing speedy recovery to **Fran
Simon**

From: Ilene & Sandy Axelroth

In loving memory of **Alice Kleinberg**
In loving memory of **Jeannette Nichols**
Wishing speedy recovery to **Fran
Simon**

From: Sue & Bill Lischkoff

Prayer Book Fund

A High Holiday prayer book has been
donated in loving memory of **Barbara
Touger**

From: Bobbie & Howard Sokol

A Shabbat Sim Shalom Daily Prayer
book has been donated in loving
memory of **Bertha & George Breibart**
A Shabbat Sim Shalom Daily Prayer
book has been donated in loving
memory of **Chita Weintrob**

From: Melissa & Melvin Zivitz

Chesed Fund

A Chai donation wishing thanks to the
Chesed Committee that truly cares

From: Mrs. Nathan Kraselsky

In loving memory of **Albert Cohen**

From: Rhoda & Wayne Fleisig

In loving memory of **Albert Cohen**

From: Dorothy Ziff

Memorial Fund In Loving Memory Of

A Very Generous donation in loving
memory of **Albert Cohen**

From: Michael Honan

A Double Chai donation in loving
memory of **Roz Feigelson**

A Double Chai donation in loving
memory of **Steven Feigelson**

From: Marshall Hyatt
Renee Hyatt & Paul Erwin

A Double Chai donation in loving
memory of **Albert Cohen**

From: Roslyn Mannon

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memory of **Albert Cohen**

From: Lynette & J.B. Mazer

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Albert Cohen

From: Melissa & Steve Altmann

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Albert Cohen

From: Dalia & Keith Abrams

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Albert Cohen

From: Michelle Bearman-Wolnek &
Seth Wolnek

A Chai donation in loving memory of
Murray Binderman

A Chai donation in loving memory of
Chita Weintrob

From: Sheri & Jimmy Krell

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Murray Binderman

From: Tobie & Bernard Axel
Leslie Rapkin Parris

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Elaine Gessow

From: Lisa & Alan Engel

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Barbara Touger

From: Edward Levin

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Chita Weintrob

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Albert Cohen

From: Tobie & Bernard Axel
Sherry & Jerry Cherner
Thea Ostroy
Susan & Stuart Padove
Shirley & Paul Schlaff
Susan & Michael Stein

Murray Binderman

From: Gloria & David Koplun

Barbara Touger

From: Sherry & Jerry Cherner
Dorothy Shiland
Joyce & Gaston Stein
Sam Tenenbaum
Gloria Weintraub

Cookie Goldstein

From: Sherry & Jerry Cherner
Susan & Stuart Padove

Chita Weintrob

From: Mary & David Kimerling
Sam Tenenbaum

Marcia Kramer

From: Charlotte Corenblum &
Karl Friedman
Lori & Stephen Dorsky
Lynette & J.B. Mazer
Ilene & Allan Wilensky

DONATIONS

On Their Yahrzeits In loving memory of

A Most Generous donation in loving memory of **Alan Perlman**, beloved father on his Yahrzeit
From: *Marjorie Perlman*

A Very Generous donation in loving memory of **Eugene Zeidman**, beloved father on his Yahrzeit
From: *Philip Zeidman*

A Generous donation in loving memory of **Arthur Laskin**, beloved uncle on his Yahrzeit
From: *Barbara Nissenbaum*

A Generous donation in loving memory of **Sadie Shiland Starr**, beloved mother on her Yahrzeit
From: *Anita & Marvin Shapiro
Toby & Kalman Gordon*

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Rosa Colb**, beloved mother on her Yahrzeit
From: *Nancijoy & Norman Weissman*

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Libby Brook**, beloved grandmother on her Yahrzeit
From: *Ginger, Larry, James Henry, & Eli Brook*

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Reva Levy Engel**, beloved mother & grandmother on her Yahrzeit
From: *Lisa & Alan Engel & family*

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Rebecca Corenblum**, beloved grandmother on her Yahrzeit
From: *Sherri & David Romanoff*

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Anna Rubin**, beloved grandmother on her Yahrzeit
A Chai donation in loving memory of **Joe Toranto**, beloved father on his Yahrzeit
From: *Barbara & Richard Toranto*

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Morris Pearlstein**, beloved father on his Yahrzeit
From: *Sylvia & Bill Morgenstein*

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Burt Olshan**, beloved brother on his Yahrzeit
From: *Melvin Olshan*

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Seymour Padove**, beloved father on his Yahrzeit

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Esther Padove**, beloved mother on her Yahrzeit
From: *Stuart Padove*

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Harry Wilk**, beloved father on his Yahrzeit
From: *Arlene Fisher*

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Bert Steinberg**, beloved stepfather on his Yahrzeit
From: *Jay Cohen*

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Betty Pekarne**, beloved sister on her Yahrzeit
From: *Jules & Bonnie Weiner & family*

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Isadore Wientrob**, beloved father on his Yahrzeit
From: *Marty & Alex Kontos*

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

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Rachel Jaffe**, beloved mother on her Yahrzeit

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Matilda Cohen**, beloved grandmother on her Yahrzeit
From: *Jan & Kenneth Jaffe & family*

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Paulina Belotserkovskaya**, beloved grandmother on her Yahrzeit
From: *Olga Belotserkovskaya & Al Belotserkovskiy*

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Leonard Zarovsky**, beloved husband on his Yahrzeit
From: *Rona Zarovsky*

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Norman Fleisher**, beloved father on his Yahrzeit
A Chai donation in loving memory of **Rita Fleisher**, beloved mother on her Yahrzeit
From: *David Fleisher*

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Cissy Greene**, beloved mother on her Yahrzeit

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Rebecca Corenblum**, beloved grandmother on her Yahrzeit
From: *Susan & Steve Greene*

Nazlie Senior, grandmother
Cookie Senior, sister-in-law
From: *Natalie & Albert Sikora*

Polina Kalikhman, mother
From: *Bronya Belotserkovskaya*

Philip Davidson, uncle
From: *Arnold Cooper*

Henry Greenberg, father
From: *Katherine & Bruce Greenberg*

Michael Feirman, father
From: *Rhoda & Robert Feirman*

Josif Iacubovich, grandfather
From: *Lazar Golubov*

Alfred Long, husband
From: *Norma Jean Long*

Steven Slater, son
From: *Marilyn Slater*

Boo Butler, mother
From: *Gloria Weintraub*

Joe Seligman, father & grandfather
From: *Bobbie & Michael Seligman & family*

Yakov Feldman, father
Saul Charny, father
From: *Fira & Isif Charny*

Nathan Epsman, brother-in-law
From: *Melba Epsman*

Stuart Simon, brother
From: *Arnold Simon*

Yankel Zeltser, brother
From: *Anya Treyger*

Marvin Goldberg, brother & uncle
From: *Betty Levin Anfanger & family*

Sara Reed, grandmother
From: *Foster Levy*

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April 4-5**

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*Isadore Weinstein
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**Shabbat Aharei mot
April 11-12**

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Phillip Baer
*Vladimir Belotserkovskiy
Harvey Benjamin
*Harry Berk
*Dora Block
*Harriet Bogart
Annie Bram
Miriam Cohen
*Marvin Cohn
Hyman Coplon
*Lucille Cotton
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*Fannye Sokol
Melvin Sokol
Paul Steinlauf
Sam Tenenbaum
*Yehuda Wertheimer
*Helen Wilder
Anne Wildstein
*Abraham Yanuck

**Shabbat Hol Hamo'ed
April 18-19**

Ida Abrams
Nathan Azrin
*Sylvia Back
Ann Banks
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*Libby Reznik
*Marvin Rich
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*Moses Robins
*Robert Rosenbluth
Rosalind Rothman
Ben Royal
*Sam Rubenstein
Marie Scheuer
Bette Shapiro
Fannie Siegel
Jack Silverman
Elsie Siskin
Morris Staff
Harold Stern
Cecile Sundock
*Peter Tichansky
*Isaac Torme
*Henrietta Wolf
*Minnie Zakuto
Esther Zell
*Philip Ziff

**Shabbat Kedoshim
April 25-26**

*Ike Abelson
Warren Axelroth
Seymour Barnes
*Joyce Benjamin
*Jennie Berman
Abraham Blatt
Barney Bonfield
Harold Bruchis
Abraham Cohen
Samuel Cohen
*Frances Copeland
*Isaac Copeland
*Etta Dannis
Meyer Davidson

Bea Demovskey
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*Ida Jaffe
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*Isadore Newman
Abe Pizitz
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Sanford Reitman
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Nathan Schwartz
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Stuart Shevin
Isadore Shiland
*Morris Silverfield
Tea Sternklar
*Morris Tenenbaum
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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

You Belong in Birmingham is hosting Second Sunday Dinners and Third Thursday Happy Hours. Each month on the second Sunday, dinner will be held at 6:00pm at a different location. Sunday, April 13 will be at Mellow Mushroom Inverness. There will be no Third Thursday due to Passover. No RSVP required.

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

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

Want to meet, connect, and share your culture with students from around Birmingham? Want to have fun this summer while doing something that will look great on your college application? Anytown is right for you! **Anytown Alabama** is a week long social justice camp June 1 -7 empowering high school students to become leaders in creating a stronger, more inclusive community for all. Visit us online at www.ywcabham.org/anytown-alabama or email us at anytown@ywcabham.org for more information and to apply! Early application is April 18th so apply today to get a spot!

The LJCC is hosting **27 Days of Understanding**, in an effort to memorialize the Holocaust and educate individuals on the lessons learned from the Holocaust. Each day from April 1st until April 27th (Yom Hashoah), the LJCC will have one activity a day that will teach tolerance, understanding, and respect. Stay tuned for details on the schedule of events. As part of the 27 Days of Understanding, the LJCC is sponsoring an art contest. Students in 3rd-12th grade are encouraged to participate. For more information on the art contest, please contact Samantha Dubrinsky at samd@bjf.org.

Free Concert from Suzuki Talents Education Program (STEP) at the LJCC on Sunday, April 6 at 2 pm. Suzuki Talent Education Program of Birmingham offers a performance of students ages 4-14, who play classical and traditional music on violins, cellos, and violas.

"No Place on Earth" Documentary (free film) on Sunday, April 27 at 2:00 pm. In October 1942, Esther Stermer, the matriarch of a Jewish family in the Ukraine, leads her family underground to hide from the pursuing Nazis - and stays nearly a year and a half. Their harrowing story of survival living in near total darkness in two cold, damp caves is one like no other ever told. It was life...like NO PLACE ON EARTH.

Theatre LJCC presents **The Whittings Jazz Duo Show** on Saturday, April 26 at 8:00 pm. Cost: \$20. Join us as we groove the night away with Nashville's sensational jazz duo, Jamey and Tammy Whiting. Together they present a show replete with soulful vocals, scattin' harmony, comedy, and two-fisted piano and dance. Refreshments served. Contact Mindy Cohen 879-0411 ext. 233 or email mcohen@bhamjcc.org

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