



## Parashat Shemot Shabbat in Shul

<January 2015



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**Saturday, January 10, 2015 - 19 Tevet 5775**

**At TBE All Day**

**Spend the Whole Shabbat at Temple Beth El**

8:45 AM	L'Chayim Discussion in the Beit Cafe
9:00 AM	Shabbat Services in the Sanctuary
9:30 AM	Babysitting in the Beit Cafe
10:30 AM	Family Tefillah in the Chapel
Noon	Kiddush Lunch in the Auditorium
1:45 PM	Shabbat Shira in the Chapel
	Torah Study in the Pastoral Conference Room
	Jewish Conversations in the Beit Cafe
	Yoga in the Garden Room
	Jewish Meditation in the Garden Room
	Extended Babysitting & Games for Kids in the Youth Lounge
4:15 PM	Mincha in the Chapel
4:45 PM	Seudah Shleesheet in the Youth Lounge
5:30 PM	Ma'ariv in the Chapel
5:45 PM	Havdalah in the Chapel

### Weekly Services

**Shacharit:** Sunday: 8:30 am; Monday-Friday: 7:30 am; *Rosh Hodesh:* 7:15 am; Shabbat: 9:00 am; Secular Holidays: 8:30 am

**Mincha/Ma'ariv:** Sunday-Friday: 6:00 pm

# Temple Beth El

## Mission Statement

Temple Beth El is a vibrant and inclusive community of Jews who join together for prayer, education, celebration, mutual support and comfort, tikkun olam and acts of loving kindness. We are guided by Torah and the principles of the Conservative movement. We are committed to our community, the State of Israel, and Jews around the world.

## Vision Statement

Our vision is that Temple Beth El will be an inspiring center of Conservative Judaism in which meaningful experiences and memories take root and grow.

## Values Statement

We are a welcoming and inclusive congregation.

We value and respect each congregant and his or her personal journey in Judaism.

We foster a sense of connectedness with our community.

We value participation in all aspects of synagogue and Jewish life.

Our congregation will be here for the entire Temple family now and for future generations.

**Welcome to our house.**



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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

### SHABBAT! VISIT PEOPLE NOT WEBSITES

In his latest thought provoking book, Judaism's Ten Best Ideas: A Guide for Seekers, Rabbi Arthur Green shares the above "bumper sticker" as a mantra for a new understanding of contemporary Shabbat observance. Our day of rest, our Shabbat, remains one of the greatest gifts that the Jews have given to civilization. Yet, most of us have lost the rhythm of Shabbat observance. For so many of us our childhood memories of the long list of Shabbat DON'TS has blinded us to the very idea of a day of rest. The hectic pace of our daily lives makes a day of rest a seemingly impossible dream.

It is my strong belief that Shabbat is needed now more than any time in the past. How many times a day do you check your e-mail? How fast are you expected to respond? It seems that the more time we spend in front of our computers, tablets and cell phones the more we lose the ability to connect with each other. I was recently at a restaurant and seated next to me was a family of four; two parents and two children under 10. There were 4 electronic devices in use and the only conversation that took place was with the waitress.

Rabbi Green reminds us that Shabbat does not belong to the strictly observant Orthodox community, it is an inheritance that belongs to all of us. He asks us to ponder what a contemporary Shabbat observance should look like and offers the following suggestions:

1. Stay at home. Spend quality time with family and real friends.
2. Celebrate with others: at the table, in the synagogue, with friends.
3. Study or read something that will edify, challenge, or make you grow.
4. Be alone. Take some time for yourself.
5. Mark the beginning and end of this sacred time by lighting candles and making Kiddush on Friday night and saying Havdalah on Saturday night.

At Temple Beth El we want to encourage everyone to enjoy the gift of Shabbat. Invite a few friends over for Shabbat dinner. If you feel uncomfortable with the rituals, contact Rabbi Bitran, Hazzan Leubitz or myself and we will be happy to help you. Watch for details for our Havdalah and Dinner with Friends program which we are planning for early February. We will be meeting for Havdalah and appetizers at Temple Beth El and then going to congregant's homes for dinner. Let's spend an evening visiting with our Temple Beth El friends, NOT WEBSITES.

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy New Year.

B'Shalom,  
Dan Glowinsky  
President  
TBEPrez@tberochester.org



## FROM THE DESK OF THE SENIOR RABBI

### How to be a Mensch

The Jewish Tradition has articulated certain terms that have an enduring place in Jewish consciousness. The term “*mensch*” for example or “*menschlichkeit*,” which means, literally, “person” or “human being.” I think it would be especially helpful if this word is taught to our children and grandchildren.

*Mensch* means “an ideal human being,” a person who has cultivated a character of sensitivity, care and compassion. Our society can produce the best doctors, lawyers, the most astute business executives, the most talented professionals and the most capable specialists. But without having a “*mensch*” in our society we are deprived of enduring and meaningful success in the act of living.

Our Jewish tradition offers a commentary on the meaning and implication of being a “*mensch*.”

When a person failed to perform the basic acts demanded by an elemental sense of decency, this was a source of shock and consternation. What happened to his/her *menschlichkeit* -what happened to his/her humanity?

Our people knew the reality of human imperfection. Even the best of us is frail and weak and we often transgress and make mistakes. We do not expect perfection of any person, even of one who becomes a real *mensch*. But each of us must enter the fray to try to become a *mensch*.

How do we teach *menschlichkeit*? How do we acquire it? How do we transmit it? The answer lies with the observance, practice and discipline of Judaism.

Ours is a society where everything is in a state of constant flux. There are no more absolutes, certainties, no permanent values, neither enduring relationships. We find ourselves in a state of spiritual chaos. Too many of our best and brightest lose their way. But we have a tradition that is 4,000 years old. We have a profound insight and great wisdom embodied in the values taught and preserved by our heroes and heroines in our great literature. The values enable a human being to live a meaningful life.

These values have one goal: To try to make a *mensch* out of each of us. Because, if you are a *mensch*, our tradition says, you can be relied upon under all circumstances. You can be a *mensch* for all seasons. If you are a student, you will resist the pressure of others who want you to take drugs, to use sex as a substitute for love. If you are a *mensch*, and you have a profession, your concern for your client or your patient will supersede your concern for your own self-advantage. If you are a *mensch*, and you are in business, your concern for integrity will not be compromised by your desire for profits. If you are a *mensch*, and there is a crisis, you will be the person who can be counted upon to help others, as well as yourself.

To be a *mensch* means to give, and to draw satisfaction and to find joy in giving. God gave each of us a treasure - a precious gift - a Neshama - a soul and we can find it by linking it to the world out there that has to be redeemed. There is something specific and particular that every one of us can do, something we can do with our very being, with our care, with our intelligence, with our unique spirit.

Each of us is on the path to becoming a *mensch*. Try to be the kind of person who will be respected and loved not because of power, fame, success or fortune, but because you personify the qualities of *menschlichkeit* -because you are fair, generous, caring and compassionate under all circumstances. To be a *mensch* is a challenge issued to each of us. Let us be strengthened and encouraged as we meet that challenge and thereby bring great blessing to the world and to ourselves.

B'Shalom,

Rabbi Leonardo A. Bitran



## NOTES FROM OUR HAZZAN...

In case you don't know, our weekly “L'Chayim” sessions have returned. We meet on Shabbat mornings from 8:45 until 9:15 in the Beit Café.

Our course of study and reflection centers on prayer and spirituality. Often we participate in a spirited exchange!

As an example of some of the text we read together and then discuss, allow me to share this segment, taken from the book, *Davening...A Guide to Meaningful Jewish Prayer* by Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi:

### INTRODUCTION

*“If you have ever tasted an apple plucked right off a New England tree, you will know the difference between a supermarket apple and a real apple. A supermarket apple has been washed, waxed, refrigerated. Vital parts of its chemistry have ebbed away. But an apple plucked from the mother tree? A mechayah. Tastes like a living apple.”*

*Prayer is the same. Many who live their lives as Jews, even many who pray every day, live on a wrapped and refrigerated version of prayer. We go to synagogue dutifully enough. We rise when we should rise, sit when we should sit. We read and sing along with the cantor and answer ‘Amen’ in all the right places. We may even rattle through the prayers with ease. We sacrifice vitality for shelf-life, and the neshomeh, the Jewish soul, can taste the difference.*

*True prayer is a bursting forth of the soul to G-d. What can be more natural and more human than turning to G-d's listening presence with our thanks and our burdens? Prayer is one of the simplest and easiest of practices. It's always right there. The act of speaking directly to G-d, of opening our hearts to G-d's response, is one of the ultimate mystical experiences. Like great art and great music, prayer brings out the poetry of soul. Some of our most beautiful writings can be found in the pages of prayer.*

*Without true prayer, on the other hand, a very deep yearning that we have goes unanswered. We try to satisfy that hunger for G-d in other ways. We mistake the yearnings of soul for the cravings of body. We feed them with food and drink, drugs and sex, money and power, but these things just inflame our appetites further. We might seek higher things, intellectual pursuit or artistic accomplishments. Even these do not touch us in that loneliest of places, the place that longs to be filled with G-d. That's why prayer, to me, is not a luxury but a necessity, a safe guard for our survival and our sanity.*

I hope that you will consider joining us! It is our custom to end each session by making a “L'Chayim” and partaking of some “sweets”.

B'Shalom,

Hazzan Martin Leubitz



## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CORNER

Among my favorite memories from high school is attending USY conventions. I especially loved going to Kallahs at other synagogues. It was fun to be in other synagogues, be taken care of by the community and to stay in the homes of my USY friends and other people from the hosting congregations. The feeling of belonging to the Jewish community that I experienced during USY conventions did so much to strengthen my Jewish identity.

Temple Beth EL has the privilege of hosting this year's USY Sprinter Kallah the weekend of January 30 to February 1. 80 to 100 teens from around the Tzfaon region, which includes all of Upstate and Western New York as well as parts of Western Massachusetts and Vermont, will be spending the weekend with us. They will spend all of Shabbat in our synagogue, be housed in our community for Saturday night, eat delicious meals all weekend, engage in fantastic Jewish learning and praying, strengthen their Jewish identity and make lasting friendships.

Jewish tradition places a high value of fulfilling the mitzvah of *haknasat orchaim*, welcoming guests. I invite **you** to become one of the volunteers who welcomes the USYers and helps to make an amazing experience for the teens from around the Tzfaon region. Please consider hosting a group of teens on Saturday night in your home (even if you don't have teens yourself!) or being one of the many volunteers we need to help with cooking and serving meals. Even if you aren't able to help by hosting or with the meals, I hope you'll make a point to come to TBE for Shabbat that weekend so you can welcome the teens and see the great things that they are doing. I look forward to coming together as a community to make sure that the USYers have a fantastic experience while in Rochester.

B'Shalom  
Samara Sofian

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### Temple Beth El PTO's NEW Passover & Spring Fundraiser

Dear Fellow Congregants,

This year we are pleased to offer Barton's Kosher for Passover Candy *and a second (non-Passover) catalog featuring "Timeless Treasures" for your Kitchen and Home.* All are perfect for either your own holiday table or as gifts.

View online: [www.misschocolate.com](http://www.misschocolate.com) (see Brochures: PASSOVER Spring '15 or Passover Timeless Treasures Spring '15)

To place an order you have many options:

1. See a Temple Beth El student and place an order with them.
2. Stop in and view the catalogs in the religious school office and place an order there.
3. E-mail Lisa Silverstein at [LBSilver@rochester.rr.com](mailto:LBSilver@rochester.rr.com) to make order arrangements.
4. Shop online and place your own order using our school code: 701544  
(You will only be charged shipping if you order directly online)

The sale ends Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015.  
Checks payable to: Temple Beth El PTO

We thank you for your support!

Temple Beth El Parent Teacher Organization



**Welcome to our new member!**

Yeva Buzhor





## TBE Youth Education and Programs Made Possible by Temple Beth El Foundation

Providing Jewish education for our children is one of the most critical elements of any synagogue. From Pre-school through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, we strive to create in our children a thirst for lifelong Jewish education, a balance of Torah learning, T'fillah and acts of loving-kindness.

The Religious School is the Congregation's single largest expense. In order to keep the Religious School within the budgets of young families with children the Congregation simply cannot charge in tuition the actual per child cost of the Religious School. Therefore there is no other place for it to fall other than the entire congregation to help those of us with young families who need to have a place of quality education and programming. It is the absolute policy of Congregation Temple Beth El, as it should be, for any program, geared to any age group, that no member be denied any of the advantages which Congregation Temple Beth El can provide. It is also our policy, as it should be, to constantly work to improve the quality of all programming for all congregants. The Temple Beth El Foundation recognizes that fact. Its mission is to do all it can to help bridge the gap for the parents of school aged children within our congregation.

The Temple Beth El Foundation was created twelve years ago. The Foundation's mission and sole purpose is to provide funds to help cover the cost of educating and to provide financing for programming for Temple Beth El's children. For more than a decade the Foundation has been making annual grants to Temple Beth El to help reduce the deficit incurred by the Religious School. Over the years the Foundation has donated more than \$700,000 towards youth education and programs. These funds have been used to help cover the expense of running the Religious School, providing special High Holy Day youth services, B'nai Mitzvah programs, youth group activities, special events and much more.

The Temple Beth El Foundation is a separately incorporated 501c3 not for profit organization whose funds are held and managed separately. Chaired by Jay Birnbaum, the Foundation's trustees are currently Beryl Nusbaum, Paul Schiffman and Howard Konar. The Foundation's by laws also call for 2 trustees to be appointed by the president of Temple Beth El. Currently Caroline Korn and Phil Weintraub serve as the TBE appointees to the Foundation board.

The TBE Foundation makes a grant each year based on a request submitted by the Temple Beth El president. The amount donated is 5.5% of the three year rolling average of the Foundation's corpus. Foundation funds are administered by the Jewish Federation of Greater Rochester and follow the Federation's investment governance, administration, oversight, and spending guidelines.

In celebration of Temple Beth El's Centennial, which will occur in the fall of 2016, the Foundation is raising funds to increase the size of its corpus. This will result in a larger annual donation to Temple Beth El which will allow us to re-imagine how we educate and engage our children in Jewish life.

Centennial Campaign Chairs Jay Birnbaum and Sara Flaum Ressler have set a goal of raising \$3.6 million. They are excited to announce that nearly half this amount has already been raised from a handful of very generous donors.

For more information about the Temple Beth El Foundation or to make a donation to the Centennial Campaign contact Debbie Zeger at 585-473-1770 or [dzeger@tberochester.org](mailto:dzeger@tberochester.org).

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### Our USYers at the Fall Kallah in Buffalo December 5 - 7!



The next regional convention is making a "Touch-Down" right here in Rochester! "Sprinter" convention is being hosted by Temple Beth El on **January 30-February 1, 2015!**

Join your friends from all over Upstate NY for an incredible weekend of song, ruach, Shabbat and a fantastic Saturday night program!

**ALL TEENS GRADES 8-12 ARE  
INVITED TO ATTEND!**

Register at [www.TZAFON.org](http://www.TZAFON.org) today!

Please contact local advisor, Leah at

[LeahDFriedman@gmail.com](mailto:LeahDFriedman@gmail.com)

or Regional Director, Sandra Goldmeer at [Goldmeer@USCJ.org](mailto:Goldmeer@USCJ.org) with any questions!

# Parenting Through A Jewish Lens... A Jewish Parents Guide to the College Search Process

**Sunday, January 11 at 11:00 am In the Beit Cafe**



Applying to college can be an overwhelming and challenging time. Course selection, standardized testing, extracurricular activities are all just part of the process. When and how does a family begin? Large school or small? Far away or close to home? How do family values and vision impact this choice?

Join us as **Jodi Rosenshein Atkin, MA, LLC**, an independent college admissions counselor, helps us focus the experience of the college choice process through the prism of Jewish experience. Learn how to begin the family discussion, maximize the value of college visits, explore the different cultures that schools may reflect and discover what Jewish Life may be like for a student on those campuses.



## WE KNEAD YOU!!

BAKING CHALLAH –  
SPREADING BLESSINGS  
IN ROCHESTER

**Thursday, January 22 at 11:00 am  
and**

**Thursday, February 26 at 6:00 pm**



**Led by Silvana Bacman**

This Friday evening service is designed for families with children in 2nd grade & younger.

**In the Youth Lounge  
Service at 5:30 pm - Nosh to follow**

**January 23 & February 27**



**Led by Silvana Bacman**

Shabbat Morning Service  
from 10:30 to 11:45 in the Chapel.

**January 10 & February 7**



Please join us to celebrate birthdays and anniversaries at Friday night services once a month.

**6:00 pm in the Chapel  
January 16 & February 13**



**Parashat HaShavuah**

Torah Study with  
Melissa Nunes-Harwitt

10:00 am - Pastoral Conference  
Room

**Saturdays, January 24 &  
February 14**



Searching for a lively, more personal Shabbat experience? Looking for a musical “Chavurah” style service featuring dynamic prayer and contemporary Torah study?

**Then Shabbat B'Yachad is for you!**

Join Dr. Max Steiner and Dr. Dan Glowinsky for a participatory service featuring traditional liturgy and joyous singing and interactive text study.

**Youth Lounge 10:00-11:45.**

**January 31**

**Winter/Spring**  
**LIMMUD– ADULT EDUCATION OFFERINGS AT A GLANCE**

**Sunday**

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM      **Reading Torah**  
 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM      **Parenting Through a Jewish Lens Monthly Series**  
 1/11/15, 2/8/15, 3/8/15, 4/12/15  
 1/11/15      A Jewish Parents Guide to the College Search Process (**special time - begins at 11:00 am**)

**Monday**

6:15 PM - 7:15 PM      **Hebrew I; November 10, 2014–June 22, 2015**  
 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM      **Conversion Class; November 10, 2014-June 22, 2015**  
 (Hebrew Class is a requirement)

**Wednesday**

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM      **Monthly Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Leonardo Bitran**  
 1/21/15, 2/18/15, 3/18/15, 4/22/15, 5/20/15

- Judaism and the Environment
- Learn How to Die, Learn How to Live
- Understanding the Source of our Soul and its Eternal Essence
- What the Fight in Israel is All About
- Why are there Commandments?

**Thursday**

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM      **Lunch for a Bunch** (*Designed for parents of young children*)  
 1/8/15, 2/12/15, 3/12/15, 4/9/15, 5/14/15

**Shabbat**

8:45 AM - 9:15 AM      **L'Chayim; Saturday mornings December to May**  
 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM      **Parashat HaShavua**  
 1/24/15, 2/14/15, 4/11/15, 5/16/15, 6/13/15

**Limmud Registration Form**

M	NM	Course	Cost		M	NM	Course	Cost
Free	\$36	Reading Torah			Free	Free	How to be a Gabbai	
Free	Free	Parenting Through a Jewish Lens Series			Free	Free	Lunch and Learn <i>(\$10 w/bagged lunch; free without lunch)</i>	
\$125	\$150	Hebrew I <i>(Conversion and Adult Bnai Mitzvah Cost: \$100)</i>			Free	Free	Lunch for a Bunch <i>(\$10 w/bagged lunch; free without lunch)</i>	
N/A	\$360	Conversion Class* <i>(Hebrew I a Requirement)</i>			Free	Free	L'Chayim	
\$360	NA	Adult B'nai Mitzvah* <i>(Hebrew I a Requirement)</i>			Free	Free	Parashat HaShavua	
		<b>Total \$</b>					<b>Total \$</b>	

Pricing: Member is **M** and Nonmember is **NM** - **Refunds not available** - Minimum registration of 5 people per class.  
 Please make check payable to Temple Beth El. In the memo line please enter *Adult Ed 5775*.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City/State/Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

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# Mazal Tov



## New Baby!



Mazal Tov to Amy & Howard Ressel on the birth of their granddaughter  
Annalysia Eve Marie Stanton.

And Mazal Tov to parents, Kate Ressel & Brian Stanton; and to the great-grandparents,  
Judy & Leonard Ressel and Janice Rosenfeld.

Mazal Tov to Joy & Jonathan Getnick on the birth of their son,  
Benjamin Avi.

And Mazal Tov to grandparents Helene Newman and Bruce Newman (z"l),  
Molly & Ken Getnick of Albany, NY; and to great-grandparents Gloria & Pincus Cohen,  
Maxine Newman and Helen Getnick of Florida.



## ENGAGEMENT & MARRIAGE



Mazal Tov to Janise & Hal Ross on the upcoming marriage of their daughter,  
Ariella Ross to Stephen Brenner.

And Mazal Tov to parents of the groom, Debbie & Ed Brenner and to  
grandparents of the bride, Audrey & Bill Singer.

### Recruiting Members for New Inclusion Committee!

TBE embraces our families and children living with special needs and disabilities. Our new Inclusion Committee is committed to making TBE a place where all individuals, regardless of their unique challenges and differences, feel welcome and have meaningful access to Jewish life and learning. We need committee members who do NOT have a family member with special needs. Please consider joining us - this is Tikkun Olam here at TBE, making a difference in the lives of fellow members of our TBE family.

Please contact Deborah Zeger in the Temple Office at 473-1770 if you are interested in participating or have questions.

PS- If you have a family member with special needs, we want to hear from you too!

### HURRAY!!

### I'M FINALLY OLD ENOUGH TO BE A PITZEL AT KESHET PRESCHOOL!!!

Open to children ages 18 -24 months

Due to the small class size, first come first served!!

Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning in January

2 ½ hours of Jewish fun and learning in a safe and loving environment..

Contact Randi Fox Tabb.. NOW at 473-1190 x 121 or [rfoxtabb@tberochester.org](mailto:rfoxtabb@tberochester.org)

Look for 2015-2016 Registration & camp information soon!



### Interested in an Aliyah?

If you would like an aliyah in recognition of a yahrzeit, birthday, anniversary, an upcoming trip or just because, please contact Colleen at 473-1770 or at [cschaefer@tberochester.org](mailto:cschaefer@tberochester.org).



### SAVE THE DATE!

Richard W. Briskin Cantor-in-Residence Weekend - March 13 thru 15!



# Tikkun Olam



Join us as Temple Beth El helps others in need in the Rochester community.

## MITZVAH OF THE MONTH PROJECTS - JANUARY:

**ASBURY:** Help with set-up or serve lunch with the TBE team at **Asbury Dining & Caring Center** from 11:15/11:30-1:30 on **Sunday, January 18**. Please contact Carol Konuksever to register (ckonuksever@tberochester.org or 473-1770).

**TOWELS:** Gently used towels of all sizes will be collected and provided to Asbury/Storehouse, as well as to refugee families.

## **RAIHN**

Volunteers Needed for RAIHN (Rochester Area Interfaith Hospitality Network) to help homeless families who are working hard to achieve independence. Please join Temple Beth El in our partnership with the First Unitarian Church (across the street) by donating your time. Volunteer with your family (kids welcome) or friends!

Volunteers needed the entire week beginning Sunday, January 11:

- 12:15 pm - Setting up bedrooms for families (3 volunteers needed)
- 12:30 pm - Welcome Team 1 (2 volunteers needed)
- 3 pm - Welcome Team 2 (2 volunteers needed)
- Dinner Prep - (Volunteers needed to make Lasagna, Broccoli, tossed salad or cupcakes for dinner (at home) and drop it off at the church)
- 5:30 - Dinner Hosts (4 volunteers needed)
- 7 pm - Evening Hosts (2 volunteers needed to play games/activities with children and families)
- 8:30 - Overnight Hosts (2 volunteers needed)

Additional volunteer opportunities available throughout the week! Please contact Leah Goldman for more information, [lgoldman525@gmail.com](mailto:lgoldman525@gmail.com)

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## CONDOLENCES

We record with sorrow the passing of:

**Seymour "Bernard" Bernstein, z'l**

Father of Mary (Dale) Young; grandfather of Danielle & Kevin Young; great-grandfather of Devin & Dante; brother of Jack Bernstein, uncle of Steven (Fern) Bernstein and Carol (Wilfred) Kolko; and companion of Carmella J. Luzzi.

**Charlotte Illman, z'l**

Mother of Gail (Jacob) Finkelstein and Gary (Gail) Illman; grandmother of David & Ilana Finkelstein and Alyssa (Michael) Grife.

**Bessie Kopen (Samuels), z'l**

Mother of Soralee (Marvin) Cook; sister of David Samuels and Cecil Wolfson; mother-in-law of Marjorie Kopen and Stephen R. Halley; grandmother of Michael (Beth) Cook, Caren Cook (Michael) Lipsey, Neil (Lisa) Cook, Heidi (Steven) Zimmerman, Nancy Kopen, Wendy (Harry) Lane, Craig Halley, Adam (Wendy) Halley, David Halley, Elizabeth (Phil Goff) Halley & Ben-Israel (Amy) Halley.

**Bessie Lewinson, z'l**

Wife of Allen Lewinson; mother of Renee (Dan) Eiseline, Linda (Mark) Komenski and Michele (Ray) Giordano; grandmother of Scott, Lisa, Eric (fiancé Catie), Jason (Joy), Aaron and Suzanne; great-grandmother of Kayden; sister of Annette Shapiro.

**Ruben Schwartzman, z'l**

Husband of Miri; father of Pablo, Matias and Ileana; uncle of Silvana (Rabbi Leonard Bitran) Bacman.

**May their souls be bound up in the bond of life.**

**Our condolences go to the family of Esther Porush, wife of Rabbi Joshua Porush. Funeral services were held in Israel. Rabbi Porush's phone number is 050-230-1446, and his address is:**

**Rabbi Joshua Porush  
Moan Harofa  
Nava Amit  
Moza Elit, Israel**

# TBE Sisterhood

## SISTERHOOD SHABBAT Saturday, January 17, 2015

### Sisterhood Notes JANUARY 2015

\*\*January 11  
Regular Board Meeting  
General Membership Mtg  
12:30 Garden Room

\*\* January 17:  
Sisterhood Shabbat -  
From Generation to  
Generation

### Just Judaica

Temple Beth El's Gift Shop  
an enduring project of  
Temple Beth El Sisterhood

Open: Sunday 9-12 and  
Wednesday 4-6

Or

Contact Colleen Schaefer at  
473-1770

**HELP NEEDED!**  
**SALES STAFF NEEDED IN THE**  
**GIFT SHOP. SUNDAYS 9-1PM.**  
Call Gail 473-6855

- \*Kabbalat Shabbat on Friday
- \*Shabbat morning services
- \*Kiddush the Sisterhood way!
- \*Mincha/Maariv/Havdallah late \*Saturday afternoon
- \*Join us for Seudah Shleesheet in between Mincha and Maariv and Israeli Dancing, led by Max Steiner after USY-led Havdallah.

Reply to Lisa Cline if you would like to participate or have any questions at [lcline1@rochester.rr.com](mailto:lcline1@rochester.rr.com).



Sisterhood invites TBE Youth  
and their families to join us for

### Havdallah

Saturday, January 17 at 5:45pm

Followed by an ice cream sundae bar  
And Israeli dancing led by Max Steiner



RSVP to Carol in the office so we have enough ice cream  
473-1770



## Men's Club of Temple Beth El

*Involving Jewish Men in Jewish Life*

Sunday, January 18 Breakfast Program 9:30am

### **"Israeli Higher Education and Hi-Tech Industry"**

presented by

*Eby Friedman*

*Distinguished Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering,  
University of Rochester and Visiting Professor at the Technion, Israel*

Learn how two core elements of Israeli society – its high-tech industry and its higher education system – interact and cooperate to promote Israel's economic, military, and social strength.

Hot Breakfast Buffet: 9:30am Program: 10:15am

Everyone is invited.

Federation of Jewish  
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### Sunday, February 1 Special Breakfast Program

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## Highlights of the Minutes of the Board Meeting on November 10, 2014

**What's the Big Idea?:** Is there more significance to Hanukkah than what we already know? Did the story of the Maccabees really happen? YES! Actually, the sister city of Rochester, Modiin-Dan introduced a book called "A Different Light" which is by the same author as the one who wrote a well-known hagadah. The book is meaningful because it explores many different themes that are thoughtful and inspiring.

**Finance Committee Report:** Dan highlighted an item about Keshet. Deficit issues due to fewer children registered than expected. Exploring ideas with Randi, including more marketing and promoting Keshet.

**Membership Report:** Two new members, Brian Lustick and Leslie Johnson. 1 resignation and 1 deceased.

**Needs Assessment Committee Update:** Lisa Maas-Vangellow & Debi Brenner are co-chairs, members include Marty Spokony, Jodi Dietz, Len Stein, Merle Marcus and Jack Finkelstein. The focus is on what kind of professional and in what areas, by priority, could benefit from additional funding. Program director? Second rabbi? Marketing professional? The point is what does TBE need, how much is needed, etc. Review of the direction and substance of the committee presented. Interviews with the staff and clergy, and ultimately focus groups from the Board and congregation will ensue.

**Centennial Celebration Planning:** A year-long celebration at TBE. Many suggestions were presented for events to take place throughout the year. Dan is looking for volunteers to plan programs.

**President's Report:** Regarding the collaboration, the workshop with Rabbi Feldstein meeting was meaningful. Board members discussed aspects of this meeting. Discussed how change is processed. Overall if this community is going to move forward in any collaborative fashion, we need to come together and understand each other. For example we can all work together to support our Jewish Day School. Another take away, is the concept of trust. A lot of the discussion is centered on trust and how to build trust among synagogues. Dan made an appeal for ushers for Shabbat. So important to greet people as they come in. Dan is encouraging board members to be ushers.

**Good & Welfare:** Hanukkah Party is December 17<sup>th</sup>. Andy Feldman's wedding in Arizona last weekend, Mazel Tov to Dave and Bobbi. Jeff Steven's daughter, Sophie, is Bat Mitzvah this weekend. Mazel tov to her.

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### SHABBAT SERVICES

January 2015	Friday Evening 6:00 pm	Shabbat Morning 9:00 am	Conclusion of Shabbat
2nd & 3rd	Candle Lighting 4:29 pm	<b>Sidra: Vayechi</b>	Mincha: 4:05 pm Havdalah: 5:34 pm
9th & 10th	Candle Lighting 4:36 pm	<b>Sidra: Shemot</b> Shabbat At TBE All Day Family Tefillah - 10:30 am in the Chapel	Mincha: 4:15 pm Havdalah: 5:41 pm
16th & 17th	Candle Lighting 4:44 pm Simcha Service - 6:00 pm	<b>Sidra: Vaera</b> Sisterhood Shabbat	Mincha: 4:15 pm Havdalah: 5:48 pm
23rd & 24th	Candle Lighting 4:52 pm Tot Shabbat & Nosh - 5:30 pm	<b>Sidra: Bo</b> Parashat HaShavua - 10:00 am in the Pastoral Conference Room	Mincha: 4:25 pm Havdalah: 5:56 pm
30th & 31st	Candle Lighting 5:02 pm	<b>Sidra: Beshalach</b> Shabbat B'Yachad - 10:00 am in the Youth Lounge	Mincha: 4:35 pm Havdalah: 6:05 pm