Connection

TEMPLE Beth-El

Comfortable Tradition, A Contemporary Approach

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White Elephant Sale

Our annual White Elephant Sale will be held on May 15, 9:00 am—2:00 pm., in conjunction with our amazing When Pigs Fly BBQ event.

This year, we're trying to have our biggest sale in years! This "don't miss" event will be held in TBE's lower parking lot, and is open to the entire Birmingham community. Shop for collectibles, antiques, housewares, books, toys, sports equipment, and possibly even the kitchen sink!

Please bring all donations (we're taking nearly everything and will donate anything that we cannot use) to the TBE office. If you need your donation picked up, would like to help with the sale, or need more information, please contact Judy Cullinan at 205-969-3278, or email her at judyriva@aol.com.

Shabbat service schedule

May 6	Friday Eve	5:45 pm
	Candle lighting	7:39 pm
May 7	Saturday Morning	
	Parshat Emor	9:30am
	Maftir: Jimmy Krell	
	Shabbat Mincha	5:30 pm
May 13	Friday Eve	5:45 pm
	Candle lighting	7:46 pm
May 14	Saturday Morning	
	Parshat B'Har	9:30 am
	Maftir: Debbie Flax	
	Shabbat Mincha	5:30 pm
May 20	Friday Eve	
	Shabbat Ruach	5:45 pm
	Candle lighting	7:52 pm
May 21	Saturday Morning	
	Parshat B'Hukotai	9:30 am
	Confirmation	
	Maftir: Yoni Brande	
	Shabbat Mincha	5:30 pm
May 27	Friday Eve	5:45 pm
	Candle lighting	7:59 pm
May 28	Saturday Morning	
	Parshat B'Midbar	9:30 am
	Maftir: Josh Ivker	
	Shabbat Mincha	5:30 pm

Congregation Beth-El is affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism.

Weekday service schedule

Daily Morning *Minyan*	7:00 am
Sundays and Holidays	8:00 am
Daily Afternoon *Minyan*	5:30 pm
Mechinah (Saturday)	10:30 am
Youth *Minyan* (Saturday)	10:30 am
Saturday Afternoon Minyan	5:30 pm

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A message from our *Rabbi*

A Winning Team

Everybody likes to be part of a winning team. If you are a part of a winning team, then you feel like a winner. Of course, the flip side is that very few people enjoy being on a losing team. Even more so, few retain their pride in declaring over and over that their team has come out the loser. Over the past several years, in newspapers, at conferences, and even in some synagogues, there have been *rabbis*, sociologists, and statisticians who have said that the Conservative Movement in America is becoming a losing team.

That is hard news for someone who has dedicated their life to bringing people closer to God, *Torah*, and Judaism, specifically Conservative Judaism. How refreshing it was, then, for me last month when I attended the Rabbinical Assembly Convention in Las Vegas and heard a very different message from not one, not two, not even three, but four different leaders of the Conservative Movement. These leaders said out loud what I have thought for years, but rarely heard any of our leaders say.

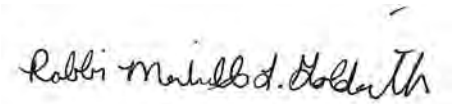
What is it I heard?

I heard *Rabbi* Bradley Shavit Artson, *Rabbi* David Wolpe, *Rabbi* Edward Feinstein, and Chancellor Arnold Eisen each say, in their own way, that far from being a losing team, Conservative Judaism has already won the game in American Jewish life. Specifically, they pointed to the fact that those both to the right and the left of the Conservative Movement have, over the past number of years, moved closer and closer in religious outlook and religious observance to Conservative Judaism. The concepts of pluralism, egalitarianism in different forms, and a deeply-rooted religious observance and culture that is nevertheless always evolving and responding to the challenges of the times, have become accepted by many in the Reform and the Modern Orthodox world. So Temple Beth-El, a long-time member of the Conservative Movement, can declare itself a winner.

And yet, these leaders also pointed out that while we have won the major ideological war in this country, there is one area in which we have actually been losing. That is in the area of public relations and messaging. It is in these areas, we were told, that all too often members of our movement fail. Rather than display absolute pride in what we believe in and who we are, too often Conservative *rabbis*, *cantors*, lay leaders, and congregants act rather meekly, afraid of their own shadows and unsure of their own convictions.

But we should not be afraid of who we are. We are the inheritors of a 3,500 year tradition that has always embraced change and adapted to the cultures around us while preserving the most integral parts of our tradition. We know that our ancestors have always adapted. This is clear in the *Mishnah* and *Talmud* as we transitioned from biblical to rabbinic Judaism. This is clear in the varying customs of Jews around the world. Having just finished Passover, we all know there are major differences between *Sephardic* and *Ashkenazi* observance of the holiday. Beyond that, there were other differences involving things as varied as "traditional" Jewish foods, clothing, life-cycle observances, and other religious observances.

I have told people for years that I am not only a proud Jew, but proud to call myself a Conservative Jew and a *rabbi* affiliated with this movement. I believe that if I had a time machine and brought many of the great *rabbis* from throughout history to the 21st century, they would land in a Conservative synagogue. Those on the right and left of us, through their own changing behaviors, tell us that we are on the winning side of the theological and philosophical contest. Now it is time for us Conservative Jews to finally acknowledge the truth of our convictions and take pride in who and what we are—a winning team, people, and movement.



Confirmation Service and Ceremony, Senior Send-off

The congregation is invited as our Confirmation class members participate in our Saturday morning *Shabbat* service on May 21.

The ceremony will include presentation of diplomas, the *Rabbi* Abraham Mesch Award, and the Marissa Feigelson Service Award. A *kiddush* luncheon will follow the service.

Mazal Tov to these students who will be confirmed:

Deanna Abrams, daughter of Dalia and Keith Abrams

Joycie Bernstein, daughter of Barbara and Keith Bernstein

Samuel Black, son of Melissa and Sheldon Black

Jared Bloomston, son of Fawn and Scott Bloomston

Joe Bloomston, son of Robin and Marc Bloomston

Yoni Brande, son of Barbara and Scott Brande

Ellie Goldfarb, daughter of Melina and Jon Goldfarb

Joshua Lapidus, son of Cindy Rhodes and Rubin Lapidus

Noah Lapidus, son of Susan and Billy Lapidus

Blake Niedenthal, son of Jan and Craig Niedenthal

Daniel Rich, son of Debby and Dr. Craig Rich

Alexandria Rothschild, daughter of Debbie and Dr. Howard Friedman

Aaron Shapiro, son of Andrea and Jeff Shapiro

Nathan Siegel, son of Rhonda and Eric Siegel

Alex Weintraub, son of Meredith and Gary Weintraub

Ronny Yampolsky, son of Masha and Boris Yampolsky

Senior Send-off will also be included in the Confirmation Service. *Rabbi* Goldsmith will offer a prayer for the 2011 high school graduates and will present each of them with a *mezzuzah*. Graduates and their parents will be called to the *bimah* for a blessing. Please call the TBE office to notify staff of your graduate's name.

2011 Graduates

Congratulations to our 2011 graduates! We extend our best wishes for their continued success, and we are extremely proud of them.

High School Graduates

Hannah Kahn, daughter of Carol and David Kahn, will graduate from Mountain Brook High School and will attend the University of Alabama.

College Graduates

Lana Jaffe, daughter of Sandra Jaffe and Barry Dreayer and Richard and Linda Jaffe, will graduate Summa Cum Laude from Washington University in St. Louis with a BA in International and Area Studies with minors in Korean and Russian. She will be entering graduate school at the University of Chicago.

Jodi Seligman, daughter of Bobbye and Michael Seligman, graduated with honors from Ohio State University.

Betsy Tuck, daughter of Debbie and Louis Tuck, graduated with honors from the University of Georgia with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting.

Please contact the TBE office if you are aware of a graduate not listed above.

Every third Friday evening of the month is *Shabbat Ruach* at Temple Beth-El. Our next Shabbat *Ruach* is Friday evening, May 20, 2011, when our special guests will be the Atlanta-based Baal Shem Tones.

Shabbat Ruach is an hour-long Friday evening service filled with music and prayer guaranteed to uplift your *ruach* (spirit) and enliven your soul. Join *Rabbi* Goldsmith, *Cantor* Gale, Bruce Downs, and our musical guests as we joyously welcome *Shabbat* in song and prayer.

A complimentary dinner follows the service. Reservations are required and can be made by contacting the Temple office at 205-933-2740.

Bylaws suggested revisions

Summary
Following is a summary of the suggested revisions to our congregational Bylaws. These revisions are suggestions only and subject to approval of the congregation by vote at the annual meeting on June 5. This document highlights all suggested substantive changes. A copy of the full document with suggested revisions is available at the TBE Office.

Article V–Section I
Allows for electronic voting by the Board of Directors in specified circumstances.

Article VI-Section A, Section F2
Suggested revision to reduce the number of Vice Presidents of the Congregation to two instead of the current policy which establishes there shall be three Vice Presidents.

Article VII
Re-establishes the following committees as standing committees of the congregation rather than ad-hoc committees:

- Executive
- Finance
- Personnel
- House
- Membership
- Nominating
- Board of Education
  - Adult Education
  - Youth Commission
  - College Connection
- Programming
  - Family Programming
  - Social Events
- Social Action
- Ritual
- Cemetery* (this committee now established formally)
- *Chevra Kadisha*

This also adds a reporting and Board membership requirement for committee heads.

Article VII B2
Revises the stated mission of the personnel committee to be in accordance with the Manual of Personnel Policies and Procedures, which has been implemented by the Board of Directors.

Article VII B4
Adds a requirement that the membership committee report to the Board for approval potential new members and resignations.

Bylaws review committee:
Naomi Ivker, Julian Brook, Barbara Brande, Barbara Bonfield, Kelley Jefferson, and Vikki Grodner.

Thank you for your response to cemetery projects

The response of our congregation to the new fee for cemetery maintenance has been especially positive and rewarding. I extend my deepest appreciation to those who have already stepped forward to pay their fee. Because of your willingness to support the work of your cemetery committee, we are able to proceed with meeting our long-range plans to make our Block 40 a section of Elmwood that will be a model for the entire cemetery.

We have begun work to improve gravesites, one by one. Our landscapers are refilling and re-sodding sunken graves, lifting sunken footstones, and trimming overgrown shrubbery. Our overall goal is to have a healthy growth of Emerald Zoysia. A contract with Tru-Green has been in place for several years, and we are beginning to see results with a reduction in weeds and healthier turf. Each summer, we contract for watering services. While this service cannot serve each gravesite individually, we try to target newly-sodded sites and newly-planted shrubbery that our landscapers have planted.

A contract with our own David Heiman's Environmental Land Design provides bi-monthly cleaning around every headstone. We see good results already from David's work.

Elmwood management has been extremely supportive of our efforts and continues to mow and clean on a regular basis. In addition, Elmwood has a grant to completely remove overgrown shrubbery and unhealthy trees from sites. They will work with us to remove any shrubbery that we identify. If you are willing for the shrubbery around your family's headstone to be removed, Elmwood will provide that service. Please call me at 205-879-5814 if you would like to have this service. You have spent a large sum to purchase a beautiful headstone. It is a shame if the shrubbery that you planted overgrows and covers the stone.

Maintenance of a large property, like our cemetery, is an on-going process, subject to the whims of weather and the environment. We

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Youth

A note from Moreh Maksim

Sixty-three years ago, on May 14, 1948, two thousand years since its inhabitants were exiled, the sun set over the land called Palestine for the final time. At one second past midnight, British control over Palestine ended. The descendants of the original inhabitants reclaimed their land. The State of Israel emerged as the home of the Jewish people.

Eleven minutes later, the United States, under the leadership of President Truman, became the first nation to acknowledge the claim of the Jewish people to their homeland in Israel.

Six minutes past midnight, Lebanon, Jordan, Syria, Iraq, and Egypt declared war against Israel. The War of Independence lasted eight months, resulting in 8,000 people, or 1% of the total population, being killed. When the truce was declared in January 1949, Israel had gained 21% more land than it was originally assigned.

Today, across college campuses, in high schools, and in the news, the only democratic state in the region is under attack. Israel is the only nation that has to explain, year after year, that it has the legitimate right to exist, and has to continually defend itself.

Realizing the threat that Israel faces on a daily basis, during May, Club *Kadima* is asking our congregants to stand with Israel.

Here are two ways to show your support for Israel:

- ✡ Generously drop money into our Teen *Tzedakkah* boxes. The money raised in May will be donated to the Birmingham Jewish Federation's Israel programs.
- ✡ Submit five reasons to me why you stand with Israel. Your reasons will be published in June's *Connection*.

To kick-off this project, I am pledging $63 to honor Israel's 63rd birthday. I am also presenting my five reasons why I support Israel:

1. After a natural disaster strikes in the world, Israel is always the first nation to establish a working hospital within 48 hours of the disaster striking.
2. Israel is the only democratic country in the Middle East.
3. Only in Israel can you hear an announcement for *Shacharit, Mincha,* and *Maariv* at the Jerusalem zoo, malls, and bus terminals.
4. Israel is the only country in the Middle East where Jews, Muslims, Christians, women, and gays can be elected to a political office. In fact, Golda Meir is the only woman in the Middle East to have held the position of Prime Minister.
5. Israel is the only country in the Middle East that will allow Christians to have a Bible, Muslims to have a Koran, and Hindus to have a Shruti, etc. All individuals are allowed to practice their religions without persecution.

Together, we can show the world that wherever a Jew stands, he stands with Israel.

B'Chazak and *Bracha*,

Moreh Maksim

A five-minute journey to our traditions

Amos 9:11-15 teaches, "I will restore my people Israel. They should rebuild ruined cities and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and drink their wine. They shall till gardens and eat their fruits. And I will plant them upon their soil, nevermore to be uprooted from the soil I have given them said the Lord your God." This prophecy by Amos, 2,800 hundred years ago, seemed to foretell the Jews return to *Eretz* Israel. And Amos was correct in another way: Today, Israel produces world-winning wines, grapefruits, grape tomatoes, olives, and peppers for its own consumption and for export.

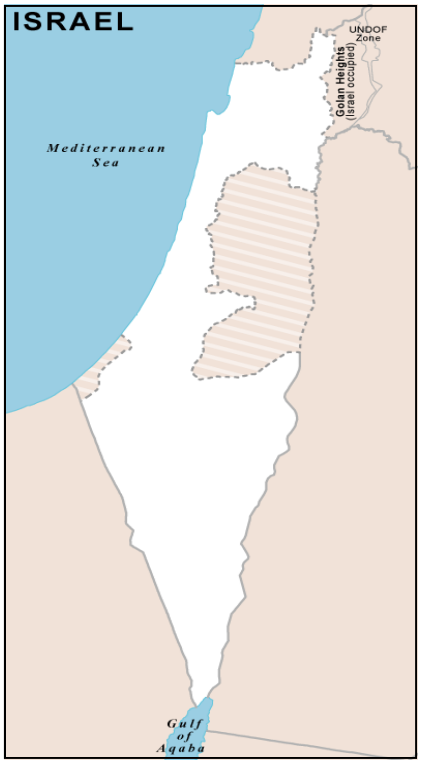
If you haven't been to Israel, or if you're putting off the trip, I strongly urge you to go. If you want to see traditions come alive, walk the streets your ancestors walked, and pray at the Western Wall, go experience Israel. Please, don't delay any longer! Experience the prophecy yourself.

Youth

A fun-filled challenge

Test your Israel geography. Label the following cities on the map:

1. Karmi'el
2. Tiberias
3. Haifa
4. Hadera
5. Netanya
6. Tel Aviv
7. Ashdod
8. Ashqelon
9. Bet Shemesh
10. Be'er Shevah
11. Eilat
12. Jerusalem
13. Ariel
14. Ma'ale Adumin
15. Beitar Illit
16. Hebron
17. Jenin
18. Bethlehem
19. Nablus
20. Ramallah
21. Gaza Strip



Happy May Birthdays!

***Yom Huledet Same'ach*!**

Deanna Abrams
Ellie Benck
Benjamin Flax
Molly Glass
Layla Goldis
Harris Gewant
Tyler Jaffe
Daniel Mazur
Sidney Nomberg
Emma Peller
Madison Peller
Kaila Rich
Aaron Shapiro
Andrea Shapiro
Hannah Thornton

Youth *Minyan* message

In honor of Israel's 63rd birthday, I'm changing my usual message format to Youth *Minyan*. Instead, I'm sharing with you my personal prayer for *Medinat* Israel.

I urge you to develop your own prayer and share it during Youth *Minyan*. I look forward to hearing your prayers.

My prayer for Israel:

Holy One, the Light of Truth, the source of wisdom, strength, and the defender of generations, in the name of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, and Leah, guide your people of Israel to remember the rebirth of Your nation.

O God! Help your people and the soldiers that guard Your Israel to mourn our loses and to celebrate our victories. Bless Israel and her neighbors with an eternal peace.

O God of our forefathers, bring peace, love, and justice to the land of Israel and her people.

B'Vracha

Moreh Maksim

USY Study Opportunity in Israel

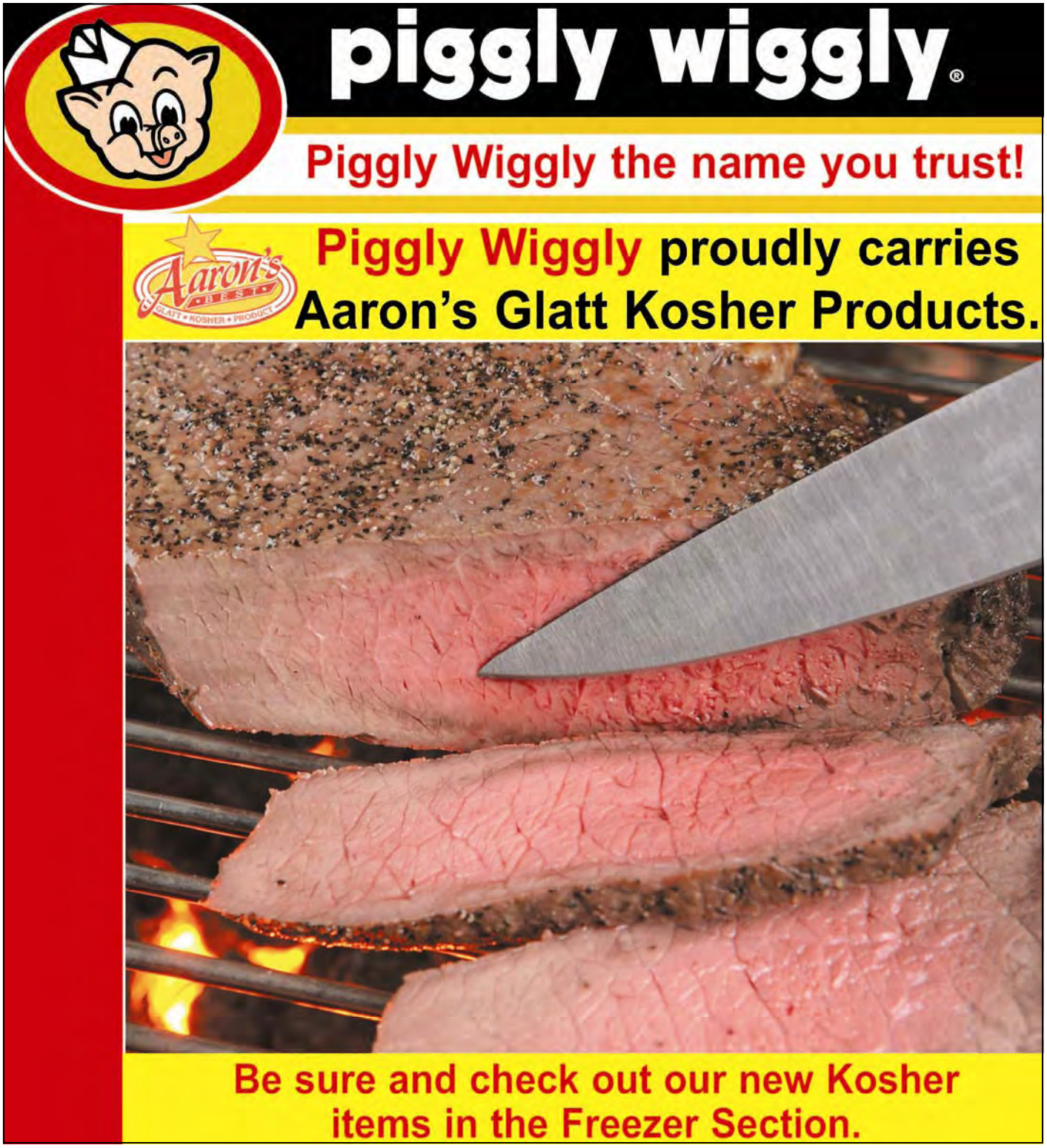
How would you like to study for eight weeks in Israel with USY High? Israel's 4,000 years of history will come alive as you learn in the classroom and experience it first-hand on hikes and tours. For eight weeks you will live at the Goldstein Youth Village in Jerusalem. In the campus classroom, you will be introduced chronologically to each historical period. You will also learn in an ancient cave, a mountain fortress, an army bunker, while riding a camel, or on the beach.

To learn more, visit http://ramah.j-town.com/try/try/the_ramah_jerusalem_high_school.html.

Men's Club

Piggly Wiggly thank you

Thank you to Piggly Wiggly for their support and participation in the "When Pigs Fly Kosher BBQ and Cook-off."



Sisterhood

Purim Raffle

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who helped mail tickets for the *Purim* Raffle: Helena Lubel, Ellen Bruck, Meg Bruck-Krawitz, Rosalie Teninbaum, Ann Cohen, Maxine Sklute, and Sylvia Gouse. Ladies, you are the best! Without your support, this year's raffle would not have been so successful!

Thanks again to all the wonderful patrons who purchased tickets. We sold over $2700 in tickets! These funds will be used to accomplish the vital work that we do for our youth and congregation. We truly appreciate your generosity!

This year's prize winners are:

- GRAND PRIZE (Weekend Getaway at AQUA Condominium and Resort in Panama City Beach donated by Aronov Realty)—Bettie Torme
- $100 gift certificate to Max's Deli—Nan Unkenholz
- $50 gift certificate to Max's Deli—Norma Long
- $25 gift certificate to Max's Deli—Phillip Gross
- $25 gift certificate to Max's Deli—Hilary and Scott Gewant
- $25 gift certificate to Max's Deli—Lindsey Deckard
- Glass art by Elenor Conn—Abe Stein
- Six-month membership to LJCC—Roz Mannon
- $50 gift certificate to The Invitation Place—Dale Marcus
- Chocolate Roulage by Nadine Cohen—Sandy Siegal
- Two 30-minute boxing lessons with Martin Juarez at LJCC—Linda Wiener
- B-Metro subscription and prize basket—Esther Levy
- Bookends for little girl's room by AAA Plastics—Nissah and Merle Mattenson
- Coconut Cake by Roz Bloomston—Mindy Hedges
- Barry Altmark Photography gift certificate—Phyllis Weinstein
- Chanel sunglasses donated by Schaeffer Eye Center—Marian Radwin
- Children's book donated by Sybil and Larry Michalove—Debbie Tuck
- Garth Potts art (winner's choice)—Susan Padove
- $25 gift card to Bambinelli's donated by Southern Jewish Life—Rhoda Feirman
- Four RAVE movie passes donated by Southern Jewish Life—Vicki Lewis
- Two vouchers for Alabama Shakespeare Festival donated by Southern Jewish Life—Toby Gewant
- *Kosher* chocolate cake donated by Fred Benjamin—Shirley Froehlich
- $50 gift certificate to The Lili Pad—Monita Hara
- $75 gift card to Oak Street Hair Group donated by Eric Egea—Paul Grodner
- Botox treatment and facial peel donated by Dr. Al Cohn—Hazel Pizette
- $25 gift certificate to Temple Beth-El Gift Shop—Linda Hayes
- $25 gift certificate to Temple Beth-El Gift Shop—Danielle Pigott
- $25 gift certificate to Temple Beth-El Gift Shop—Bobbie Sokol
- Glass art by Toby Klein—Bert Bloomston
- *Tallit*-making with Julian Brook—Joyce Serwitz
- $100 gift certificate to Hair Options—Felice Hirsch
- $50 gift card to The Summit donated by Melissa and Melvin Zivitz—Steven Sikora
- $25 gift card to Macaroni Grill donated by Southern Jewish Life—Ira Levine
- $75 gift certificate to The Facial Spa—Amy Peetluck
- ZOOM! Tooth Whitening donated by Dr. Jeffrey Weissman—Charlotte Weinstein
- Handmade jewelry by Andi Preston—Mary Kimerling (Sylacauga)
- Theatre LJCC tickets—Loraine Reznik
- Gift certificate to Paula's Hair Company—Simmy Barrocas
- Memorabilia display box by AAA Plastics—Barbara Gordon
- Artwork by Esther Levy—Marsha Asman
- $50 toy from Learning Express in Cahaba Heights—Ellen Bruck

Congratulations to all of the winners! Prizes can be picked up at the TBE office.

Thank you!
Hilary Gewant, 2011 *Purim* Raffle Chairman

Shavuot bimah flowers

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

The flowers are in honor of Teri Aronov, and Toby and Warren Gewant, and in loving memory of Sam Diamond.

Sisterhood Nominating Committee

Sisterhood is in the process of working on nominations for our Board for the 2011-2012 year.

We have presented some very exciting and innovative programs this past year, and we are now planning new, and even better, events for the coming year. As we look to the future, we would love to hear from our Temple Beth-El women who would like to be more involved in Sisterhood, as well as receive suggestions regarding programming that would interest you.

We are looking forward to next year with great enthusiasm, and we hope that we can encourage many more of our women to join us in the camaraderie and pleasures of Sisterhood.

Keep tuned,

Ellen and Loraine

Sisterhood

It's been well over twenty years since our last cookbook, Cook & Tell, was published.

Almost every week at Sisterhood Gift Shop, we sell at least one or two copies. Still!

Would you please be part of our *new* cookbook?

It's going to be beautiful: hardcover, neatly bound so as to lie flat, and in full color throughout. It will be something we will all be proud of.

We'd like to include your (kosher) family recipes.

If your recipe has a story behind it, all the better (let's hear it!)! Whether it has been handed down for generations or is something you dreamed up recently, we'd love to include it. It must be yours, and not copied from another source, of course!

So let's get going! Send us your pimento cheese recipe!
How about those heavenly matzoh balls everyone raves about?
Fried chicken, of course!
Cheese straws? Sweet potato latkes? Now you're talking!

Email us at: **ourTBEcookbook@gmail.com** or send us a copy of the recipe to:
Temple Beth-El, **Attn: Sisterhood Cookbook**, 2179 Highland Ave S, Birmingham AL 35205
Deadline: May 15, 2011

our annual sisterhood Donor tea

sunday, June 5 at 2pm

at Elenor Conn's
(gorgeous, incredible) home

2216 2nd Ave N
yes! that's the historic star Hardware building!

Details in an upcoming invitation

Sisterhood

Pin Design by Eytan Brandes

Torah Fund 2011

You are cordially invited to this year's Torah Fund event to thank you, our Associate Patrons, Guardians, Benefactors, and Contributors, for being a part of this year's campaign!

Tuesday, May 17, 10:30 AM, Brunch
Home of Stuart and Susan Padove
3409 Oak Canyon Drive

We will welcome Frani Goodman, cantorial student at
The Jewish Theological Seminary

RSVP: Hannah Helman, 967-9659
Arlene Fisher, 967-5459

Minimum donation: $36
All Associate Patrons, Guardians, and Benefactors are our guests

Due to space considerations in this month's bulletin, Sisterhood donations will be printed in the June / July issue of *Connection*.

It's not Shavuot without delicious dairy!
That means it's time to place your order *now*
for yummy blintzes & kugel baked by our very own Temple Beth-El Sisterhood.

blintz & kugel sale

They'll be available for pick-up at Temple Beth-El on Monday, June 6th from 9am to 1pm. Easy!
Stock up your freezer so you can have a traditional holiday dish this year, and more on hand for whenever the mood strikes!

Blintzes are $18/dozen · Kugel 9"x13" pan is $18, Kugel 8"x8" pan is $10
Call Hannah Helman at 967-9659 before May 16 for your orders.
Don't be disappointed - buy early!

Endowment Fund

Temple Beth-El Foundation Fund—Foundation profile: Barbara Bonfield

Barbara Bonfield joined the Foundation Board in May 2010. The Foundation is fortunate to have her as a new member. Her previous participation on boards representing a variety of Jewish organizations, and her professional experiences as a social worker, provide her with a unique perspective. Barbara has donated many volunteer hours to TBE. To honor her past, present, and future contribution of time and energy, this interview was conducted to encourage others to follow her example of sharing their most valuable resources, time, and expertise.

Question: Many Board members have a special project or interest at TBE. Are you currently focusing your energy on a special project?

Barbara: "Yes. When my husband, Bobby, died in 2001, I became aware of the poor quality of ground maintenance at Elmwood. I expressed my concerns to Steven Corenblum, who was then President of TBEs Board of Directors. He responded by appointing me to the Board of Directors and asked me to serve as the chairperson of the newly-formed Cemetery Maintenance Committee. My primary concerns were, and still are:

- Sinking graves should be filled and kept level;
- Grave sites should be clean and free of weeds and undergrowth;
- Headstones and footstones should not be overgrown;
- Shrubbery should be kept neat; and
- Someone must monitor Elmwood to ensure staff fulfills their duties by cutting grass, clearing limbs and debris, and maintaining the overall appearance of the cemetery.

I have focused my energies on finding the funds and securing the workers to achieve these goals. In 2001, when this committee was formed, I quickly realized that no funds were earmarked specifically for this maintenance. It was evident that families with members buried in TBE's Block 40 would eventually have to share in the cemetery's upkeep expense. Over the last few years, the TBE Foundation and the Norris Friedman family have provided generous funding for this maintenance, but there was a need to replenish these Foundation funds. The Cemetery Maintenance Committee has recently sent its first annual Cemetery Maintenance bill to families with individuals interred in Block 40. With the help of this annual billing, it is my hope that Block 40 will always be given the care needed to keep this area properly maintained.

Question: What is your goal for the TBE Foundation, and how do you plan to participate in ensuring its perpetuation?

Barbara: I was raised in Lincoln, Alabama, where my parents instilled in me, my sisters, and my brother the importance of a strong Jewish identity and the spirit of volunteerism. In 1958, after receiving my degree in social work at the University of Montevallo, Bobby and I married, and I became an active member at TBE where Bobby and his family had long been members. After we had children, we became even more rooted in congregational life. Bobby and I were always involved—he teaching Sunday School and me working with Sisterhood. For me, Temple is the hub of Jewish community life. For that reason, it is important to me that I continue to actively work to ensure the Foundation's mission: to perpetuate the vibrancy of Conservative Judaism at Temple Beth-El by sustaining a strong endowment. The Temple should never be a place that reduces congregational services based on lack of fiscal solvency. I feel strongly that TBE must be available for the congregants' spiritual and generational needs and life-cycle events. For that reason, it pleases me that I can participate on the Foundation's Board of Directors. That's also why making arrangements for a Planned Gift to TBE was important to me. Through their actions, my parents instilled in me a sense of responsibility for future generations. Members of our congregation have demonstrated the same commitment, and it is my hope that other congregants will join me in supporting the important work of the Foundation.

Recent donations

The Foundation has received a generous testamentary gift from Anita and Julian Lichter. This gift has been used to initiate a Foundation Fund in their name.

Pride and joy

Rachel Fleisig, daughter of Rhoda and Wayne Fleisig, has been inducted into the Mountain Brook High School National Honor Society.

Cody Schlaff, grandson of Shirley and Paul Schlaff, will graduate with honors from Cornell University in May, and has been accepted to perform cancer research at the National Institute of Health.

Boris Shilkrot, son of Gregory Shilkrot, and grandson of Leonid and Sofia Shilkrot, has been selected Outstanding Student in Finance by the University of Alabama's School of Business. Boris is a student in the Department of Economics, Finance, and Legal Studies.

Sympathy and condolences

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

Boris Ioshpa
brother of Rita Feldman

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

Speedy recovery

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

Joy Fleisher • Ruth Goldman • Roz Goldstein

Childcare staff increases

Sisterhood is proud to announce that they are now donating the funds to double the childcare staff for every Saturday morning service. The happiness and well-being of our children and parents is an incredibly important part of Sisterhood's mission!

Congregational meeting save-the-date

Please mark your calendar for the annual congregational meeting, which will be held on June 5 at 10:00 am.

Directory updates

Harvey May

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Mazal Tov

Mazal Tov on their special May birthday to:

Jeff Padawer, Fred Benjamin, Semen Zinger, Ed Fineberg, Semen Dvoskin, Vicki Flax, Gary Schiff, Philip Engelhardt, Frances Jaffe, Rochelle Green, Barry Ivker, Mary Kimerling, Bernard Axel, and Sofya Bromberg

*Special birthdays are published beginning with age 50 and every five years thereafter.

Mazal Tov on their May wedding anniversary to:

Carol and David Kahn (23)
Arline and Allan Lerner (67)
Ellen and Kerry Stein (8)
Polina and Leonid Mazur (15)
Esther Schuster and Allen Shealy (27)
Nancy and Barry Hamric (11)
Arlene and Milton Goldstein (44)
Vikki and Ken Grodner (28)
Michelle and Seth Wolnek (18)
Sharon and Stephen Cook (9)
Sofia and Leonid Shilkrot (57)
Penny and Marshall Gordon (64)
Michelle and Kevin Pake (16)
Roslyn and Peter Mannon (19)
Robin and Marc Bloomston (21)
Vicki and Ira Flax (22)
Robin and Fred Benjamin (22)
Sharon and Nir Menachemi (5)
Tobie and Michael Bogart (28)
Brenda and Steve Weinstein (34)
Julie and Daniel Bachrach (7)
Karen and Trey McClure (3)
May you go from strength to strength.

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

Mazal Tov to Linda Cohn on the engagement of her son, Michael, to Jessica Millner. *Mazal Tov* also to grandmother, Anne E. Cohn.

Mazal Tov to Paula and Joe Levy on the engagement of their granddaughter, Emily Levy, to Joey Spinner. Parents are Cheryl and Haran Levy.

Donations

Good Fortune Fund

A *Chai* donation wishing *Mazal Tov* to **Maria Bitran** and **Cantor Gale** on their recent marriage
From: Charlotte Corenblum and Karl Friedman

A *Chai* donation wishing *Mazal Tov* to **Lisa and Jim Bor** on the *Bar Mizvah* of their son, Jake Ruttenberg-
A *Chai* donation wishing *Mazal Tov* to **Maria Bitran** and **Cantor Gale** on their recent marriage-
A *Chai* donation wishing *Mazal Tov* to **Margo and Dr. Michael Pitt** on the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Elisha Levin-
From: Judy and Ed Rutsky

A *Chai* donation wishing *Mazal Tov* to **Myron Radwin** on the occasion of his 90th birthday
From: Harriet and Gilbert Routman

Roz Wientrob on the occasion of her special birthday
From: Charlotte Corenblum and Karl Friedman

Helene Wolf on the occasion of her special birthday
From: Julie Marks

Lynette and J. B. Mazer on the *Bar Mitzvah* of their grandson, Jeremy Lutz
From: Linda and Len Block
Charlotte Weinstein
Marian and Myron Radwin

Linda Cohn on the engagement of her son, Michael, to Jessica Millner
From: Ina-Mae and David Sher and Family

Phyllis Weinstein on the occasion of her 90th birthday
From: Arlene and Milton Goldstein

Dorothy Shiland on the engagement of her grandson, Adam Shiland, to Rebecca Drube-
Charlotte Corenblum on the birth of her great-grandson, Drew Alexander Cohen-
From: Betty and Bob Anfanger

Boris Shilkrot on being selected Outstanding Student in Finance by the University of Alabama's School of Business
From: Barbara Bonfield

Myron Radwin on the occasion of his 90th Birthday
From: Paula and Joe Levy

Temple Beth-El General Fund

Wishing a speedy recovery and continued good health to:
A *Chai* donation wishing a speedy recovery and continued good health to **Sara Ann Berger**
From: Dolly and David Staff

Ed Meyerson
From: Charlotte Corenblum and Karl Friedman

Janet Reagan
From: Marian and Myron Radwin

Phil Lander
From: Anne E. Cohn

Lola Liberman
From: Betty and Bob Anfanger

Natalie Asman
From: Susan Schwartz

Stanley Lapidus
From: Dolly and David Staff
Charlotte Corenblum and Karl Friedman
Walter Brenner
Nan Nadler and Bill Goldman

Jerry Routman
From: Dolly and David Staff

Joe Koplon Fund

Wishing a speedy recovery and continued good health to **Natalie Asman**
From: Gloria and David Koplon

Prayer Book Fund

A *Shabbat Sim Shalom* Prayer Book in loving memory of **Victor Cohen**-
A *Shabbat Sim Shalom* Prayer Book in loving memory of **Albert Rosenbaum**-
From: The Flax Family

Two High Holiday *Machzors* in honor of the 90th birthday of **Phyllis Weinstein**
From: Renee, Paul, Jenny and Noah Erwin
Marshall Hyatt

In honor of the 90th Birthday of **Phyllis Weinstein**, the following donations have been made toward the purchase of the new TBE High Holiday Machzors
From: Lin Carleen
Leni and Preston Epstein

A High Holiday *Machzor* in loving memory of **Jack David Silverman**, beloved father and grandfather, on his *yahrzeit*
From: Elaine Gessow, Lisa, Marc, Jennifer, and Courtney Michelson

Cantor's Discretionary Fund

Mazal Tov to **Maria Bitran** and **Cantor Gale** on their recent marriage-
In appreciation to **Cantor Gale** for the enjoyment received from the Music at Terezin Lecture and Presentation-
From: Andi and Joe Preston

Wishing a speedy recovery and continued good health to **Stan Hellman**-
Wishing a speedy recovery and continued good health to **Jill Radwin**-
Wishing a speedy recovery and continued good health to **Ronald Goldberg**-
Wishing a speedy recovery and continued good health to **Natalie Asman**-
From: Dr. Gloria Solomon

In appreciation to **Cantor Gale** for assisting in Haley's *Bat Mitzvah*
From: Nancy and Doug Lewis

In loving memory of **Fred Ostroy**
From: Diane and Howard Slaughter

Joseph and Fannie Royal Library Fund

A *Chai* donation wishing *Mazal Tov* to **Edward Truth** on the occasion of his 90th birthday-
A *Chai* donation in loving memory of **Gustave Meyerowitz**, beloved father and grandfather, on his *yahrzeit*
From: Sandra and Gene Siegal

Donations

Edie Wilensky Memorial Fund
Mazal Tov to **Roslyn Wientrob** on the occasion of her 90th birthday-
Wishing a speedy recovery and continued good health to **Vivian Samuels**-
Wishing a speedy recovery and continued good health to **Bruce Mittleman**-
Wishing continued good health to **Linda Block-**
In loving memory of **Fred Ostroy**-
In loving memory of **Edward Cone**-
From: Eileen and Len Levin

Bill Bernstein Memorial Fund
Mazal Tov to **Maria Bitran** and **Cantor Gale** on their recent marriage-
Mazal Tov to **Lynette Mazer** on the occasion of her special birthday-
Mazal Tov to **Micky Rubenstein** on the occasion of her special birthday-
Wishing a speedy recovery and continued good health to **Lola Liberman**-
In loving memory of **Victor Cohen**-
From: Thelma Bernstein

A *Chai* donation in loving memory of **Bea and Victor Cohen-**
In loving memory of the father of **Jeanne Vice-**
From: Sharon and Michael Corenblum

Robert Spielberger Memorial Fund
Wishing a speedy recovery and continued good health to **Herb Rosenbaum**-
Wishing a speedy recovery and continued good health to **Mary Cohen**-
To **Leni Preston**: Just want you to know you are in our thoughts and our hearts-
In loving memory of **Marylyn Dorsky**-
In loving memory of **Victor Cohen**-
In loving memory of **Selma Spielberger**, beloved mother-in-law, on her *yahrzeit*-
In loving memory of **Marie Scheuer**, beloved aunt, on her *yahrzeit*-
From: Lynn and Bert Bloomston

A *Chai* donation wishing a speedy recovery and continued good health to **Lynn Bloomston**
From: Rhoda and Marvin Link

Wishing a speedy recovery and continued good health to **Lola Liberman**-
In loving memory of **Selma Spielberger**, beloved mother, on her *yahrzeit*-
In loving memory of **Marie Scheuer**, beloved aunt, on her *yahrzeit*-
From: Joan Langer

Ida and Eugene Zeidman Library Fund
A generous donation in loving memory of **Eugene M. Zeidman**, beloved father, on his *yahrzeit*
From: Adele Z. Silver

Keith Altman Camp Ramah Scholarship Fund
A *Chai* donation in loving memory of **Bobby Tuck**, beloved father and grandfather, on his yahrzeit
From: Debbie, Louis, Allan and Betsy Tuck

Chesed Committee Fund
A donation
From: Ruth Elkin

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

In loving memory of **Fred Ostroy**
From: Lisa and Alan Engel

In appreciation
From: Mira and Eddie Griffith

Rita Laufman Youth Fund
A *Chai* donation in loving memory of **Sarah Lischkoff**, beloved mother, on her *yahrzeit*-
A *Chai* donation in loving memory of **Leonard Lischkoff**, beloved father, on his yahrzeit-
From: Sue and Bill Lischkoff

Mazal Tov to **Hertzl Heiman** on his special birthday-
Mazal Tov to **Sue and Bill Lischkoff** on the birth of their granddaughter, Adina Malka Goldstein-
Mazal Tov to **Ethel Laufman** on the birth of her great-granddaughter, Adina Malka Goldstein-
Mazal Tov to **Ellen and Jerry Sokol** on the birth of their grandson, Drew Alexander Cohen-
Mazal Tov to **Polly Sokol** on the birth of her great-grandson, Drew Alexander Cohen-
Mazal Tov to **Judy Luks** on the marriage of her daughter, Rebecca Wearb, to Seth Johnson-
In loving memory of **Marylyn Dorsky**-
In loving memory of **Dr. Sandra Apolinsky** on her *yahrzeit*-
In loving memory of **Sam Rubenstein**, beloved father, on his *yahrzeit*-
From: Ralph Sokol

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund
In appreciation to **Rabbi Goldsmith** for assisting in Haley's *Bat Mitzvah*
From: Nancy and Doug Lewis

Chico Bomchel Memorial Social Action Fund
A *Chai* donation in loving memory of **Georgia Griffith**, beloved mother, on her *yahrzeit*
From: Mira and Eddie Griffith

In loving memory of **Jenifer Rotenstreich**
From: Arlene and Milton Goldstein

Memorial Fund
In loving memory of:
A *Chai* donation in loving memory of **Albert Rosenbaum**
From: Judy and Ed Rutsky

Lolly Abrams
From: Sandy and Morton Stern

Fred Ostroy
From: Ceil and Max Herzel and Family
Rhoda and Wayne Fleisig
Kathy and Steven Goldman

Norma Warren
From: Julie Marks

Marylyn Dorsky
From: Julie Marks
Cindi and Michael Routman

Victor Cohen
From: Betty and Bob Anfanger

Donations

David Levy
From: Cindi and Michael Routman

Marjorie Goldstein Wertheimer
From: Arlene and Milton Goldstein

Edith Goldstein
From: Ilse Nathan

On Their Yahrzeits
In loving memory of:
A generous donation in loving memory of **Rosemary Laskin**, beloved mother, on her *yahrzeit*
From: Barbara Nissenbaum

A generous donation in loving memory of **Barbara Hallerman**, beloved mother, on her *yahrzeit*
From: Sherri Hallerman Gould

A generous donation in loving memory of **Seymour Romanoff**, beloved father, on his *yahrzeit*
From: Sherri and David Romanoff

A Double *Chai* donation in loving memory of **Rachel Jaffe**, beloved mother and grandmother, and **Matilda Cohen**, beloved grandmother and great-grandmother, on their *yahrzeits*
From: Jan, Kenny, Kendal and Tyler Jaffe

A Double *Chai* donation in loving memory of **Lena and Israel Trestman** and **Margot and Leopold Mendler**, beloved parents, on their *yahrzeits*
From: Toby and Joel Mendler

A Double *Chai* donation in loving memory of **Boris Ioshpa**, beloved brother
From: Rita Feldman and Igor Rykov

A Double *Chai* donation in loving memory of **Ethel Gorlin**, beloved mother, on her *yahrzeit*
From: Helen and Monroe Green

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Marjorie Shafferman**, beloved mother, on her *yahrzeit*
From: Anne Rubin and Stanley Shafferman

A *Chai* donation in loving memory of **Abbey Benck**, beloved grandchild, on her *yahrzeit*
From: Pam Ruttenberg

A *Chai* donation in loving memory of **Rose Glick**, beloved mother, on her *yahrzeit*
From: Dolly and David Staff

A *Chai* donation in loving memory of **Beverly Levy Marks**, beloved mother, on her *yahrzeit*-
Sam Marks, uncle-
From: Julie Marks

A *Chai* donation in loving memory of **Rebecca Gershon**, beloved mother, on her *yahrzeit*
From: Marian and Myron Radwin

A *Chai* donation in loving memory of **Dan Brown**, beloved husband, on his *yahrzeit*
From: Ruth Alys Brown

A *Chai* donation in loving memory of **Robert J. Degen**, beloved father, on his *yahrzeit*
From: Ellen Bruck

A *Chai* donation in loving memory of **Betty Shapiro**, beloved sister, on her first *yahrzeit*
From: Ann Banks and Family

A *Chai* donation in loving memory of **Dora Block**, beloved "Bubby", on her *yahrzeit*
From: Libby Brateman

A *Chai* donatin in loving memory of **Dave Goldberg**, beloved father-in-law, on his *yahrzeit*
From: Lenora S. Buchalter

A *Chai* donation in loving memory of **Marilyn Bell**, beloved mother, on her *yahrzeit*
From: Jon Bell

A *Chai* donation in loving memory of **Morris O. Staff**, beloved father, on his *yahrzeit*
From: Dolly and David Staff

A *Chai* donation in loving memory of **Isadore M. Shiland**, beloved father, on his *yahrzeit*
From: Anne I. Shiland

A *Chai* donation in loving memory of **Bertha "Fritzi" Rosenberg**, beloved mother, on her *yahrzeit*
From: Toby and Walter Klein

Rachel Jaffe, sister
From: Maria Berlin

Hyman Ludensky, father
From: Arlene and Larry Abrams

Elaine Benjamin, mother
From: Stuart Benjamin

Phillip Davidson, uncle
From: Arnold Cooper

Ethel Fleisher, grandmother
From: Melinda Mintz

Karen Nomberg, wife and mother
From: Bernard, Sidney and Emily Nomberg

Nathan Zivitz, father-
Rhoda Toranto, aunt-
From: Melissa and Melvin Zivitz

Sylvia Sher, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother
From: Ina-Mae and David Sher and Family

Harmon R. Berger, friend
From: The Padawer Family

Alexander Zinger, brother
From: Evdiniya and Boris Zinger

Samuel Tenenbaum, father
From: Sam Tenenbaum, Jr.

Vladimir Belotserkovskiy, brother
From: Drs. Olga and Al Belotserkovskiy

Vladimir Belotserkovskiy, son
From: Bronya Belotserkovskaya

Anna Eisenberg Odrezin, grandmother
From: Dr. Gregory Odrezin

Annie Rotenstreich, grandmother
From: Joy and Robert Fleisher

Helen Wilder, aunt
From: Arnold Cooper

Marvin Cohn, husband
From: Anne E. Cohn

Leonard Gennis, grandfather
From: Marian and Myron Radwin

Sylvia Cohen, sister-in-law
From: Melba Epsman

Yahrzeits

We remember the following whose *Yahrzeits* occurred during the previous week.

***Shabbat Emor*, May 6—7**
Gabriel Asman
Dyna Asman
*Abe Baker
*Abraham Banks
*Sara Bearman
Fred Berman
Paul Blatt
Lizzie Bloomston
Benjamin Buchalter
Jack Cohen
Bessie Duchan
Aaron Eidex
Florence"Tootsie" Epsman
*Dina Feldstein
*David Finkelstein
Abraham Fleisher
*Sarah Frankel
Frank Friedman
Gladys Friedman
Lillian Furman
*Sam Geeser
*Mary Goldstein
Helen Coplon Grusin
Rebecca Joseph
Dr. Marvin Kaplan
Anita Kaplan
Dorothy Kaplan
*Baila Karasek
*Israel Landau
*Samuel Lemkin
*Max Levin
Edna Levine
*Mary Lichtenstein
*Bernard Lichter
Rosa Litovsky
*Walter Morris
Alexandra Nelubin-Burman
*Fannie Pearlstein
Gerald Permutt
Yetta Pizitz
*Jacob Radwin
Jean Reitman
Louis Roth
*Ben Roth
*Edward Schulman
Margaret Schwartz
*Sylvia Shiland
*Jennie Simon
Louis Stubblefield
Neville Wallace
*Max Weintraub
*Freddy Weintraub
*Simon Wolf
Muriel Zable
Samuel Zakuto
Itsk Zeltser
Sigmund Zion
Bertha Zion

***Shabbat B'Har*, May 13—14**
Leslie Allen
Abraham Altman
*Joe Axel
Harold L. Bank
David Biel
Rudy Blatt
Yefim Bubis
Ida Bubis Kishinevskaya
Louna Capouya
Samuel Chipperstein
Esther Cohen
*Selma S. Cohen
Victor Cohen
*Sarah Copeland
*Clara Davis
Bertha Fishgal
Ethel Gayer
Arthur W. Goldberg
Fannie Goldman
Bessie Halpern
Roselle Harris
Nadja Idelman
*Harry Kirshner
Raya Kishnevskaya
*Abe Kravitz
James Labowitz
*Solomon Lepp
Ann Lux
Khaya Lyublinskaya
*George Markowitz
Max Matlick
Sadie Michelson
Natalie Morrow
Richard Nassau
Sophie Padawer
*Barnet Randman
Fred Reed
*Fannie Esther Royal
Elenor Royce
*Eugene Schwartz
*Rebecca Scurry
Marion Lefkowitz Siegel
*Rebecca Silverman
Gertrude Simon
Leon Skurko
*Edward Isaac Stein
Alvin Tenenbaum
*William Torme
*Ruth Weinstein
*Mores Wientrob
Max Wilson
Charles Wolf
*Rose Zimmerman
Sam Zivitz
*Nathan Zivitz
Lillian Zuckerman

***Shabbat B'Hukotai*, May 20—21**
Ann Adelson
*Morris Applebaum
Pauline Ashkenazie
Sam Bank
Sol Berman
*Bryna Rice Binderman
Sara Bitran
Ernest Burnick
Clara Chipperstein
Ted Cohen
Frances Cohen
*Ludwig Cohen
Thelma Coltan
Jean Copeland
*David Corenblum
*Annie Allen Damsky
*Jennie Davis
*Thekla Nathan Dreyfuss
*Sarah Dube
*Lillian Edlavitch
Shirley Epstein
*Jill Feigelson Esrig
Hyman Fishman
*Ethel Fleisher
Ferd Garfield
*Max Goldberg
Joseph Goldberg
*Max Green
*Gertrude Green
Harry L. Grodsky
Esther Grushko
Ida Itzkow
*Hodie Goldie Jaffe
Abraham Kessler
*Jennie Kravitz

Yahrzeits

Sam Leaf
Manuel Lean
Shirley Leventhal
Jacob Levine
*Louis Levy
*Herbert Bernard Lewitt
*Fannie Epstein Litt
Harris Lubel
Jerome Ludsky
Alvin Maisel
Pati Mandel
Louis Mannon
Elaine Mavrakais
Richard Morrison
*Leza Newman
Helen Ostrovsky
Rose Overdank
*Mary Pelowitz
*Israel Pelowitz
Lena Pinkerson
Ligia Rascovsky
*Bess Rosenthal
Ida Schoenbaum
*Morris Sher
*Helene Silverstein
Bessie Simon
Helen Slanksy

***Shabbat B'Midbar*, May 27—28**
Rose Anfanger
*Zelda Barnes
Rhonda Broner
Estelle Bruchis
William Bruchis
Celia Clause
*Ida Greenwald Cohen
Abraham "Abe" Cohen
Sylvia Corona
Charles Denaburg
*Harry Erdberg
Isaac Franco
Gertrude Frankel
*Abraham Friedman
*Helen Geldzahler
Alfred Gessow
*Fannie Goldberg
*Bessie B. Goldstein
Rose Landers Goldstein
Rose Gotlieb
*Frank Green
Meyer Gruder
*Sholom Grusin
Ed Kanter
*Feiga Aedel Kimerling
Frieda Kottle

*Jennie Lischkoff
*Clara K. Mazer
Samuel Meyerson
*David Moss
Mae Olshan
*Joseph H. Radoms
*Sidney Rosemore
Rebecca Rudolph
Melchior Russo
*Carole Sarasohn
Leonard Segal
*Annie Shiland
Esther Skurko
Allen Solomon
Bertha Stein
Marion Z. Stern
*Abram Stern
*Rhoda Toranto
Sissy Toranto
Israel Trestman
Rose Walters
*Sarah L. Weinstein
Barnett Weissman
Louis Zuflacht

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

Cemetery *(continued from page 5)*

know you will sometimes be displeased with what you find when you visit the graves of your loved ones. Please do not hesitate to let us know your concerns.

One day, we want you to arrive at the cemetery and catch your breath because it is so attractive. We dream of a time when we can have a lovely little bridge, flowering shrubs, and trees in strategic areas. For now, we will continue to work on the basics. With your continued support, all of our dreams can be achieved.

Barbara G. Bonfield, Chairman
Cemetery Maintenance Committee

Memorial lights

In the book of Psalms we read: "The light of the Lord is the soul of man."

These words are so significant that they are engraved in the *Ner Tamid*, the eternal light in our sanctuary. Each *Shabbat,* and every Festival, we light candles to mark the holiday and bring a symbol of God's light into our hearts and into our homes. Five times a year we light a *Yahrzeit* candle. The light of the candle reminds us of our departed loved ones and our faith that their spirits live in the presence of God.

A memorial plaque dedicated to your loved one is a lasting tribute that will reside in our sanctuary forever. On the day of their passing, and on each *Yizkor* day, the light will glow, reminding us of their lives and our love for them.

For more information, please contact the Memorial Light Committee:
Lynette Mazer—205-967-5270
Margy Rosenbaum—205-871-8475
Vicki Flax—205-967-1243

FYI

- **Donations**—When contacting TBE to make a donation, consider indicating your email address to signal the recipient that an email thank you note is acceptable. Your home address will still be listed.
- ***Update***—To be placed on the email list and receive *Update*, email barb@templebeth-el.net.
- **Facebook**—For daily news and information, join us on Facebook by joining the group Temple Beth-El Birmingham.

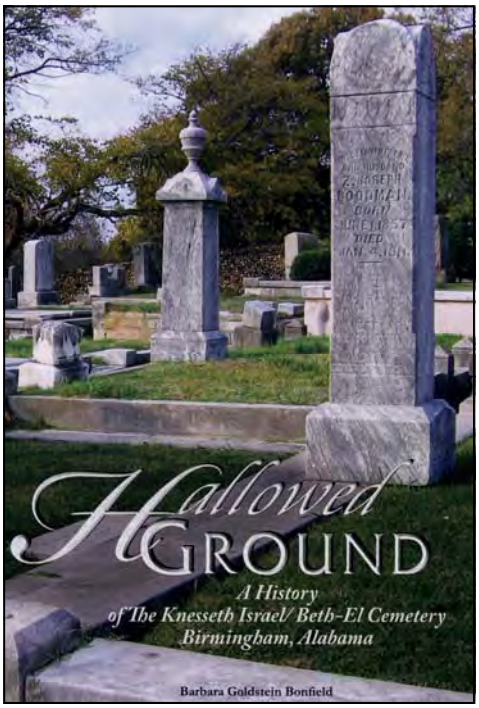
Important donation information

The Board voted at the February meeting to raise the minimum donation to $10, effective June 1.

With the cost of postage and printing increasing, we hope you will agree that this is a reasonable change after keeping the minimum donation rate constant for so many years. Many of you already make more than the minimum donation whenever you want to recognize a friend or family member's *simcha* or life-cycle event.

We appreciate your generosity and continuing support of Temple Beth-El!

Remember "Hallowed Ground" for gifts



As you look for gifts for Mother's Day and Father's Day, remember "Hallowed Ground," TBE's history of the KI/Beth-El Cemetery.

Filled with stories about early Birmingham Jewish families, it may include some of your ancestors, and is a great resource for understanding many of the family connections in this city. The book is available through TBE's gift shop or from its author, Barbara Bonfield at bbonfield@bellsouth.net. A portion of the sale price of each book, after printing costs are paid, remains with Temple Beth-El. Therefore, your purchase will also be a donation to the temple.

Community announcements

CJFS Caregivers Support Group: 7:00 pm—8:30 pm, JCC Senior Lounge, Wednesday, May 18, "Adjusting to Changing Relationships."

The Promises *Kosher* Café in the Fitness Lobby at the LJCC is open Monday—Friday and Sundays from 11:00 am—6:00 pm.

LJCC Joy Club: Join the Joy Club every Tuesday for a delicious *kosher* lunch and program at 12:15 pm.

LJCC's GOT TALENT: May 7, 8:00 pm. Tickets are $15. Young people will share their talents and compete for the top prizes in their age division. Support Theatre LJCC while enjoying performances by talented young people from around Birmingham. For more information, contact Mindy Cohen at mcohen@bhamjcc.org.

LJCC Speaker Presention: May 23 at 7:00 pm in the LJCC Board Room. Dr. Marilya Veteto Reese, Professor of German at Flagstaff Arizona's Northern Arizona University will give an overview of the life and poetry of Hilda Stern Cohen, through her six notebooks containing hundreds of poems that were written and/or composed in Lodz, Auschwitz, and Gmunden, Austria, during the Holocaust. A newly-released documentary and two books on Cohen will be offered at reduced rates. All proceeds go to the estate of Hilda Stern Cohen.

Shabbat sing-along

On May 6, families with young children are invited twenty minutes before the Friday evening *Shabbat* service to gather together to sing fun, *Shabbat* songs, listen to a story, and dance their way into the *Shabbat*.

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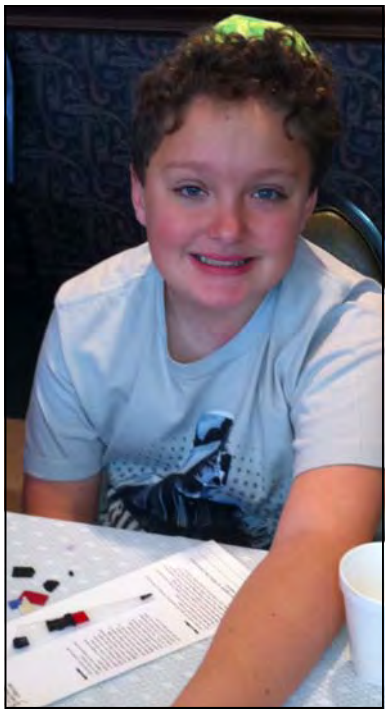
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